

is not creditable to us as the great Protestant Association of Orangemen. I have some very interesting statistics of the state of Irish Missions to bring forward, and the claim of our own French Canadian Missions should be worthy of our attention. It is said that many brethren would assist in this noble work, were the Grand Lodge to recognize and give it a little assistance,

ANNIVERSARIES.

The ever memorable anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne was celebrated with more than usual rejoicings in July last. Large, orderly, and enthusiastic meetings were held all over our own Province, and, indeed, throughout the entire Dominion. Full reports of these appeared in *THE SENTINEL* from time to time. That our Association is growing in favor in the minds of our Canadian people may be assumed from the increasing number of eminent divines and laymen who grace our public platforms each recurring year. The anniversaries of Gunpowder Plot and the Relief of Derry were also generally observed.

ORANGE HALLS.

A partial list of the halls erected and owned by our Primary Lodges has been sent in on County Lodge Returns for publication in our next Annual Report. The erection of suitable places for holding our meetings requires more attention than heretofore, and the work can be successfully carried out if entered upon with zeal. The brethren of Toronto have within the past four years raised an amount of nearly \$12,000 to erect a suitable hall for Orange purposes. Might we not turn our anniversaries to more advantage in this direction, instead of their usually being a source of expense?

INSURANCE ON LODGE ROOMS.

The disastrous fire which nearly destroyed the rising town of Port Perry last summer, swept away the beautiful hall and all its contents occupied and fitted by L. O. L. No. 223. An insurance policy had been carried for years, but in a careless moment it was permitted to lapse, and everything except the warrant was lost. A resolution drawing attention to this important subject would be very opportune.

MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY.

Our Mutual Benefit Department has been fairly set in motion, and the results thus far are eminently successful. The membership on the 1st of July last was 184, and our books to-day show that this has been increased to 424, and additions are of daily occurrence. We have now the necessary number on our roll to commence the payment of any claims. In the beginning of August last we had five death claims unadjusted, and for payment of which no provision had been made. Four of these have been disposed of, and sufficient funds are now in hand to meet the remaining one. Local agents have been appointed in several Counties and Districts, and many efforts have been made to introduce this much looked for auxiliary of our Association's work. The success which has attended the operations of the past three or four months may be reasonably expected in future, if proper care and attention are bestowed on the work. There seems no valid reason why we should permit some of our most useful members to drift out of the Association for want of such a society.