

Moved by Bro. James Brodie, C. M., South Grey, seconded by Bro. W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe, and

Resolved—That the R. W. Grand Master's address just read be received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read his report as follows :—

TORONTO, March 3rd, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario West, in Grand Lodge assembled :

BRETHREN,—Through the kind and preserving care of God, we are again permitted to assemble after the toils and cares of another year in the twenty-fourth annual session of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of taking into consideration the affairs of our beloved Association, and consulting together as to what will best advance the interests thereof and promote and extend its influence. While we return our thanks to God for the peace and plenty which have crowned our land, let us not lose sight of the great objects for which we are associated, the advancement of the cause of Freedom, an open Bible in which all can learn God's will to man, and full permission to worship Him in the way we may consider most acceptable to Him, for the spread of His cause, and the honor and glory of His name.

During the past year, while we have heard from our parent land of turmoil, bloodshed, and strife, assassination being rife therein, our land has been blessed with peace and plenty. We have had two election contests which have resulted favorably for the interests of our Order, and from the results thereof are likely to procure not merely a Provincial Incorporation Act, but a Dominion one, which will place the Association on a secure and proper footing in every part of this extended land, and make the Society legal in all the Provinces thereof.

During the past year I have endeavored to carry on the affairs of my office with promptness and despatch, and where members have not at once heard from me in reply to their communications, some cause has held me back and delayed answers, but I have had no complaints made. The correspondence received and answered has been about the same as the year previous, but during the past fall I wrote to each

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