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REDUCED TO ORANGE DEGREE.

Moved by W. Companion William Young, C.M., South Muskoka, seconded by W. Companion W. J. McCausland, Proxy 585, Toronto, and

(4) *Resolved*,—That this Grand Chapter be now reduced to the Orange Degree.

The R.W. the Grand Master then declared the Grand Chapter reduced accordingly, and the Tylers were so instructed.

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GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The R.W. Grand Master then delivered his Annual Address as follows:

*To the Right Worshipful Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West :*

DEAR BRETHREN,—After another year I am delighted to again meet you and welcome you to the beautiful town of Bracebridge, situate in a comparatively newly-formed district of our fair Province. Let us hope for a pleasant and beneficial Grand Lodge meeting, such as has been our experience in past years.

I have been highly pleased with the work of my office during the past year. My relationship with the different Grand Lodge officers has been most cordial, and we have with great pleasure marked the steady progress our Order is making. I am sure it was a great delight to every Orangeman in our jurisdiction to witness the magnificent celebrations held on the Twelfth of July last. Year by year the enthusiasm seems to be growing not only with the brethren but with the best people of the land, which is a clear proof to me that as our aims and objects are more clearly understood the more widely will our influence extend.

The correspondence of my office increased materially during the past year. Many of the brethren throughout the jurisdiction have consulted me in reference to constitutional questions and matters affecting the welfare of the Association. I have granted a large number of dispensations for conferring the Purple and Blue Degrees without awaiting the probationary period. I am still of the opinion that a reforming of those Degrees might be beneficial to the working of the Order, and I am in hopes that this matter will be dealt with at the meeting of the Imperial Grand Council next July. The work of the Imperial Grand Council, as I understand it, is to create a uniformity of the work throughout the world, and the Degree work should first engage that body's attention.