We feel thankful, too, that our Orange Institution is a benevolent one, more especially since we have attached to our noble Order an Insurance Benefit Association, where the widows and children of a deceased brother may have additional help to sustain them in their bereavement.

We are happy to inform you that in this County the Orange Association is in a prosperous condition, that in every town, village and township there are many true Orangemen who, by their influence, are upholding the Protestant faith and civil and religious liberty; and while we are proud of the progress made in this section of our country we trust corresponding progress and prosperity has prevailed in all other parts within the jurisdiction of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and the grand principles embodied in the constitution of our noble Order have been vouchsafed an extensive circulation, and that they will exercise a deep and lasting influence over the actions and lives of men.

We trust the deliberations of this Grand Lodge may be productive of much good to our Association; and that this meeting will awaken fresh enthusiasm and activity in all our brethren, and enkindle a wider and deeper love for the Christian religion and British liberty.

We must, on behalf of the Orangemen of North Huron, express our gratitude to our representative in Parliament, Thomas Farrow, Esq., a true and worthy Orangeman, who has on every occasion on the floor of the House of Commons supported and voted for the Orange Incorporation Bill. To him our thanks are due for his efforts to obtain that act of justice to our Order. How different would have been the fate of that Bill if every Protestant member of Parliament had followed his worthy example?

And now, may the great Jehovah watch over your deliberations, and direct all your acts and words to the furtherance of the work of our Order and the maintenance of true religion.

Signed on behalf of the Orange County Lodge of North Huron.

HENRY PERKINS,

County Master.

MATTHEW MORRISON,

County Secretary.

Wingham, 17th February, 1885.

Moved by W. Bro. William Nicholson, County Master, Wentworth, seconded by Bro. John Tulk, W. M. L. O. L. 286, and

Resolved,—That the Address of Welcome from the County Lodge of North Huron be received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence. [It was afterwards referred to a Special Committee.]

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The R. W. Grand Secretary then presented and read his Annual Report:

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