

I am sorry that some of our Brethren were defeated, and also that there should be any division in the ranks of our Brethren when an Orangemen is before the electors. Orangemen should remember their obligation, supporting an Orangeman in all just actions, and all things being equal, give him the preference.

I hope this will be remembered in the future, as a house divided against itself cannot stand.

I had much pleasure in being present at a soiree of L.O.L. 86 of Rosemont, on their 50th anniversary, in December last, the proceeds to be given for the Orphans' Home, Toronto. The soiree was well attended and some practical addresses delivered by several ministers. I was also present at the laying of the foundation stone of the new home for the Protestant orphans of Toronto, and I would respectfully ask the lodges to contribute something towards the erection of this building. A small amount from each of the Lodges would amount to a great deal in the aggregate, and would be of great benefit to the lady managers in their undertaking.

I would also call your attention to the great work performed by THE SENTINEL in setting forth our views on all questions affecting our order, and replying vigorously to all attacks made on us by the Romish press, and I hope that its circulation will be increased until every Orangeman in the land becomes one of its subscribers.

Brethren, you all know how the attempt has been made to eliminate certain books in our high schools and colleges. It behoves us, therefore, to be ever vigilant; and while we are at all times ready to give our Roman Catholic fellow citizens their just and equal rights, we are at the same time determined that our rights shall not be infringed upon, and that civil and religious liberty must and shall be maintained, and our motto in that respect is "No Surrender."

Hoping that your deliberations may be conducted in peace and harmony, and that they may be conducive to the welfare of our beloved Order, and to the best interests of our land of the Maple Leaf. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

I am, yours fraternally,

JAMES BENNETT,

G. M. L. O. A., O. W.

And Vice-President,

Imperial Grand Orange Council
of the Empire.