

4. We trust that even greater success may attend the efforts of our brethren throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, believing that there is no country in the world in which there is a greater need than in Canada for a thorough organization of all true Protestants in defence of the civil and religious liberties guaranteed by the British Constitution.

5. We will cheerfully endeavor to aid in carrying out the wishes of the Grand Lodge during its stay in our city; and we request the officers and members of Grand Lodge to be our guests at a banquet to be given in their honor in the Orange Hall, on Wednesday, 9th inst., at 9 p.m.

Signed on behalf of the County Orange Lodge of Toronto.

JAMES L. HUGHES, *Co. Master.*

WILLIAM LEE, *Co. Secretary.*

The R. W. Grand Master then read, amidst applause, the following telegram from R. W. Bro. W. J. Kennedy, G.M., U.S.A.:

"New York greets her sister Grand Lodge across the border, and wishes you a successful meeting."

Moved by M. W. Bro. W. J. Parkhill, G.M.B.A., seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Keyes, G.S.B.A., and

Resolved,—That a Committee consisting of Bros. Parkhill and Fitzgerald be appointed to draft a reply to the telegram of the Grand Master of the United States.

Moved by W. Bro. J. S. Duff, C.M., seconded by W. Bro. James Brodie, P.D.M., and

Resolved,—That the Address of Welcome on behalf of the County Lodge of Toronto to this R. W. Grand Lodge be referred to a Committee consisting of W. Bros. Walsh, Keyes and the mover.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

W. Bro. James L. Hughes, C.M., presented and read the Report of the Committee on Finance:

TORONTO, March 9th, 1887.

To the R. W. Grand Orange Lodge Ontario West in Grand Lodge assembled:

The Finance Committee begs to report:

1. Your Committee takes pleasure in congratulating this R. W. Grand Lodge on the improved condition of its funds, and cannot too strongly urge on the members of this Grand Lodge the exercise of the greatest economy in the disbursement of its funds, as we are of the opinion that any recklessness in this direction would be a breaking of faith with the Primary Lodges, as set forth in the report of last year.

2. We have very great pleasure in testifying to the efforts made by your Grand Treasurer to collect arrears of dues, and would reiterate the recommendation of last year, "That the Annual be withheld from all Lodges in arrears" until the arrears are paid.

3. Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Treasurer read during the present session of the Grand Lodge the list of Lodges in arrears,