

PROVINCIAL DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLOR AND INSPECTOR.

In accordance with the report of Special Committee on Extending Order, adopted at the last session of the grand body at Windsor, and found on pages 375 and 376 of Journal, 1894, I called the Executive Committee together immediately at the close of the session, and it was there unanimously decided to engage the services of T. L. Broderick, of Toronto, for the term of six months, to begin from the date he should report at my office in St. Thomas, for duty and sign agreement, at a salary of \$150 per month.

On October 8 h, 1894, Bro. Broderick so reported and from that date he has been engaged in the work of extending the Order.

Although the results from the services rendered are not what many may have expected, inasmuch as but few new lodges have been organized, yet many weak lodges have received material assistance, which undoubtedly would ere this, have surrendered their charters.

At a meeting of the Executive, on April 12th, 1895, it was decided in the best interests of the Order to retain Bro. Broderick's services till the present session of Grand Lodge. I feel satisfied that Bro. Broderick has done his utmost to increase our membership and I believe that the results of his labors will bear good fruit in the near future.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

It is a source of regret that owing to the great financial depression through which the country has been passing I am unable to report as much progress as I had anticipated, but on the other hand I am happy to say that the standard of our membership has been greatly improved and the principles, aims and objects of Pythian Knighthood is now a household word throughout Ontario.

I believe I can safely say that at no time in the history of our Order have the membership had a more thorough and accurate knowledge of our ritual, and the day is not far distant when not a ritual will be seen in one of our lodges.

NEW LODGES.

New lodges, all of which are the result of the work of the Provincial Deputy, have been instituted as follows:

Owen Sound.—Inglewood Lodge, No. 20, on February 7th, 1895, revived, with 26 applicants in addition to the old members.

Guelph.—Trafalgar Lodge, No. 43, with a charter list of 55. The personell of this lodge is excellent and it has a first-class set of officers whom I installed on March 4th last.

Berlin.—Victoria Lodge, No. 44, on March 15th, with a charter list of 54.

Woodstock.—Woodstock Lodge, No. 45, on May 14th, with a charter list of 40.