

The M. W. G. M. then declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Bro. A. H. Lee, D.D.G.M., East York, here presented the Grand Lodge with \$5.00 for the Loyal True Blue Orphanage.

Grand Master's Address

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Loyal True Blue Association, now assembled:—

Dear Sisters and Brethren—In accordance with the annual custom of our Association, we are met together at the close of another year's labor in behalf of our cause. We are here to review and confirm the record of the work accomplished and thus add a few more pages to the history of Loyal True Blueism.

We are assembled to-day in a city which has contributed largely to the success of our institution, the place of its birth, where many fond associations remind us of the work of its pioneers. Here it was our first lady lodge was instituted, and to this may be traced the widespread popularity of our Order. Here it was that our charitable work in the interest of the orphan began, giving such an impetus to the society as to place it in the forefront as a useful Protestant movement. Thus this beautiful and progressive City of Toronto becomes to us one of our hallowed spots because it is not only the birth-place but the cradle of True Blueism.

We rejoice in meeting here from far away places, bringing with us a representative force of the power for good which Toronto's faithful of years gone by set in motion throughout fair Canada. Occasions such as the present should remind us of how swiftly the pendulum of time swings, as it marks the days of each ascending year which calls us together in annual session. Individually we have cause to return thanks to our Heavenly Father, who has again permitted us to clasp the hand of co-workers with whom we have labored so many years for the advancement of a cause which has the approval of Him who is our Divine Leader and Master. As an Association, we can rejoice in the knowledge that our work has not only had Divine approval, but that all things needed for the successful carrying on of the duties we have assumed in the Master's name have been provided. For these and all other blessings we owe thanks to Him who holds the universe in His grasp. In token of our appreciation of all these benedictions it behooves us to press onward to the high mark of our calling, and with all the energy and force with which we are endowed bring out the highest and best possible results in the interest of Protestant orphans.