

Moved by W. Bro. J. S. Leighton, C.M., Toronto, seconded by W. Bro. R. J. Shiel, C.M., South Grey, and

(5) *Resolved*,—That the Grand Master's Address be received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The R.W. Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report as follows :

To the R.W. Grand Master and Members of the Provincial Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West :

BRETHREN,—It is with feelings of pleasure that I again meet you in Grand Lodge assembled.

We meet to-day in the prosperous town of Bracebridge—the County Town of the County of Muskoka, so well and favorably known for its beautiful lakes and picturesque scenery—and I have no doubt whatever that our assembling here on this occasion will have a marked effect in building up the Association, not only in this prosperous town but in the surrounding counties.

In reviewing the events of the past year I think we have cause for much thankfulness. Divine Providence has blessed us with a bountiful harvest ; and it is to be hoped that the return of prosperity to our country will be the means of augmenting the ranks of our Order, by bringing back some of our brethren who, from financial embarrassments, have not been able to pay their just dues and demands.

The annual County and District Lodge meetings have been largely attended, and the increased interest taken in the work, and the enthusiasm manifested, show that love for the Orange Order still exists in the hearts of the Protestants of this great Province. This is very encouraging and should lead to greater endeavors for the advancement of our Order.

I shall only occupy your attention for a short time, detailing as briefly as possible that which refers to the affairs of my office.

I have great pleasure in reporting the opening of eight new Primary Lodges, and the reorganization of two dormant Lodges, an increase of five over last year. Also, that application has been received for the formation of a new District Lodge in East Algoma, to be known as the District of Bruce Mines. A petition will be submitted for your approval for the formation of a new County Lodge, embracing all the isolated lodges in the District of Thunday Bay.