

a very neat and clean condition, the children properly kept, and that they were satisfied that the management of the Institution was in good hands.

Bro. Rev. C. E. Perry also spoke at some length on this subject, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. James L. Hughes, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Bennett, and

Resolved,—That the Primary Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge be requested to aid the Lady Managers of the Protestant Orphans' Homes in London, Hamilton, Toronto and St. Catharines, making collections from time to time in aid of the Institution; said collections to consist of money, provisions, fuel, etc., which could be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Home.

Moved by W. Bro. J. H. Young, C. M., North Huron, seconded by W. Bro. John Scarlett, P. C. M., South Huron, and

Resolved,—That it is a pleasing and very noticeable feature in this R. W. Grand Lodge, to see so many young men in our association, (some of whom have not reached their majority, viz., 21 years) which shewing goes to prove that our principles are taking greater root in this province.

A communication was received from R. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, Grand Treasurer, and was ordered to be inserted in the minutes.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS OF APOLOGY.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN,—I regret very much that a sudden and unexpected prostration through severe cold prevents my attendance at Grand Lodge. Although confined to my bed yesterday, I thought it possible that to day I should have sufficiently recovered to be with you and take part in your deliberations, but find that I am still too ill to leave my bed.

I should have esteemed it a great privilege, personally, to have welcomed the members of the Grand Lodge to this city, but under the circumstances must crave your indulgence.

I bid you, dear brethren, a most hearty welcome to Toronto, and trust that the deliberations of your Grand Lodge may be directed by Divine Grace to aid in the progress and development of our beloved Order.

Believe me, R. W. Sir and Brethren, yours fraternally,

E. F. CLARKE.

A communication from the Manufacturers' Permanent Exhibition, inviting its delegates to visit their Exhibition, was on motion received and the Grand Secretary was instructed to thank Messrs. Howland & Nicholls for their kind invitation.

Moved by M. W. Bro. W. J. Parkhill, seconded by W. Bro. R. P. Campbell, P. C. M., Peel, and

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