

counteracting this might be mentioned that the striking off a number of articles from the supply list caused a decrease.

It may be noted here that this latter matter, together with a change in some of the articles retained on the list, (as for instance, the Roll Book now in use, though in advance of the old one, costs but 2 cents for postage, while that in previous use cost 7 cents) together with a slight decrease in correspondence (occasioned perhaps by a soothing of the keen edge of some of the older counties and increased knowledge on the part of the members of the aims and accomplishments of the Order) has, as will be seen in the Auditors' report, materially reduced the postage account.

It might also be mentioned here in connection with the accounts that this year a considerable portion of the per diem expenses for lectures delivered were paid by Associations outside of the Grand, thus providing a source of saving to this Association, and so do not appear in the accounts, while last year all such accounts were paid from the Grand funds, as shown by the accounts of that year.

As to extension of organization, 29 counties reported up to February, 1892, and 39 to present date in Ontario and one in Quebec, with two in Ontario and four in Quebec without County Associations, and representing in all about two thousand Associations at the present time as against 1400 at this time last year.

A comparative statement of the membership of the different counties according to reports received at the Grand office for the quarters ending Dec. 31, 1891 and 1892, is submitted as follows :

COUNTY.	MEMBERSHIP.	
	Dec 31, '91	Dec 31, '92
Bruce	2262	2334
Lambton	2529	658
Welland	637	985
Halton	835	379
Kent	1450	1904
Elgin	1487	613
Simcoe	642	894
Northumberland	997	393
Huron	1346	663
Wentworth	1642	929
Peel	*136	222
Wellington	1684	1594
Middlesex	1583	1986
Peterboro	1267	502
Norfolk	2596	1532
Perth	335	1304
Hastings	100	433
Oxford	599	1208
Grenville	698	635
Grey	385	2732
Durham	234	866
Brant	657	676
Waterloo	92	598
Haldimand	1060	1746
Lincoln	*1144	1095
Stormont	*413	1296
Essex	*58	1520
Dufferin	123	1804
York	141	397
Ontario		456
Victoria		464
Thames		502
Lennox and Addington		174