

To the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In accordance with constitutional practice, I have great pleasure in submitting herewith the annual report of the Grand Secretary, briefly reviewing the principal work of the year, and directing your attention to some matters of importance.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence has been principally carried on within our own Province, and has been as follows: Letters and postals to date, 1,314; against 200 for 1883, and 371 for 1882. Of this number 457 have reference to Grand Lodge business proper, and 857 to our Mutual Benefit department; and there have been 1,146 letters and 900 postals mailed from this office, together with 1,200 copies of annual reports of this Grand Lodge and 700 copies of that of the Grand Lodge of British America. This increase may be taken as fair evidence of a greater interest in the work of our Association.

MEMBERSHIP.

Owing to the incomplete character of our form of Returns, it is impossible to furnish you with the admissions, withdrawals, suspensions or deaths, or a total of the present membership, these figures not coming higher than the District and County Lodges. An amendment in this direction should be urged at next meeting of the Grand Lodge of British America.

COUNTY LODGE RETURNS.

Annual reports have been received from nearly all the Counties within our Province, and you will have them under your consideration through the proper committee. I might report, however, that a very gratifying increase is reported from some, while others have suffered from general want of interest, careless members, and indifferent management.

NEW WARRANTS.

Fifteen warrants to open and work new Primary Lodges have been issued as follows:

- Nos. 297, 307, County of Brant.
- Nos. 382, 394, 611, 894, County of Grey North.
- No. 257, County of Halton.
- No. 543, County of Kent.
- No. 288, County of Lambton East.
- No. 418, County of Muskoka.
- No. 447, County of Parry Sound.
- No. 332, County of Perth North.
- No. 157, County of Toronto.
- No. 602, County of York West.
- No. 323, County of Manitoulin Island.

Showing an increase in issue of eight over last year, and four over 1882. Also, several numbers practically dormant last year, have been revived, and are on this year's Returns. I would, however, direct attention to the fact that the issue of new warrants closed in 1874 for this Province, for since that date we have been only re-issuing war-