

I trust that steps will be taken at our present meeting to carry out as far as possible the spirit of these resolutions.

NEW COUNTY LODGES.

In accordance with the resolution passed at our last meeting, the County of North Simcoe has been divided into two parts, the Districts of Barrie and Nottawasaga forming the new County of West Simcoe, and the Districts of Orillia and Penetanguishene forming the new County of East Simcoe. It is hoped that this division will result in permanent good and will be more convenient to our brethren in the transaction of their County Lodge business.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION WORK.

I propose presenting a special report on this subject and asking at the same time a special Committee to whom the matter may be referred. I also propose asking for a Committee to prepare a model trust deed to enable brethren engaged in erecting and improving their halls to securely have and hold the same for the use of the Association.

THE SENTINEL.

THE SENTINEL has long since become a household name in our Association. Every year it continues to improve, and where it is read and its principles carried out we are able to point to large and flourishing lodges. Would that every brother in the Association felt it his duty to aid in its circulation.

THE MAYOR OF TORONTO.

I am sure our brethren will join with me in congratulating our esteemed Grand Treasurer, Bro. E. F. Clarke, on his elevation to the most important civic chair in Ontario, adding one more link to the esteem and admiration which our distinguished brother holds in the minds of his fellow citizens in Toronto.

OUTSIDE TORONTO.

A scrutiny of the lists after the January election reveals the fact that a very large number of our brethren possess the confidence of their fellow electors, many of whom in due time will no doubt be called higher to serve in the parliamentary halls of our country.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

As directed at our last annual meeting, a cable message was sent, signed by your Grand Master, conveying your congratulations and admiration to Her Most Gracious Majesty's person and throne, and a most gracious reply was duly received through Her Majesty's Private Secretary.

The returns of the various County Lodges and Lodges working directly under this office in Algoma will be presented to you showing, as indicated elsewhere, a very satisfactory year's work.

Trusting that our deliberations may be conducive to the best interests of the Association, the good of mankind and the glory of God,

Believe me,

Most sincerely yours,

ROBERT BIRMINGHAM.

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