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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.

Held in the Hall of Excelsior and Unity Lodges,

HAMILTON, ONT.

HAMILTON, ONT., August 4th, 1869.

Excelsior and Unity Lodges being in session, the Grand Master and Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge were introduced and received with the honors, and tendered by the N. G. of Excelsior Lodge with the free use of the Lodge Room for the purposes of the Session, in a short address replied to by Grand Master Barr, on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Bro. T. Lawless, P. G., of Excelsior Lodge then read the following very eloquent address of welcome to the Grand Lodge :

Most Worthy Grand Master, Right Worthy Grand Officers and Members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Ontario.

BRETHREN.—It is with feelings of pride and pleasure that I, in behalf of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, and Unity Lodge No. 47, welcome you to our city and our Lodge Room. When last it was the duty and privilege of the “Brethren of our friendly Order” in the “Ambitious City” to welcome your Right Worthy Grand Body among them, Odd Fellowship in Hamilton was but in its infancy—a mere sapling, as it were, contending for an existence against the elements of the social and moral atmosphere in which it grew. In the four years which have elapsed since that time, it has grown beyond the most sanguine expectations of even its best friends, and to-day, instead of extending