

We have to mourn, in common with our Trans-Atlantic Brethren, the demise during the past year, of Brothers the Earl of Roden, Sir Wm. Verner Bart., and Dr. Drew, loved and honored names which will ever remain green in the annals of Orangeism.

Praying that the Divine Blessing may rest upon your deliberations and guide and prosper your decisions so that peace, love, harmony and unity may prevail.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KEYES,

Grand Secretary Western Ontario.

London, February 21, 1871.

MOVED by Bro. James Bennett, D. M. of Toronto, seconded by Bro. John Boxall, P. No. 657, and Resolved,—That the Report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Bro. James Bennett, D. M. of Toronto, gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, move the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*.—That the Grand Lodge, as the Representative of the great Protestant and loyal body of the western portion of the Province of Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada, has read with much surprise the political capital which has recently been made by newspaper writers and political partizans out of the horrid murder of our worthy Brother, the late Thomas Scott, by certain rebels in Manitoba acting under immediate orders of Riel and Lepine. That the act itself was barbarous and cruel, divested of provocation or palliation, and calls aloud upon every humane mind, and especially upon every good subject of Her Majesty, to use all proper and constitutional means to bring the perpetrators of the bloody deed to condign punishment.

*Resolved*.—That while this Grand Lodge gives full expression to the feelings of every member of the Order in reference to the atrocious outrage named in the previous resolution, it hesitates not to denounce all parties who seek to make political capital, for mere party purposes, out of an act so barbarous and inhuman, and whose sympathies were withheld when needed to bring the equally guilty and rebellious murderers of Colonel Moodie, and the other brave and loyal men, to justice in 1837, thus evincing, by their sympathy for law and loyalty in the one case, and their want of it in numerous others, the hypocrisy of their professions, and the rank deceptions used to mislead such loyal and confiding men as may be blindfolded by devices so artfully contrived and so pertinaciously reiterated.

*Resolved*.—That this Grand Lodge, in adopting the foregoing resolutions, has two objects, and two only, in view. First, to impress upon the Dominion Government and upon the Government of Manitoba, the urgent necessity, as well as the justice, of vigilantly watching the perpetrators of the murder of Brother Scott, to the end that they may be brought to suffer the just penalty which the laws of God and man award to their inhuman barbarity; and, secondly, that in thus speaking out our full sense of horror at the crime, our act may not be attributed to, or identified with, political schemers, who seek rather to exalt party than to punish crime.

Bro. the Rev. David Smyth, G. C., gave notice that he would, on to-morrow, move as follows:—

That this Grand Lodge respectfully recommend the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, at its next sitting, to expunge from the Obligation the clause—"I was not rejected in any Orange Lodge."

Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, D. G. M. of B. A. presented and read the Report of the Committee specially appointed to investigate the case of surreptitious entrance into this Grand Lodge:—

### Report of Committee.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario:—

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the case of Bro. Robt. Boyd, a member of No. 158 and Past Master thereof, charged on the floor of this Grand Lodge with having surreptitiously gained admittance thereto without being legally in possession of the Annual, beg leave to report that they have investigated the whole matter, and find that Bro. Robt. Boyd overheard two gentlemen, but whom he is either unable or unwilling to name, talking about the Annual, and he picked it up, and on going to the door he gave the Tyler, as he says, the word; that he knew he was doing wrong, but trusted that it would not be checked. The Committee also find that the assertions made by him prejudicial to the character and standing, as an Orangeman, of Bro. Peel, W. M. of 188, are wholly un-

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