

THE SENTINEL.

The columns of THE SENTINEL contain so much interesting and reliable news, that I presume most of the members of our vast Association peruse it. A faithful account of all the leading events transpiring, not only in Canada but in the Mother Country, will be found in its pages from week to week. I trust you will all assist in increasing its circulation and usefulness, for I find that where it circulates largely there our Association is prosperous and flourishing.

Orangeism was never more required than it is to-day, and my firm belief is that it has been most wonderfully preserved as a blessing to us in these latter days. We turn with feelings of horror from dynamiters and invincibles, and point with pleasure to our Irish brethren who are looked upon as the home-guards of Great Britain. Irishmen to-day are leading Britain's forces to victory on the burning sands of Africa. I make this reference because we find some who forget the loyal element so active in that land.

The union of the various Methodist branches under one tree in June last must be a matter for congratulation, and let us pray that this spirit of union will continue to grow and increase, until we stand a united Protestantism, raising a mighty protest, like our forefathers, against the errors of Rome on one hand, and the more dangerous doctrines of those who reject the teachings of the Cross on the other.

The very limited time at my disposal prevented the visitation of many places in the Province. I had the pleasure, however, of meeting in their lodge rooms brethren of the Counties of Brant, Elgin, Lambton West, Norfolk, Ontario South, Peel, Simcoe South, Wentworth and York West, and of learning much useful information in each of them.

I desire to return sincere thanks to many brethren, especially the District and County Masters, for their assistance and prompt attention to my correspondence, and submit this, my first annual report, for your consideration and, I hope, approval.

I am, Dear Sir and Brethren,
Very sincerely yours,

ROBERT BIRMINGHAM,
Grand Secretary.

Toronto, February 15th, 1885.

Moved by W. Bro. William Nicholson, County Master, Wentworth, seconded by R. W. Bro. Henry Perkins, J. D. G. M., and

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary's Annual Report be received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence!

PRESS REPORTS.

Moved by R. W. Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, D. G. M., seconded by R. W. Bro. William Douglas, G. L., and

Resolved,—That R. W. Rev. Bros. Cooper and Walsh, R. W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, W. Bros. John Lenfesty, P.C.M., Oronhyatekha, M.D., and the mover be a Committee to report such proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge as the R. W. Grand Master shall approve of.

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