

LODGE REPORTS.

34 of our County Lodges have reported, and from these I have pleasure in being able to report that 1,031 new members have been admitted by initiation; 559 brethren by certificate; while the number removed by death, 97, and by expulsion has been 68, indicating a steady and increasing growth, which must be gratifying.

ISSUE OF WARRANTS.

Eight new warrants have been issued during the year, by Counties, as follows: No. 828, to East Grey; No. 803, to Muskoka; Nos. 809 and 838, to Parry Sound; Nos. 154, 196 and 804, to Toronto; and one to North Bay, number not fixed as yet.

RENEWAL OF DORMANT WARRANTS.

The following dormant warrants have been revived, and the lodges re-organized and in working order: No. 153, South Huron; No. 643, North York; No. 770, Dufferin, and one each in South Perth and West Welling-ton.

SURRENDER OF DORMANT WARRANTS.

Only one warrant reported in working order last year has been returned to me, but another has been withdrawn,

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Grand Lodge correspondence has continued to increase, and from the spirit of the enquiries it is in the direction of making the brethren acquainted with the work of the Association. No difficulty, I am pleased to state, has occurred, and good feeling and harmony prevails to a most wonderful degree, a feature most creditable to the Association. The revised Constitution and Rituals have apparently closed the doors on disputed and constitutional points, so that they are no longer a bone of contention at our lodge meetings.

I have pleasure in reporting that printed Reports of the last annual meetings of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of British America, and the Provincial Grand Lodges of Ontario East, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Manitoba and N. W. T., have been duly received, and from which I have obtained much valuable information.

OUR JULY ANNIVERSARY.

The year we have entered on marks the bi-centenary of the great event which called the Orange Association into existence; and recalls to us the great struggle for liberty and the truth, which, two hundred years ago, our forefathers were engaged in in the Mother Country. History furnishes no greater example of fortitude under the most trying and difficult circumstances, and right loyally and enthusiastically should we celebrate our forefathers' deliverance from civil and religious tyranny. At the last meeting of the M. W. Grand Lodge of British America the following resolutions on this subject were unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF THE BI-CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

To the M. W. Grand Orange Lodge of British America:

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