

The Warrants issued have been as follows :

No. 164, at Thessalon, County of East Algoma.
No. 843, at Walkerville, County of Essex.
No. 866, at Thompson, County of East Algoma.
No. 931, at Thornloe, County of Nipissing.
No. 1371, at McLennan, County of East Algoma.
No. 1709, at Sturgeon Falls, County of Nipissing.
No. 1722, at Blenheim, County of South Kent.
No. 1723, at Dyer's Bay, County of North Bruce.
No. 287, resuscitated in the County of Norfolk.
No. 1107, resuscitated in the County of Brant.
Several numbers have been reported dormant.

The annual returns from the County Lodges are coming in very slowly, there being eight not yet received.

From the reports so far received there have been admitted to membership by initiation, 1,192 ; by certificate, 453 ; by reinstatement, 337 ; while the loss by death is 143, and by expulsion 31. The net increase is therefore about 1,800.

The reports from the County Lodges should be in the hands of the Grand Secretary at least two weeks prior to the date fixed for holding the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, so as to enable that officer to prepare a detailed statement of the standing of the Order in the several counties. As it is at present, it is utterly impossible—owing to the short time given—to submit anything like a correct estimate of the membership of the Association. In a number of instances the returns have to be referred back for correction.

Your Grand Secretary has still to complain of the very lax method adopted by the District Lodges in confirming the reports of the Primary Lodges without enquiring as to whether they are correct or not.

I have as yet only one appeal to lay before the members of this Grand Lodge, with the evidence and letters accompanying the same.

It would be well for this Grand Lodge to pass a peremptory order that all evidence taken in Primary Lodges on trials when expulsion takes place be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Lodge so that the Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions may intelligently judge whether the same has a right to be confirmed.

During the past year death has been busy in our ranks. One by one the pioneers of the Association vacate their earthly seats to take their places, we trust, on the right hand of the Grand Master in heaven. We shall particularly miss from amongst us our late R. W. Bro. Major James Bennett, Past Grand Master of this R. W. Grand Lodge and Past Vice-President of the Triennial Council. Our deceased brother was never ashamed of his Protestant principles and never gave an uncertain sound on Orangeism. He died in harness. His familiar face and kindly words of cheer will be no longer with us. His example is worthy our