

make you wise unto salvation. Yours is a noble Society; noble not only because of the name it bears; noble not only for the objects for which it was established, but noble because of the foundation upon which its principles are based, namely, the Word of God. I beseech you, brethren, that each and every one will take your Bibles and read, learn, and inwardly digest its noble examples and its gracious promises to the faithful, as our allotted time is short here below compared to eternity. Let us make good improvement for our heavenly abode above."

TRUE BLUE ASSOCIATION.

I have issued 12 True Blue warrants during the past year, and I believe the young branch of our Order is progressing very favourably considering the general depression and stagnation that has been passing over our country for the last few years, but it is the prevalent opinion that we are at the lowest ebb, and there is a bright and prosperous future before them. Let us ever remember that the sun is shining behind the darkest cloud.

STEPS TOWARDS THE SUPREME GRAND ORANGE LODGE.

Having carefully studied the proceedings of the last meeting of the Supreme Grand Orange Lodge, I see they, in their wisdom, have seen fit to open their doors to the Orange Young Briton Grand Lodge, in that they have granted the Grand Master of our Grand Lodge a seat and vote at their annual assemblies. It is a step in the right direction. If we have any grievances, (and I know we have), or in want of any amendments to the constitution, we will be able to have our petitions taken by our own representative and fully laid before them for their consideration. They have also allowed our Grand Lodge one half of the Annual Fee. There is no doubt but that the steps taken will be the means, I hope, of uniting us together more closely, and let us all put our shoulders to the wheel of duty, so that they may not have cause to regret the steps they have taken; also, that we may profit by them. With patience we shall come out more than conquerors. Delegates from this Grand Lodge have been cordially received and heard, and I believe all petitions that have been sent from us to them have been fully considered and sanctioned, and I have no hesitation in saying that all future petitions from this Grand Lodge will get a fair and patient hearing.

In conclusion, I hope the subjects mentioned will merit your consideration, and may be the means of doing good, no matter how little, if any, it will more than compensate me for the labour (in my weak way) I have gone to in studying the foregoing.

Hoping that this, the Seventh Session of this Grand Lodge of Orange Young Britons, may be one of pleasure and much profit to each and every one assembled, and, through them, to the brethren with which they are connected, and may the trust reposed in us as delegates be carried back to our Lodges with usury, and that our labours may redound to the glory of God and our own credit.

Your Grand Secretary respectfully submits the foregoing, in FAITH, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

PETER ARNOT,

*Grand Secretary.*

Toronto, February, 1878.