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On TUESDAY the 6th, and by Adjournment, on WEDNESDAY the
7th days of SEPTEMBER, 1853.

Present:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER, OGLE R. GOWAN, Esq.,
IN THE CHAIR.

Grand Officers:

ALDERMAN ARMSTRONG,..... GRAND TREASURER.
THOMAS ROBINSON, Esq.,..... DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY.

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SIMON MAGEE, Esq.	THOMAS JOHNSON, Esq.
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P. McLLROY, Esq.	THOMAS HILLIARD.

REPORT.

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EDWARD WEEKES.....	Dist. Master, Elmsley.
GEORGE BEST.....	Dep. Dist. Master, Perth.

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THOMAS ROBINSON.....	Master 216.
WILLIAM RADFORD.....	" 7.
JAMES BLAKELY.....	" 229.
RICHARD HANNA.....	" 33.
HIRAM FULFORD.....	" 1.
JOHN SHANNON.....	" 92.
JOHN CAMPBELL.....	" 31.
WILLIAM NIBLOCK.....	" 20.
JOHN RICHEY.....	" 88.
THOMAS HILLIARD.....	" 194.
JAMES TWEEDY, Esq.....	" 90.
B. ROSAMOND.....	" 389.
LIEUT. COL. THOMAS NEWSOM.....	" 225.

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THOMAS ELLIOTT.....	Com. 7.
JOHN LEE.....	Com. 31.
JOHN MUSSELL.....	D. M. 347.
S. MAGEE.....	P. M. 33.
GEORGE CRAMPTON	D. M. 92.
JAMES JOHNSTON.....	T. 229.
JOHN STONE	D. M. 7.
R. H. READE.....	Sec. 247.
JOHN GALLAGHER.....	Com. 206.
JOHN GALLAGHER, JUN.....	P. M. 206.
WILLIAM GRAHAM.....	P. M. 115.
GEORGE WILLISCROFT.....	P. M. 289.
JOHN MOORE.....	Sec. 7.
WILLIAM LEARY	Sec. 194.
THOMAS SMITH.....	Com. 48.
GEORGE DRENNAN.....	T. 48.
JAMES BEVERIDGE.....	P. M. 28.
WILLIAM LOWTHER.....	Com. 7.
JAMES MORRIS.....	115.
MICHAEL ELLIOTT.....	7.
JOHN WRIGHT.....	389.
DAVID MORRISON	206.
JOHN O'BRIEN	7.
MOSES THORNTON.....	7.
WILLIAM K. NEWMAN	316.
JAMES GARVIN.....	88.
HENRY CHALMERS.....	88.
THOMAS McKIM	115.
WILLIAM DOWSON.....	206.
ROBERT CRAMPTON.....	389.
FRANCIS SACHE, Esq.....	92.
W. B. CARROLL	225.

Prayers having been read, and the Grand Lodge opened in due form, a Lecture was repeated, and the RIGHT WORSHIPFUL rose and addressed the Grand Lodge. (The Deputy Grand Secretary, whose duty it was to note the address, does not pretend to give more than a very faint outline of the leading topics, touched upon by the Right Worshipful in this address.) He commenced by saying, that it had been the custom of his predecessor, to read to the Brethren, what might be called, a written speech, at each opening of the Grand Lodge; but however disposed he might be to follow the example, his time, for the last month, having been so wholly occupied in attending meetings in various parts of the

United Provinces, East as well as West, he was unable to do so; he would therefore be compelled to trust to his memory for whatever observations might fall from him. He congratulated the Brethren on the numbers present, and said, it proved the deep interest which was being felt in the proceedings and progress of the Institution. He had called the meeting somewhat earlier than usual, owing to the lamentable disruption which had occurred at Kingston, to see if any overtures for peace would be made, or to see if any steps could be devised to promote reconciliation and harmony. (Hear, hear.) There was no sacrifice short of principle, which, on his part, he was not willing to make, in order to secure so great and so glorious an end. (Loud cheers.) He would thank any Brother for any suggestion which he might think fit to offer, and all suggestions to effect peace and order, would command his best consideration. With this view, and also with the view of permitting every Brother to be present, to hear and judge for himself—to put any questions he might desire—to possess himself of all necessary information, and to offer any remarks he might think fit. He had opened the Grand Lodge on the Orange Degree, and instructed the Tyler to admit all who could give the Annual Password for the past year. The Grand Master then entered into a very lengthened explanation and detail of the proceedings which occurred at the disruption at Kingston, touching upon the causes, the consequences, and their effects. After a very beautiful and touching eulogy upon Orangeism, its origin, the causes which called it into existence, the perils through which it passed, and the sufferings of those who watched by its cradle, and who watered and nourished it into life and maturity, he proceeded to notice in detail, the particular questions upon which the differences had arisen at the Kingston meeting; and as there were at least ten Brethren then in the Hall, who were also present at the Kingston meeting, he appealed to them to put him right, if in any one particular he deviated from a faithful and impartial detail of the occurrences of that memorable but miserable schism. After going over these occurrences at great length, the Grand Master next alluded to the appeals made to the public, “of all religious denominations,” (the exact words of Mr. Benjamin’s address,) by those Brethren who differed from him. It was said that his course, in holding meetings of the Brotherhood, was “an undignified” one; but in this opinion he did not concur. He considered the course of true dignity and of true honor, consisted in meeting the Brethren, and in laying all facts and circumstances before them, instead of flying into the public prints, and building up their cause upon the ruin of the characters of those who differed from them. The cause he advocated, he believed to be the cause

of truth and right; and as such, he was prepared for the fullest and the most searching investigation. (Loud cheering.) While on the one hand he studiously avoided newspaper controversy, newspaper slander, and personal vituperation and calumny; on the other, he courted, he solicited, he invoked that calm and dignified inquiry, that close and searching investigation, by which alone facts can be elicited, and truth placed in the ascendant. If this course was an undignified one, he must admit he was guilty of want of dignity. The Right Worshipful next touched upon the religious and political bearing of the Institution, clearly pointing out and defining how far it was religious, and how far political. His observations upon this head were heard with marked attention by all, and were most fully responded to by every Brother present, as a noble defence of the great principles of "Civil and Religious Liberty." He next alluded to his recent visits to various parts of the provinces, mentioning in detail, the proceedings at the several meetings held in the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, Quebec and Montreal, as also in the Counties of Peel, York, Ontario, Simcoe, Wentworth, Brant, Durham, Frontenac, Stormont and Dundas. He next detailed the proceedings of the Grand Lecturer (upon which officer he passed a high eulogium,) in the Western Counties, and read the resolutions adopted in the Counties of Oxford, Halton, Wellington, Waterloo, Elgin, Middlesex, and Perth, and at the several District and Private Lodges. Before quitting this part of the subject, he read a copy of the Instructions given to the Grand Lecturer. He next alluded to a recent theft committed at Kingston, by which a copy of the Grand Warrant had been stolen, together with the frame in which it was enclosed. It was said to be the original, and he presumed it was believed to be so, else it would not have been stolen and carried away. Fortunately, however, he held the original, which he was now enabled to present to the Brethren, bearing the signature of the Grand Master, so that the evil machinations of those, who had proved themselves fit inmates for the Provincial Penitentiary, had been entirely frustrated. (Here the Right Worshipful presented the original of the Grand Warrant, which was handed round amongst the Brethren.) After several other observations, the Grand Master stated, that as there were some Brethren in the room who still adhered to the standard of Mr. Benjamin, he would be happy, before reading the correspondence, (which was very voluminous,) or proceeding with the regular business, to hear what they had got to say, and to answer any question they might feel disposed to put to him. (The Grand Master then resumed the chair, amidst loud cheers.)

BROTHER GEORGE WILLISCROFT. I wish to ask the Grand Master, if it should be necessary to unite the Brethren, to request both him and

Mr. Benjamin to resign, will he be prepared to take the step?

Several Brothers objected to this question.

THE GRAND MASTER said, he was desirous of answering it, and, in reply, stated that he was prepared to take any step, not inconsistent with principle, which might be asked of him by the Orangemen of British America. He was, in fact, in the hands of the Grand Lodge, and any course which they deemed best for the interests of the Order, he was ready to adopt. (Loud cheers.)

BROTHER JAMES MCKIM wished to know why Lodge No. 1. was allowed to lie dormant for nearly two years?

THE GRAND MASTER replied, that he was not the Master of No. 1, but that James Beatty Powell, Esq., had been the Master at the time referred to, and that from him (Mr. Powell) should the information be sought. If, however, he was allowed to offer an opinion, he would say, that the causes of No. 1 suspending its meetings for some time, were, *First*, from the chagrin and disappointment felt at the removal of the Grand Lodge; *Secondly*, from the strong feeling of personal dislike entertained against the late Grand Master; and *Thirdly*, from the want of a suitable place for meeting in.

BROTHER MCKIM next asked, and obtained leave, to read from a Report just published by Mr. Benjamin, at the *British Canadian Office*, certain parts thereof reflecting upon the character of Mr. Gowan, alleging that he had been guilty of certain crimes in Ireland, in 1827, as detailed in what purported to be a trial, "*Hopkins vs. Gowan*"—that he had been expelled from the Orange Institution in Ireland, in 1828, and that he had procured his appointment as Grand Master in this country in January, 1830, by false representations then made to the Brethren. In support of those allegations, Brother McKim read largely from Mr. Benjamin's pamphlet, and from the Appendix attached to it.

After Brother McKim had concluded, the Right Worshipful rose and addressed the Grand Lodge in reply, going fully and minutely into each separate allegation, and establishing, to the entire satisfaction of every Brother present, the utter falsehood of the charges, and the wickedness and vileness of those making them. During the progress of the enquiry, Brother McKim was called up by the Grand Master, to the stand beside his own chair, that he should himself personally examine and compare all documents and evidence, and be thoroughly satisfied in his own mind, of the falsehoods of the one and of the truths of the other. After a full and searching investigation, which lasted over two hours, the Grand Master put the questions—are all now satisfied; or are there any other questions to be put? When there was a unanimous reply, "we

are all satisfied—satisfied perfectly upon every point.” The Grand Master then requested that all should withdraw who had not received the Annual Password for the present year, in order that the correspondence might be presented and referred, and the regular business proceeded with.

The following Brethren then retired:—Brothers McKim, Williscroft, Shannon, Crampton, Boddy, and Richey.

The following papers and correspondence was then laid before the Grand Lodge:—The original of the Grand Warrant, the copy of which was stolen and carried away on the morning of the 3rd inst.; a Printed Address, issued after the June meeting at Kingston, and signed by Geo. Benjamin, Angus Bethune, A. D. Campbell and others; a Declaration required to be signed by persons previous to their admission to Mr. Ashfield's meeting, held in the Orange Hall, Toronto; a Certified Statement of the Votes cast at the late meeting at Kingston, upon the question of the Election of Grand Master; a Return of the Warrants granted for the opening of New Lodges, since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge; Certified Copies of the Resolutions passed at Orange Meetings held in Toronto, West York, Simcoe, East York, Ontario, Wentworth, Haldimand, Brant, Newton, Kingston, Port Hope, Halton, Vienna, Oxford, London, Malahide, Stratford, Wellington, Waterloo, Grey, Ennisville, Prescott, Brockville, Frankford, Mount Pleasant, Cornwall, Quebec, Montreal, Ingersoll, and New Brunswick; Letters from George C. Ward of Port Hope, (two); Hiram, Fulford of Brockville; T. Meldrum of Barrie; Dr. Buchanan of Toronto; the Rev. Stephen Lett, L.L. D., of Toronto; William B. Hoskins of Port Sarria; E. A. Goodeve of St. Catharines; Rev. N. C. Gowan of St. Thomas; Dr. Irons of Emily; William C. Reade of Merrickville, (two); J. Mann of Frankford, (two); Francis W. Irwin of Wellesley; William Nesbitt of Malahide; John Helder Isaacson of Montreal, (three); Richard Abbott of Vienna; Faulkner C. Stewart of Cookstown, (two); Robert McKay of Fredericksburgh; Robt. Cross of Bond Head; John Hewett of Albion, (two); Thomas Bell of Mount Pleasant, (three); John W. Dempsey of Toronto; James Lee of Erin, (three); Henry Griffiths of Vienna; George Leatch of Prescott; James McKim of Perth, (two); Colonel Whitehead of Woodstock; William Hamilton of Ingersoll; Patrick Mellroy of Richmond, (two); George Goff of Carleton Place; John W. Verner of Millford; J. Shephard Ryan of Toronto; John Lynn of Port Hope, (two); Harcourt P. Gowan of Brockville, (three); Thomas Robinson of Kingston, (three); George W. Brouse of Matilda; Joshua Booth of Mill Creek; John Pye of Quebec; Bennett Rosamond of Carleton Place; Henry Hamilton of

St. Thomas; James B. Davis of Toronto, (enclosing evidence taken before the "Virgin Lodge;") Adam Mulholland of Mitchell; George Dinwoody, jun'r, of Essee; Burton Campbell of Perth; John Thompson of Milton; George B. Rousseaux of Ancaster; William Hanna of Sandhill, (two); John Cummins of Hamilton; Gabriel Balfour of Brantford, (five); Stephen Enoph of Ashton; "An Orangeman of London;" John Caldwell of Brockville; F. Drope of Vienna; Richard Dempsey of Toronto; R. D. Spear of St. Vincent; Francis Gordon of Cavan; William Oliver Smith of Montreal; John Brown of St. John, (New Brunswick); Samuel W. Gilbert, M. P. P., of Gagetown, (G. M. of New Brunswick); Circular of Thomas Alfred Evans and others, and Reply of John Helder Isaacson and others of Montreal; Edward F. Weekes of South Elmsley; Draft Letter to Sir William Verner, Bart., M. P., of Churchill, Ireland; The Rev. John Borland Finlay, L. L. D., of Williamsburgh, (Secretary to the "American Protestant Association"); G. F. Rouse of St. John, (Grand Secretary of New Brunswick); Robert McVeety of Halifax, (Deputy Grand Master of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island); William Stevenson of Reach; Thomas Griffith of Carleton Place; J. R. Lytle of Mariposa; "Special Rules by the R. W. G. M.," issued by Mr. Benjamin, dated "Belleville, 25th of June, A. D. 1853," and copy of "Instructions, issued by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, to the Grand Lecturer," dated "Toronto, 4th July, 1853."

1. On motion of Brother Simon Magee, M. G. C., seconded by Brother Stephen Enoph, G. M., Co. Lanark, it was

Resolved—That the several Documents, Papers, and Correspondence, now presented to the Grand Lodge, by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, be referred to a Select Committee on Correspondence, and that such Committee consist of Brothers Weekes, Niblock, Hilliard, Rosamond, and Burton Campbell; and that they be requested to examine the same, and report thereon, with as little delay as may be convenient.

2. On motion of Brother Russell H. Read, M. G. C., seconded by Brother Edward Weekes, District Master of Elmsley, it was

Resolved—That a Committee on Finance be forthwith appointed, and that such Committee consist of Brothers Robinson, Hanna, and Magee; and that they be requested to examine the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, and to report thereon with all convenient speed.

Brother George Williscroft was called into the room, to answer to certain charges brought against him, touching his having in his possession the mysteries of the several Orders in writing. After a full investigation into this subject, the facts appeared to be, that Brother Williscroft obtained the Degrees in writing, from Brother Abbott, at Bytown; that the Royal

Arch was written in the Royal Blue Cypher, and the Orange, Purple and Blue, in the plain English characters; that Brother Willisroft communicated the fact to the late Grand Master, Brother George Benjamin, who approved of the same, but who told Brother Willisroft to keep it secret. Whereupon it was moved by Brother H. P. Gowan, District Master of Brockville, seconded by Brother John Lindsay of the Grand Committee, and

Resolved—3. That this Grand Lodge cannot too severely censure the conduct of the late Grand Master, for the sanction given by him in this particular, to a breach of obligation.

4. On motion of Brother Thomas Robinson, G. S. Co. Frontenac, seconded by Brother Charles Stuart, District Secretary of Montague, it was

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge entirely approves of the instructions given by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, to the Grand Lecturer, together with the amount appropriated for his services; and that the Right Worshipful be respectfully requested to issue his instructions to the Deputy Grand Lecturer to proceed Eastward, with as little delay as may be.

5. On motion of Brother Burton Campbell, Proxy for the County of Lanark, seconded by Brother Richard Hanna, M. of Lodge 33, Merrickville, and

Resolved—That this Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British North America, in Semi-annual Meeting assembled, in the Town of Perth, in the County of Lanark, on the 6th day of September, 1853, does hereby declare, that the members thereof have full and entire confidence in Ogle R. Gowan, Esquire; that they feel thoroughly satisfied, that that gentleman was duly and legally elected the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Association of British North America, at the late meeting of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge, held in the City of Kingston; and that the conduct of the late Grand Master, George Benjamin, Esq., in endeavoring to foist himself upon certain of our Brethren, as the Grand Master of the Association, is to be condemned, as tending to promote discord, schism, and disunion, and as setting an example of insubordination in a quarter where allegiance and fealty to the lawfully elected Grand Master of the Association, should have been expected.

6. On motion of Brother William C. Read, G. S., Co. Grenville, seconded by Brother Joseph Blakely, District Master of Marlborough and North Gower, and

Resolved—That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Orange

Association of British North America, after hearing the accusations made against the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., in a printed Report, purporting to have been issued by George Benjamin, Esq., and his adherents; and after having heard Brother the Right Worshipful in defence, and having minutely inspected documents, and examined into the particulars of each and every of the said accusations, is unanimously of opinion, that the said Brother Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master, is fully and honorably exonerated from each and from every of the said charges and accusations.

7. On motion of Brother Archibald Magee, Co. Master of Grenville, seconded by Brother James Morris, 115, and

Resolved—That a document, signed John Bailey Turner, having been published in the *Orange Lily*, this Grand Lodge is of opinion, that the said J. B. Turner is entitled to no credit whatever; first, because the allegations made by him are known to be untrue; and, secondly, because the said Turner is known to be a salaried hireling of the present government—under which government our late Grand Master, George Benjamin, is also an office-holder; and further, the Brethren should be informed, that not only are Messrs. Benjamin and Turner the paid hirelings of the present government, but George Nichols also, (who has recently come in from the United States of America,) has been pensioned off by the present government, with a salary of £20 per annum.

8. On motion of Brother Hiram Fulford, M. of No. 1, seconded by Brother William K. Newman of No. 316, it was

Resolved—That whereas information has been laid before this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, that a copy of the Grand Warrant, together with the Frame in which it was enclosed, has been stolen and carried away by one Flanagan, of Kingston, on the morning of this 3rd instant, September; that therefore it be resolved, that legal steps be taken by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, or by the Grand Secretary, or the Deputy Grand Secretary, for the recovery of the same, and for the punishment of the parties concerned in the theft, and that the expenses of the said prosecution be paid by the Grand Lodge.

9. On motion of Brother Patrick McIlroy, Co. Master of Carleton, seconded by Brother Edward F. Weekes, P. Co. Master of Leeds, and

Resolved—That the Orangemen of British North America, in Semi-annual meeting now assembled, embrace the occasion to express their feelings of deep sorrow at the scenes of disorder and irregularity, which characterised the two last meetings of the Grand Lodge—(Port Hope, June, 1852, and Kingston, June, 1853); but especially do they deplore the disruption which occurred at the last of the said meetings—a disrupt-

tion highly discreditable to the actors concerned in it, and having a direct tendency to foster disunion in the Orange Body, and to bring its members into general contempt throughout the Province.

10. On motion of Brother Thomas Johnson, M. G. C., seconded by Brother William Radford, M. 7., it was

Resolved—That the course since pursued by certain portions of the public press, in fomenting the dissensions then brought out, and in heaping personal abuse and vituperation upon many of the oldest, soundest, and best proved friends of the Orange Body, tends still more to promote disunion, and to fan further and wider the flames of disorganization, abuse, and misrepresentation, and that foremost in this divisive and un-Orange crusade, we mention with regret and sorrow, the *British Canadian* of Toronto, the *Orange Lily* of Bytown, the *Standard* of Simcoe, and the *Gazette* of Hamilton—papers which we must hereafter consider as enemies of Orangeism, as lending their aid to sap the foundations of the Order, and to destroy the *prestige* of its unity and power in the country.

11. On motion of Brother Bennett Rosamond, M. G. C., seconded by Brother S. Magee, P. M. of 33, it was

Resolved—That in so far as any differences touching principle are concerned, this Grand Lodge hold that no man can be admitted into our Brotherhood, whose creed is not Protestant, and whose principles are not Loyal; that in fidelity to our earthly and to our heavenly Sovereign, consists the test of true Orangeism; that such have been the principles of our Loyal and Protestant Body, under all circumstances, in all places, and at all times; and that any narrowing of them down to either one of those objects, unaccompanied by the other, would be contrary to Orange practice and to Orange principles; and that any extension of them beyond these cardinal points, (which include Benevolence as the most prominent feature of the Brotherhood,) would be subversive of the ancient principles of the Order, and could not be sanctioned by any sound or true-hearted Orangeman.

12. Moved by Brother Henry Thompson, M. G. C., seconded by Brother Thomas Johnston, Deputy County Master of Grenville, and

Resolved—That in reference to the question of Proxies, this Grand Lodge holds, that any Brother present at the Grand Lodge, and holding a Proxy duly executed, had a right to vote, provided the dues of the Lodge he represented had been paid up; and further, this meeting of the Grand Lodge learns, with satisfaction, that this right was unquestioned by either party present at the Kingston meeting—it being freely conceded by all—that while this principle is cheerfully granted, this

Grand Lodge does not hesitate to express its entire disapprobation of the attempts made at Kingston, to permit any Brother to exercise a plurality of votes upon any one question, no matter how many offices or how many proxies he may have held; that such plurality of votes would be contrary to the ancient usages of the Order, repugnant to wisdom and good sense, opposed to all former precedents, subversive of the rights of the majority present at every meeting, and hostile alike to the best interests of the Order; and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are justly due to the Brethren, who so firmly withstood the introduction of so dangerous an innovation into our beloved and honored Institution.

13. Moved by Brother Thomas Robinson, G. S. Co. Frontenac, seconded by Brother John Campbell, M. 31, and

Resolved—That as touching the election of Grand Officers, this Grand Lodge holds, that the majority of those present at the Grand Annual Meeting, whose names had been duly entered as qualified voters upon the official record of the Grand Secretary, and whose right to vote had been thereby admitted, and those alone, had a right to elect the Grand Officers of the Institution; that the withdrawal from the room of any number of members, without the Grand Lodge being first regularly closed, according to the proper forms of the Institution, could not in any way invalidate an election so made, nor prevent the Brethren who remained, from going on with the business of the Grand Lodge, electing the Grand Officers, and in due time closing the Grand Lodge according to ancient usage.

14. Moved by Brother John Butler, Dis. T. of Perth, seconded by Brother James Blakely, M. of 229, and

Resolved—That the subsequent Meeting of those who seceded and withdrew from the room, the adoption by them of a novel word, as a test of entrance at the door, so as effectually to prevent the introduction of Brethren duly qualified, and in attendance from all parts of the province, and their issuing a new Annual Password, and their taking upon themselves the name and authority of a Grand Lodge, without the Grand Warrant, the Great Seal, or the proper Officer, (the Grand Secretary), under whose direct and responsible sanction all official documents should be attested, cannot be too strongly censured and condemned; that this Grand Lodge holds such acts to be contrary to the most solemn obligations of Orangemen, repugnant to all order and discipline, and as no better than a spurious and unauthorised assumption of authority.

15. Moved by Brother Patrick McIlroy, County Master of Carleton, seconded by Colonel Alexander Frazer, Past County Master of Lanark, and

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge deeply and fully sympathizes in the sufferings and privations to which our Brethren in Lower Canada are subjected; that we view their interests as our interests—their cause as our cause—their degradation as our degradation—and their triumph as our triumph; that we make one common cause with them—stand in the same ranks—fight the same battles—triumph in the same victories, or suffer in the same defeats; and that with a view to their more immediate and direct incorporation with us, the local distinctions existing since 1850, be discontinued, and that in view thereof, each County and District in that part of the Province, formerly called Lower Canada, be allowed all the rights and privileges of a County or of a District in Upper Canada, having its own County, District and Lodge Officers, receiving its Warrants direct from this Grand Lodge, transmitting the Dues to the Grand Treasurer of British North America, and receiving in return, all the benefits, advantages, and protection, which the Parent Association is bound to extend to all its Branches. And further, this Grand Lodge trusts the day is not distant, when, by the extension of railroads, and other facilities of intercommunication, the Orangemen of the whole British Empire in North America may be incorporated into one body, as one family under one head, and possessing one common centre of strength, unity and power.

The Chairman of the Committee on Finance, asked leave to present the following Report, which was granted, and, being brought up, was read as follows:—

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British North America:
The Select Committee, appointed to examine the Accounts and Vouchers, and to Audit the Books of the Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report—

That they have done so, and find the same correct in all respects. After carefully going over each item of income and expenditure, they find that the balance on hand at the last audit, amounted to £272 13s. 7d.; since which, the amount paid out is £86 17s. 6d.; leaving a balance of £185 16s. 1d.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS ROBINSON,
RICHARD HANNA,
ARCHIBALD MAGEE.

16. *Ordered*—That the Report be concurred in.

17. *Ordered*—That the Grand Lodge be adjourned till eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

PERTH, 7th September 1853.

The Grand Lodge met this morning, at eight o'clock, pursuant to adjournment; the Right Worshipful the Grand Master in the Chair.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved of.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following Report, which was read and, on motion of the Chairman, unanimously concurred in:—

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge.

The Committee to whom was referred the Correspondence laid before the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge, during its present Session, beg leave to Report—

That they have had under their consideration a large mass of documents, from almost every part of the North American Provinces, larger in extent and importance than was probably ever laid before any Committee of the Grand Lodge before; and which clearly proves the deep and wide spread interest which is now being felt in the affairs and management of the Institution.

Nearly the whole of the Correspondence laid before your Committee were replied to at the time of their receipt, by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master; and, therefore, needs no *special* notice at the hands of your Committee. There are, however, several documents from the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, which, from their importance, and from the respectable sources from whence they emanate, your Committee cannot pass over in silence.

Your Committee find, that at the last Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, held on the 21st of June 1853, a Resolution was passed, calling upon the late Grand Master for the payment of £14 14s., due the Local Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. This claim, though it seems it had been repeatedly urged, was never laid, by Mr. Benjamin, before the Grand Lodge of British North America; and that the Brethren may be aware of its purport, your Committee recommend, that the Report of the Committee on Correspondence of the Local Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, together with the Report of Brothers Dixon, Hutchison and Wetman, be published with the proceedings of this Semi-annual Meeting, for the information of the Brethren in Canada.

Your Committee have also had under consideration, a letter from the Grand Secretary of New Brunswick, dated August the 21st, 1853, congratulating the Right Worshipful Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., upon his election to the high and important office of Grand Master of British North America; and complaining, that although the Correspondence and Minutes of proceedings of their Grand Lodge had been regularly forwarded to the late Grand Master, still they were not acknowledged by that officer; and that not even their worthy and popular Grand Master, Brother S. H. Gilbert, Esq., M. P. P., had been recognized. Your Committee deeply regret that such conduct should be pursued by any officer of this Institution, and more especially by one filling the exalted post of our late Grand Master, Mr. Benjamin. But your Committee deeply regret to say, that from the tenor of various letters laid before your Committee, as also from the verbal statements of many most worthy Brothers, this conduct, on the part of Mr. Benjamin, appears to have been in keeping with numerous other acts of a similar kind, with the performance of which he appears to have been familiar. Your Committee feel confident, however, that a brighter day is about to dawn upon our glorious Institution; and that a Gentleman has now been placed at the helm, who will permit no trickery or deception to be practiced, and who will apply the energies of his vigorous mind to the correction of every abuse, and the removal of every just ground for complaint. Your Committee feel a well grounded assurance, that the brethren of New Brunswick, will not have again to apply to their junior sister, Nova Scotia, for the Annual; but that the present worthy and esteemed Head of our Institution, will attend to the wants of the Brotherhood in every section of our great Empire on this Continent, now placed under his immediate direction.

Your Committee have given their attention to a letter from Robert McVittie, Esq., the Deputy Grand Master of Nova Scotia, complaining of the neglect of the late Grand Master, Mr. Benjamin, in passing over and refusing to lay before the Grand Lodge of British North America, matters of high importance submitted to him, for the action of this Grand Lodge thereon. And also suggesting to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, the propriety of attaching the Province of Nova Scotia, with the Island of Prince Edward, to the Grand Lodge of British North America; or re-annexing them to the local Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, as might be deemed most expedient. To the first part of Brother McVittie's letter, your Committee would say, (as they have already said to New Brunswick,) that they much regret the conduct, or rather the misconduct, pursued by the late Grand Master; but they have well founded hopes that such misconduct will not occur under the vigorous and able man-

agement of our present Right Worshipful. Regarding the suggestion contained in the latter part of Brother McVittie's letter; your Committee have to say, that it is a suggestion requiring grave consideration and great caution; and they are unwilling to assume the responsibility of recommending any definite course, other than placing the suggestions before the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, that the weight of his experience and mature judgment, may be given to a question of so much delicacy and importance.

Your Committee have had under consideration a letter from W. O. Smith, G. S. for Canada East, stating, that if the Right Worshipful the Grand Master wished to give any information, he should have done so at the meeting at Lachute. Your Committee are not aware, that the G. M. had any previous intimation of the said meeting; and neither, if he had such intimation, could it justify the tenor of the letter, the improper terms in which it is couched, or the ungentlemanly, not to say unorange style of its address and purport.

Your Committee conceive that the course pursued by a portion—it is to be hoped but a small one—of the Orangemen of Montreal, is calculated to stifle enquiry, to obstruct the course of free discussion, and Popery like, to close their eyes and their ears against the assaults of reason and argument; and with prejudice and bigotry, characteristic of darkness and of Rome, hear but one side of a question, and determine that those who could be weak enough to follow their advice, should hear and know no other. In favourable contrast with such a course, your Committee point with pleasure, to the conduct pursued by Brother John Helder Isaacson, Esq., the late Grand Master of that Province, and by Brothers Bedwell, Cook, Wright and Farr; and your Committee recommend that a vote of thanks be given to them, for the truly Protestant, manly and independent stand taken by them.

Your Committee have perused with much satisfaction, the proceedings of a large and influential meeting of the Orangemen of Quebec, held in that city, on the 31st of August, 1853, and presided over by Dr. Benning; when, after a full discussion of the matters which occurred at the Kingston meeting of the Grand Lodge, a resolution was unanimously adopted, approving of the conduct pursued by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master.

Your Committee have also before them, copies of Resolutions adopted at Kingston, Port Hope, Hamilton and other places, and they recommend those Resolutions, with the proceedings of similar meetings, be published for the information of the Brotherhood.

Your Committee most heartily congratulate your Right Worshipful Body, on the rapid progress of the Institution, on the equally rapid de-

clination of errors, and the firm establishment of correct principles throughout the great body of the Order. These happy results have been chiefly brought about by the untiring industry and ability of our Right Worshipful Grand Master, and also by the ability and devotion of our Grand Lecturer; the reasonable expenses of both of which Officers, your Committee recommend to be at once paid.

Your Committee further recommend, that the Deputy Grand Lecturer, be immediately employed between Kingston and the Ottawa, upon a similar mission as that of the Grand Lecturer, and that the Right Worshipful do issue the necessary instructions to that effect as soon as may, be convenient.

A communication from the Rev. John Borland Finlay, L. L. D. Secretary to the National American Protestant Association, has been under the consideration of your Committee. They are happy to learn that an Association, similar in its Protestant spirit, exists in the neighbouring Republic. Your Committee recommend to the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, the propriety of communicating with the said Association, and hope that between Societies of a kindred spirit, a feeling of sympathy, kindness, and co-operation may always exist.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD F. WEEKES, *Chairman*,
WILLIAM NIBLOCK,
THOMAS HILLIARD,
BENNET ROSAMOND,
BURTON CAMPBELL.

18. Moved by Brother Harcourt P. Gowan, M. G. C., seconded by Brother Thomas Elliott, 7, and

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge rejoices in the brilliant success which has so far distinguished the career of our Brethren in the Province of New Brunswick, and that, as a testimony of the satisfaction with which the Grand Lodge views their exertions, their local Grand Master, for the time being, be permitted, *ex-officio*, to take rank and precedence (whenever present) next after the Grand, Past Grand, and Deputy Grand Masters of British North America, Great Britain and of Ireland; and further, that the names of John Earle, Esq., M. P., James Boyd, Esq., M. P., and Thomas Pickard, Esq., M. P., be added to the list of the Grand Committee, as honorary members thereof.

19. Moved by Brother Thomas Hilliard, M. G. C., seconded by Brother William Niblock, G. T. County of Leeds, and

Resolved—That in consideration of the long and faithful services of John Helder Isaacson, of the City of Montreal, Esquire, and as a mark

of the special favor of this Grand Lodge, for his exertions in favor of Orangeism, the name of that gentleman be added to the list of the Grand Committee.

20. Moved by Brother Alderman Armstrong, Grand Treasurer, seconded by Brother James Tweedy, M. 90, and

Resolved—That the Secret Cypher be transferred from the Degree of Royal Blue to the Noble and Illustrious Order of Royal Scarlet; that the special dispensations for conferring the Royal Scarlet, be dispensed with; and that for the future, that Noble and Illustrious Order be communicated to Knight's Companions in each Lodge, under the authority of the Lodge Warrant, with such alterations, or additional regulations, as the Sovereign may direct.

21. Moved by Brother John Campbell, M. 31, seconded by Brother Thomas Griffith, Co. T. of Lanark, and

Resolved—That in all public Processions hereafter to be held, the several Lodges acting under the authority of the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America, shall take precedence according to the number of their Warrant, instead of the date thereof; and that the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, in the issue of the New Warrants, be respectfully requested, to cause all numbers of Warrants to correspond as near as may be, with their respective dates.

22. Moved by Brother William Read, District Master of Wolford, seconded by Brother B. Rosamond, M. 389, and

Resolved—That the Select Committee charged with the organization of "*the Daughters of Orangeism*," be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and that they be requested to report on the organization of the "*Cadets of Orangeism*," with as little delay as may be convenient.

23. Moved by Brother Henry Thompson, M. G. C., seconded by Brother Hiram Fulford, M. No. 1., and

Resolved—That it appears in evidence, before this Grand Lodge, that on the 6th day of August, 1851, certain monies, being for Grand Lodge Dues, were transmitted by Brother Edward F. Weekes, then County Master for Leeds, to the late Grand Master, George Benjamin, Esq., the receipt of which was acknowledged by Mr. Benjamin, in a letter now before this Grand Lodge, and dated "Belleville, 18th August, 1851." That in a letter written in the following year, by Brother George Williscroft to Mr. Benjamin, the writer states that, "the Grand Lodge Dues were paid to Brother Weekes, in February, 1851; that he had not paid them over, and they did not appear in the Grand Treasurer's accounts." In reply to which Mr. Benjamin writes, that "he had received a letter from Brother Weekes, marked money, which did not contain any money.

Money had been paid to the Grand Treasurer, but without giving the number of the Lodge; that he would get a return from the Grand Treasurer and send it down, for their information, to such members of the Leeds Lodges as had paid." In a subsequent letter from Brother Williscroft, Mr. Benjamin is informed, that "Brother Weekes read to the County Lodge of Leeds, Mr. Benjamin's receipt for forty shillings, for Grand Lodge Dues, which does not appear in the Grand Lodge Reports." In reply to which, Mr. Benjamin wrote that, "the forty shillings is to the credit of the County of Leeds, with the Grand Treasurer, but who cannot enter it until Brother Weekes informs him for what Lodges it is intended." That it appears from the foregoing correspondence, that Mr. Benjamin had actually received the County Dues from Brother Weekes, the receipt of which he absolutely denied, adding that "his letter did not contain any money." That he also stated (but not till after his own receipt for the money had been produced), that it had been paid to the Grand Treasurer, which averment the Grand Treasurer informs this Grand Lodge is untrue. That it also appears, from the statement of George W. Brouse, Esq., County Master for Dundas, that the dues of certain Lodges in that County, were long since forwarded by Mr. Brouse to the late Grand Master, Mr. Benjamin, but have never been paid over by him to the Grand Treasurer, nor in any way acknowledged or accounted for in the Reports of the Grand Lodge. And further, it appears in evidence before this Grand Lodge, that the said late Grand Master was made acquainted, by Brother Thomas Robinson, Secretary of the County of Frontenac, with the fact of his having given the Regulation Books, the property of the Society, and intended for distribution amongst the Masters and other Members of the Order legally entitled to receive them, to Brother Dawson Kerr, of the Bytown *Orange Lily*, by whom they were sold to Brothers Thomas Robinson, Patrick Mollroy, Thomas Hilliard, and various other members of the Order, at various prices, the proceeds being applied to his own private uses: and that the late Grand Master be requested to furnish such explanations as he may deem advisable, in reference to these very grave accusations, before the next meeting of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

24. Moved by Brother George Best, Deputy District Master of Perth, seconded by Brother Thomas Robinson, Master of 216, and

Resolved—That Mr. Edward Taylor Dartnell, Editor of the *British Canadian* Newspaper of Toronto, having been suspended by the Grand Lodge of British North America, at its Grand Annual Meeting, held in June last; and the said Mr. Edward Taylor Dartnell, not having since reformed his conduct, nor made restitution of the articles which he was then charged with having abstracted and carried away, the said Edward

Taylor Dartnell be expelled from the Orange Institution of British North America, and excluded as an Orangeman, from all union and communion with all the Lodges and Members of the Order.

25. Moved by Brother John Campbell, P. Co. Master of Lanark, seconded by Brother Thomas Hilliard, M./194, and

Resolved—That John Flanagan of the City of Kingston, Butcher, having either by himself, or in league with others, illegally and criminally contrived, conspired, and succeeded in carrying away, a certain wooden case, containing a printed copy of the Grand Warrant, and which case was consigned by George L. Allen, Esq., Grand Secretary of Toronto, to Brother Thomas Robinson, the Deputy Grand Secretary at Kingston, the said John Flanagan be expelled from the Loyal Orange Association.

26. Moved by Colonel Alexander Fraser, M. G. C., seconded by Brother John Mussall, M. 347, and

Resolved—That Samuel H. Gilbert, Esq., M. P. P. of Gagetown, in the Queen's County, be appointed a Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in the room and stead of John Earle, Esq., M. P. P., whose name was erroneously inserted in the minutes of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, owing to the late Grand Master having improperly withheld the necessary information.

27. Moved by Brother William Niblock, Co. T. of Leeds, seconded by Brother Joseph Blakely, District Master of Marlborough and North Gower, and

Resolved—That the Right Worshipful the Grand Master be requested to communicate with the Brethren of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, upon the proper steps to be taken as to their more efficient organization, and to the healing of the divisions at present unhappily existing amongst them.

28. Moved by Brother Patrick McIlroy, Co. M. of Carleton, seconded by Brother James Johnston, M. of 229, and

Resolved—That Lodge 54 be permitted to expunge the rejection recorded by them against William Stanzell, and that the Master of Lodge 151 be permitted to initiate the said William Stanzell, omitting the words of the obligation, "That I have not been proposed and rejected in any Orange Lodge."

29. Moved by Brother Harcourt P. Gowan, District Master of Brockville, seconded by Brother Thomas Smith, M. 48, and

Resolved—That the sum of two pounds and ten shillings be paid to Brother McFall of Lodge 435, township of Cavan, he being a Brother in distress, and that the said sum be transmitted through Brother Thomas Bell, the Worshipful Master of his Lodge.

30. Moved by Colonel Alexander Fraser, M. G. C. (late of the 49th Regiment), seconded by Colonel Thomas Newsom, Master of L. O. L. 225, and

Resolved—That our respected and worthy Brother, the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, be respectfully requested to give his personal attendance at Queenston Heights, on the ensuing 13th of October next, the day appointed for the celebration of the Battle of Queenston, and specially called for the purpose of erecting Monuments on the different battle grounds, so nobly contested by the gallant Britons of Canada, in 1812, 13, and 14: that he be requested to attend there, not less as a compliment to his gallant conduct in the field in defence of his country, than as the recognized Leader of the great body of true Britons enrolled in the ranks of our Loyal Association.

31. On motion of Brother John Lee, M. G. C., seconded by Brother George Crampton, M. 92, it was

Resolved—That the Report of the proceedings of this meeting be printed at the office of the "*British Standard*" newspaper; and that the number of copies be one thousand.

32. On motion, the names of the following Brethren were added to the list of the

Grand Committee:

JOHN HELDER ISAACSON, Esq.....	Montreal.
WILLIAM CORNOCK, Esq.....	Erin.
CHARLES R. BEDWELL, Esq.....	Montreal.
COLONEL ALEXANDER FRAZER.....	Perth.
J. R. RAILTON, Esq.....	Quebec.
JOHN LINDSAY, Esq.....	Quebec.
E. C. HAYDEN, Esq.....	Quebec.
DAVID BURNS.....	Toronto.
JAMES LEE, Esq., Jun'r.....	Erin.
JOHN DONALDSON, Esq.....	Garafraza.
CHAS. W. BUCHANAN, Esq., M.D.....	Toronto.
GEORGE W. BROUSE, Esq.....	Matilda.
E. T. ROCHE, Esq.....	Quebec.
JOHN EARLE, Esq., M. P.....	New Brunswick.
JAMES BOYD, Esq., M. P.....	New Brunswick.
THOMAS PICKARD, Esq., M. P.....	New Brunswick.
ROBERT PICKTHALL, Esq.....	St. John.
JOHN BROWN, Esq.....	St. John.
GEORGE ANDERSON, Esq.....	Fredericton.
GEORGE B. ROUSE, Esq.....	St. John.
ROBERT COOKE, Esq.....	Montreal.

JOHN G. CLAPHAM, Esq.....	Quebec.
EDWARD BROUSE, Esq.....	Matilda.
DR. ALLEN.....	Cornwall.
J. W. JAMES, Esq.....	<i>Protestant Times</i> , Quebec.
BURTON CAMPBELL, Esq.....	<i>British Standard</i> , Perth.
WATSON LITTLE, Esq.....	<i>Constitutional</i> , Cornwall.
W. F. POWELL, Esq.....	<i>Gazette</i> , Bytown.
RODNEY MOORE, Esq.....	<i>Tribune</i> , Belleville.
JOHN DOUGLAS, Esq.....	<i>Expositor</i> , Brantford.
H. P. GOWAN, Esq.....	<i>Statesman</i> , Brockville.
JAMES E. McMILLAN, Esq.....	<i>Messenger</i> , Bowmanville.
GABRIEL BALFOUR, Esq.....	<i>Protestant</i> , Brantford.
H. GLASSFORD, Esq.....	Montreal.
P. McILROY, Esq.....	Richmond.
JOSEPH BLAKELY, Esq.....	Marlborough.
JAMES BELL, Esq.....	Carleton.
HENRY GRIFFITHS.....	Vienna.
THOMAS JOHNSTON, Esq.....	Burritt's Rapids.
ALEXANDER POWELL, Esq.....	Bytown.
GEORGE MORLEY.....	Haysville.
DR. BENNING.....	Quebec.
JOHN WILLIS.....	New Hamburg.
HENRY OWEN, Esq.....	Quebec.
RICHEY WAUGH, Esq.....	Oxford Mills.
ROBERT ELLIS.....	Goderich.
A. HAMILTON.....	Rednersville.
MURDOCH MACKENZIE, Esq.....	St. Thomas.
JOHN BEAVIS, Esq.....	Clark.
JAMES ANDERSON.....	Vienna.
MAJOR HENDERSON.....	Clark.
JOHN STEWART, Esq.....	Stratford.
JOHN LINN, Esq.....	Port Hope.
CHARLES RYAN, Esq.....	Vienna.
JOHN HARVEY, Esq.....	Port Hope.
HENRY HANDS.....	Goderich.
DR. IRONS.....	Emily.
ROBERT W. MCKAY, Esq.....	Fredericksburg.
H. LITTLE.....	Mariposa.
WILLIAM HOLMES.....	Goderich.
GABRIEL MONTGOMERY, Esq.....	Kingston.
ROBERT HUTTON.....	Brockville.
JOHN DUNBAR, Esq.....	Stratford.
COLONEL THOMAS NEWSOM.....	Frankville.
WELLINGTON CONNOR.....	Bayfield.

JOHN FANNING, Esq.	Quebec.
S. WILSON	Quebec.
JOSEPH WHITE, Esq.	Quebec.
BENNET ROSAMOND, Esq.	Carleton Place.
THOMAS HILLIARD.....	Ramsay.
R. GREEN.....	Fredericksburg.
JOSEPH WRIGHT.....	Montreal.
B. HIGGINS.....	London.
WILLIAM FARR.....	Montreal.
J. SWEEZY, Esq.	Fredericksburg.
HERCULES ELLIS, Esq.	Montreal.
ROBERT McVITTIE, Esq.	Halifax, N. S.
REV. MR. KERR.....	Dorchester.
HENRY HAMILTON, Esq.	St. Thomas.
JOHN McMILLAN	Dorchester.
MAJOR KENDRICK.....	Lyndhurst.
SAMUEL BRASHER	Prescott.
JOSHUA BOOTH.....	Mill Creek.
THOMAS BELL.....	Cavan.
FAULKNER C. STEWART, Esq.....	Cookstown.
GEORGE DINWOODY, Esq., JUN'R.....	Essee.
ROBERT CROSS, Esq.	Bond Head.
HENRY SLOAN, Esq.	Barrie.
MICHAEL CRAWFORD, Esq.....	Port Credit.
ARCHIBALD MAGEE, Esq.	Oxford.
JOHN WILSON	London.
DAVID HAMILTON.....	Charleston.
J. BOYD DAVIS, Esq.....	Toronto.
W. HILLIARD	Mill Creek.
DAVID WAUGH, Esq. M. D.	Stratford.
WILLIAM PORTER, Esq., M. D.	Stratford.
RICHARD D. SPEAR, Esq.....	St. Vincent.
FRANCIS W. IRWIN, Esq.	Wellesley.

33. On motion of Colonel Newsom, M. G. C., seconded by Thomas Johnson, Esq., M. G. C.

Resolved—That Charles R. Bedwell, Esq., of the City of Montreal, be appointed President of the Grand Committee, in the room and stead of Roderick Ross, Esq., of Bytown.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, previous to reading the closing prayer, addressed the Brethren in a very feeling and appropriate manner. He thanked the Brethren for their numerous attendance, and for the unceasing zeal and devotion with which they had applied themselves to the

business before them; he congratulated them on the happy unanimity that characterised all their deliberations, and offered his felicitations upon the happy prospects opening before them; he impressed upon all the necessity of firmness and moderation, of brotherly love and charity; he called to their remembrance the trials of their ancestors, and the perils through which they had passed; and in taking leave of their children now before him, he would solemnly enjoin on them to keep "the glorious and pious" example of their honoured and immortal Fathers ever before them; to hold fast to their principles, to walk in their footsteps, and to be proud to imitate their glorious examples of faith and patience, of zeal and honor, of truth and perseverance. And, in closing, he begged of them to ever bear in remembrance the words of him who had learned at the feet of Gamaliel, "if this council or this work be of man, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it."

THOMAS ROBINSON, *D. G. S.*

PERTH, 7th September 1853.

APPENDIX.

Loyal Orange Institution of B. M. A.

No. 1.

Copy of Instructions issued by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, to the Worshipful the Grand Lecturer.

TORONTO, 4th July, 1853.

SIR AND BROTHER:

On receipt of this Commission, you will lose no time in putting yourself into communication with the County Masters of Halton, Wentworth, Wellington, Waterloo, Grey, Brant, Lincoln, Welland, Haldimand, Oxford, Norfolk, Elgin, Middlesex, Kent, Essex, Lambton, Huron, Perth and Bruce. You will state to each, your intentions to visit his County as the Grand Lecturer, specially deputed by the Grand Lodge, and you will enquire from each, the time and place, most central and convenient, to assemble the County, District and Lodge Masters and Officers, with such other Brethren of influence and standing, as it may be deemed expedient to invite.

2. In any case where the County Master may be indisposed to meet your views in convening a meeting of his County, you will in such an event, communicate with the other County and District Officers; or with such other Brethren in the locality, as you may deem best to effect the object in view.

3. When the arrangements shall have been completed for a County Meeting, you will attend at the time and place agreed upon, and you will then act as the Special Missionary of the Grand Lodge; lecturing correctly and uniformly upon the mysteries of the several Orders.

4. When expedient, you may leave the Lecture, [except the Royal Scarlet,] but not the Passwords, of each Order, always, however, on separate scraps of paper, and only with the County Master, or next senior Officer, in whose discretion you can entirely rely—in no instance whatever are they to be unwritten, except in the Royal Blue Cypher.

5. You will communicate the Annual Password to the senior Officer present in each County; only, however, in accordance with the test given from the Chair of the Grand Lodge.

6. You will take down in writing a correct return of all the County Officers, District Officers, and Masters of Lodges; together with the Address and Post Town of each: and also, of the numbers of all the Lodges in the County; and, if possible, the dates of their Warrants, and whether working or dormant.

7. You will enquire into all complaints, irregularities and malversations of office, should any be found to exist, or be alleged to exist; and you will apply such remedy in each case, as in your judgment, the nature and circumstances of the case may seem to require.

7. In every instance of doubt, exigence, or difficulty, you will refer to the Grand Master for instructions.

9. When convenient, you will examine Lodge Books and Records; only however, with a view of suggesting improvements in their mode and system of keeping, for the better working of the Lodge, the greater uniformity in system, and the more efficient keeping of its records and proceedings.

10. You will see that every County Master, every District Master, and every Master of a Lodge, is furnished with, at least, one copy of the Rules and Regulations, the Forms of Initiation, and a copy of the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge.

11. You will be particular to enquire, that the Annual Report be made from each Lodge, in pursuance of the Regulations of the Order.

12. In giving decisions upon any points that may be submitted to you; you will govern yourself by the uniform practice of the Order: you will lay down no new doctrine or decision; but in all things conform your conduct, decisions, and directions, to the well understood practice and landmarks, which have hitherto guided and governed the proceedings of the Order.

13. You will communicate with the Grand Secretary as often as convenient, and at least, after the close of each meeting; transmitting to that officer, a fair copy of the Resolutions and proceedings had thereat, with all additional information, facts and statistics, you may deem it necessary to communicate.

14. As it is of essential importance, that all our people should be a

reading, a thoughtful, and an intelligent people, and that their judgments should not be misled, nor their principles of Truth and Loyalty perverted or unhinged, by pernicious or improper publications, you will recommend all, or any, of the following papers, to their patronage and support:—

The "GAZETTE," of Bytown.
 The "BRITISH STANDARD," of Perth.
 The "CONSTITUTIONAL," of Cornwall.
 The "STATESMAN," of Brockville.
 The "GAZETTE," of Picton.
 The "BRITISH WHIG," of Kingston.
 The "STANDARD," of Napanee.
 The "TRIBUNE," of Belleville.
 The "ECHO," of Port Hope.
 The "WATCHMAN," of Port Hope.
 The "MESSENGER," of Bowmanville.
 The "DAILY PATRIOT," of Toronto.
 The "UNITED EMPIRE," of Toronto.
 The "WEEKLY PATRIOT," of Toronto.
 The "CONSTITUTIONAL," of St. Catherines.
 The "HERALD," of Barrie.
 The "EXPOSITOR," of Brantford.
 The "PROTESTANT," of Brantford.
 The "HERALD," of Guelph.
 The "REPORTER," of Galt.
 The "TIMES," of London.
 The "PLANET," of Chatham.
 The "ROYAL FORESTER," of Amhersburgh.
 The "OAK," of Sandwich.

To this list of good, sound hearted and honest Protestant Journals, I trust soon to be able to add the names of others; but even out of those now given, the Brethren may readily select any one or more, without the fear of being misled by erroneous statements, or the advocacy of pernicious and improper principles.

15. You will see that the Dues of the Grand Lodge are paid up; and, generally, you will enquire into all matters and things, that may tend to the improvement of the system, the harmony of its members, the efficiency of Orangeism, and the promotion of the great principles of Conservative Loyalty and Protestant Truth.

16. As those principles are now being imperilled by fresh displays of Romish rancor and violence on the one hand, and by Protestant indifference and divisions on the other, you will be careful to impress upon all the Brethren, the necessity for increased vigour, vigilance and zeal, of uncompromising steadiness; and above all, the absolute necessity for merging unimportant differences and divisions, whether re-

ligious, political, national, or personal, in a whole-souled effort, to "preserve the spirit of Unity in the bond of Peace;" to the end, that the noble-hearted and gallant Orangeman of British America may, in the present crisis, present to the world, an unbroken and unwavering phalanx; worthy of the great Principles they profess, of the Empire they are bound to preserve, and of the immortal Sires from whom they have descended.

17. Your pay for this service, will be thirty pounds; of which sum a check for twenty pounds accompanies these Instructions: the remaining ten pounds will be paid you at the close of your work, or earlier, if required.

18. It is intended to make provision, to visit the other parts of the Province as soon as possible.

Yours very faithfully,

OGLE R. GOWAN, [SEAL.]

*G. M. of British North America,
and Sov. of the Royal Scarlet.*

TO BROTHER GABRIEL BALFOUR,
Grand Lecturer, Brantford, U. C.

No. 2.

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick; referred to in the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, and ordered to be Printed.

The Grand Lodge met on the 9th and 10th of March, 1853; the Right Worshipful the Grand Master (S. H. Gilbert Esq. M. P.) in the Chair. On the second day a report was presented from the County Lodge of Saint John, upon the subject of "the Grand Recorder," and other matters brought before the Grand Lodge of British North America, by Mr. Benjamin, in June, 1852. On motion of Thomas Pickard Esq., M. P. the New Brunswick members were honourably and unanimously acquitted from the statements and insinuations of Mr. Benjamin; and the following extracts from the Report, show the feeling entertained in New Brunswick, in relation to the late Grand Master.

"We are sorry to observe that the veracity of Mr. Benjamin is of a very questionable character, as relating to many topics touched upon in your Annual Report. It would be painful to conclude that the falsehoods therein embraced, are put forth on the voluntary principle. We hesitate before we adopt such a conclusion, but as there was no pos-

"sibility of accidental mistakes, he is open to the charge of wilful mis-
 "representation, on subjects of great gravity and universal importance.
 "That Mr. Benjamin's mission to this country, was not productive of
 "any conciliatory results, is quite obvious and undeniable; although it
 "would appear that he, in the spirit of egotism and self-laudation, has
 "exerted all his genius, to impress the Grand Lodge with the conviction
 "of the prudent and impartial measures adopted by him in Saint
 "John, for the settlement of vexed and complicated questions. To re-
 "turn to Canada concocting falsehoods, and misrepresenting kindred
 "Institutions in this Province, was egregiously rash and mischievous,
 "and quite derogatory to the character of the renowned Mediator, de-
 "puted by the Brethren in Canada. We fear that Mr. Benjamin's high
 "position, with all its concomitant principles, is not able to sustain him
 "under the weight of charges, founded upon his indiscretion in this
 "City. In our humble opinion—and we give it in all sincerity—Mr.
 "Benjamin has desecrated the hallowed sanctuary of Orangeism, and
 "the sooner he is served with an ejection process the better. The
 "temple of our Institution is not safe in his keeping. A traitor in New
 "Brunswick cannot be made a true and good man in Canada. You
 "might as well say that a rotten tree would grow sound, by transplant-
 "ing it from the valley to the mountain top, as to say that a Public
 "Officer who broke trust in St. John, would be a righteous apostle of
 "Protestantism at Port Hope or Belleville. The thing is impossible.
 "He must remain what nature made him, a man of little mind where
 "honor dwelleth not.

"Having now before us the autograph letter of the Grand Registrar of
 "the Grand Lodge of Ireland, dated August 19, 1848, we are fully im-
 "pressed with the conviction of its authenticity; and knowing that this
 "Officer is recognized in (the Grand Black Lodge of) Ireland, with all
 "the courtesy due to his station, it is very difficult and unpleasant to
 "form the conclusion, that his office should be denied and repudiated,
 "by the Noble and Right Worshipful the Grand Master of the Orange-
 "men of Ireland, the Earl of Enniskillen. It is quite impossible for
 "his Lordship, to become the accuser of his Orange Brethren, without
 "cause or provocation, and we therefore feel firmly established in the
 "belief, that the fabrication with which we stand charged, should be
 "placed to the credit of George Benjamin & Co. He, Mr. Benjamin,
 "whilst in St. John, saw a Warrant from the Grand Black Lodge of
 "Ireland, together with the Book of Rules; and his denying or con-
 "cealing that fact, to say the least of it, leaves him open to the charge
 "of duplicity and intrigue. Had Mr. Benjamin been actuated by a love
 "of Truth, or a proper feeling for the Order to which he belongs, he
 "would not have made a mere typographical error the foundation for a

“ charge of forgery. Mr. Benjamin having seen the Warrant and Book of Rules and Regulations of the Black Lodge here, could hardly have been ignorant of the unimportant error of substituting *Grand Recorder* for *Grand Registrar*, an error committed by the printer in the first instance, and overlooked in consequence of the great similarity between the two words. Your Committee report, that they hold a letter from the Grand Master of Ireland, (the Earl of Enniskillen,) denying the authenticity of the document, from which we have already given you a significant extract.

“ We cannot refrain from expressing our surprise, that the Earl of Enniskillen’s letter, referred to in your report, and received in 1849, should be suffered to be three years old, ere it was fit for public use; and further, that Mr. Benjamin has not seen fit to transmit to us, the Report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the years 1849, 1850, and 1851, but the Report of 1852, containing the conclusion of the Committee on Correspondence, cordially agreeing with the views and acts of Mr. Benjamin, should have been duly received by the Grand Secretary; but we doubt not, there are many mysteries in Mr. Benjamin’s *Carpet Bag*, the disclosure of which is loudly called for by the best interests of Orangeism. And, perhaps, should these mysteries ever be laid open, it will be seen that Mr. Benjamin’s animosity to his Brethren in New Brunswick, arose from disappointment, in not succeeding according to his expectations, of making tools and dupes of the Brethren here; and not finding them as willing as he anticipated, to appropriate their funds to the payment of his expenses; and in his unwillingness to allow the Brethren in Canada, to see that he is still indebted to our Grand Lodge in the sum of £14 14s. 6d., and although our Grand Secretary has, more than once, communicated with him on the subject, no definite reply has been obtained.”

The foregoing extracts are taken, as already stated, from the Reply reported to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, on the 10th of March, 1853. The Grand Lodge held its Grand Annual Meeting on the 21st of June, when it was

“ *Resolved*—That Brothers Wetmore, Dixon, and Hutchinson, be a Committee to take into consideration a letter from Brother Benjamin, R. W. M. of Canada, relative to the amount received and retained by him.” The Committee thus appointed, reported in the following words: “The Committee to whom was referred the letter of Brother George Benjamin, G. M. British North America, dated 12th May, 1853, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into careful consideration, and are surprised to find that any member of this Institution, should give orders for the appropriation of the funds of this Grand Lodge, without their knowledge or consent; and your Com-

"mittee recommend, that Brother G. F. Rouse, Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, do write Brother Benjamin, requesting him to remit the £14 14s. Od. due this Grand Lodge, as soon as possible, with satisfactory explanation in regard to the same.

"HOWARD DIXON,
"JAMES HUTCHINSON,
"E. S. WETMORE."

No. 3.

Extract from a Letter of the Grand Secretary of New Brunswick, dated 21st August, 1853, and addressed to the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of British North America, Ogle R. Gowan, Esq.

"I herewith transmit to you a few copies of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, and beg to congratulate you on your election to the Office you now hold in connection with the Orange Institution, as, in New Brunswick at least, it is the forerunner of prosperity and success. We feel confident that your discernment in the direction of the affairs of the Institution, will prevent a catastrophe, which your predecessor (Mr. Benjamin), has been rapidly hurrying to its final issue; one too, so much to be lamented as the estrangement of New Brunswick from Canada. Mr. Benjamin has had regularly posted to him, returns and minutes, acquainting him with all our doings; and with this mail he receives minutes and a letter demanding the £14 14s. Od., he received from us."

No. 4.

Extract from a Letter from Robert McVeety, Esq., Deputy Acting Grand Master of the Local Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island, addressed to the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of British North America, Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., and dated "Halifax, Nova Scotia, 11th Aug., 1853."

"I hail with delight and with hopes for better days, your appointment once more, as the Head and Grand Master of the Right Worship-

ful the Grand Lodge of Canada and British North America. Never, since the great battle of the Reformation, was there a time, when Protestants of every name and creed should be so united; and it is high time, that the chaff and the wheat should be separated. And it is high time, that all professing Brethren, who have hitherto belonged to our Society, and who sow the seeds of dissention and strife, should be made to comply with the Rules and Regulations, or withdraw from our noble and glorious Institution. * * * I have reported it and several charges, to the late R. W. G. M. Brother Benjamin; but he never, as appears by your printed minutes, brought one of my reports before the Grand Lodge of British North America. Brother Benjamin has sent me a letter, stating he intends holding a Grand Meeting in Montreal, on or about the 15th of October next, and has invited me to attend it; but I answered him by declining his invitation. See my correspondence with Brother Benjamin, and have — removed from the — — — of Nova Scotia, and let us come once more under the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British North America, or be attached to New Brunswick, as formerly, and we will flourish as before; and you will find good support from the Brethren of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward. People of wealth and influence will again enroll themselves with us; and for my part I will never again sit under — — — or George Benjamin, the late R. W. G. M. of Canada. But we are all willing to come under you, or any other Brother of respectability and correct principles your R. W. Grand Lodge may deem fit to appoint."

No. 5.

The Grand Lodge having decided (vide Resolution No. 13.) "That the majority of those present at the Grand Annual Meeting, whose names had been duly entered as qualified voters, upon the official record of the Grand Secretary, and whose right to vote had been thereby admitted, and those alone, had a right to elect the Grand Officers of the Institution;" the names of all present at the Grand Annual Meeting at Kingston, are here given, so that no misunderstanding can take place on that point hereafter. And if the Grand Secretary, in the hurry of taking down the names, or the numbers, has fallen into an error, or made any mistake, however slight, he will be happy to correct it upon intimation to that effect being made to him.

Voters present at the Grand Lodge Meeting, at Kingston, June, 1853,
admitted to be for Ogle E. Gowan, Esq.

ADAMSON, WILLIAM	163, M. G. C., Port Credit.
ALLEN, GEORGE L.....	G. S., Toronto.
ARMSTRONG, THOMAS.....	G. T., Toronto.
BALFOUR, GABRIEL.....	Co. M., Brant.
BROUSE, GEORGE W.....	Co. M., Dundas.
BOOTH, JOSHUA.....	M. 178, Mill Creek.
BIRD, JOSEPH	P. 216, Weston.
BRASHER, SAMUEL	M. 342, Prescott.
BERRIMAN, JOHN.....	P. 63, Albion.
BURNSIDE, ARTHUR	P. 263, Streetsville.
BENSON, HENRY W.....	M. 325, Kingston.
CRAWFORD, MICHAEL.....	Co. M., Peel.
CAMPBELL, BURTON.....	P. Co. [Lanark.]
CASWELL, RICHARD	M. 431.
CORNETT, WILLIAM.....	M. 326, Kingston.
CAMPBELL, ROBERT	P. 260, Albion.
DeGRASSI, ALFIO.....	137, M. G. C., Toronto.
DEMPSEY, JOHN	140, M. G. C., Toronto.
DEMPSEY, JOHN W.....	375, M. G. C., Toronto.
DONALDSON, JAMES.....	Co. M., Wellington.
DINWOODIE, GEORGE	D. M. Essa.
DAVIS, JAMES BOYD	M. 328, Toronto.
DEMPSEY, RICHARD	D. G. M., Toronto.
DAVIS, THOMAS.....	P. 91, Hogg's Hollow.
DAVIS, JAMES.....	P. 275, Toronto.
EGAN, WILLIAM	M. 250, Scarborough.
FOX, WILLIAM	M. G. C., 301, Toronto.
FULTON, JOHN.....	P. 16, Essa.
FAREL, JOSEPH.....	P. 61, Albion.
GOWAN, HARCOURT	D. M., Brockville.
GILKINSON, D. M.	M. 360, Brantford.
GOWAN, OGLE R.....	M. 137, Toronto.
GRIST, JOHN	P. 454, Victoria.
GREEN, THOMAS.....	P. 14, Elizabethtown.
GRIFFITH, THOMAS.....	P. 28, Burwick.
HENDERSON, WILLIAM.....	P. 405, D. C. M., Durham.
HENDERSON, ROBERT	D. M., Mountain.
HAMILTON, DAVID.....	D. M., Escott.
HAINES, ADAM	P. 19, Augusta.
HANNA, RICHARD	M. 33, Merrickville.
HENDERSON, JOHN	P. 432, Innisfil.
HUTTON, ROBERT	P. 26, Escott.

HILLIER, WILLIAM.....	P. 167, Norwood.
HARRISON, WILLIAM.....	P. 166, Trafalgar.
JONES, ANDREW.....	P. 192, Albion.
JAMES, JOSIAH.....	P. 23, Beverley.
IRWIN, SAMPSON.....	P. 269, Yonge Street.
IRISH, JONATHAN.....	P. 129, Reach.
JOHNSON, H.....	M. 319.
JOHNSTON, THOMAS.....	P. 247, & D. C. M., Grenville.
KERR, JAMES.....	M. G. C. 163, Port Credit.
KERR, HENRY.....	M. G. C. 163, Port Credit.
KENDRICK, JOHN.....	M. 13, & Dep. Co. M., Leeds.
KERR, GEORGE.....	P. 184, Albion.
LAKE, JOHN.....	P. 331, Charleston.
LENNOX, WILLIAM.....	M. 375, Yorkville.
MEYERHOFFER, REV. V. P.....	D. G. C., Whitby.
McCLAIN, SAMUEL.....	M. G. C., 301, Toronto.
McLEOD, NORMAN B.....	M.G.C. & C.G.S., East York.
MOORE, JOHN H.....	M. G. C. 63, Port Credit.
MACK, WILLIAM.....	M. G. C. 404, Toronto.
McCAFFY, CHARLES.....	M. G. C. 275, Toronto.
McLLROY, PATRICK.....	G. M. Co., Carleton.
McGEE, ARCHIBALD.....	G. M. Co., Grenville.
MEREDITH, HENRY W.....	D. M., Toronto.
McROREY, MATTHEW.....	M. 348, Kingston.
McCOSH, ALEX'R.....	M. 345, Esqueusing.
McNIGHT, ROBERT.....	P. 4, Toronto.
McCONKEY, THOMAS.....	P. 28, Burnside.
McKECHNEY, JAMES.....	P. 25, Crosby.
MOFFATT, JAMES.....	P. 140, Toronto.
NICHOL, GEORGE.....	M. G. C. 404, Toronto.
MONTGOMERY, GABRIEL.....	P. 27, Yonge.
NICHOL, SIMON.....	M. G. C. 404, Toronto.
NIBLOCK, WILLIAM.....	M. 20, & Co. Treas. Leeds.
NICHOL, WILLIAM.....	P. 197, Brant.
O'NEILL TULLIUS H.....	M. G. C. 328, Toronto.
PHILLIPS, JOHN.....	P. 5, Toronto Township.
PEEL, JOHN A.....	P. 60, Mulmur.
RENNIE, JOHN.....	P. 136, Toronto.
RENNIE, ALEX'R.....	P. 211, Churchville.
RENNICK, GERRARD.....	P. 9, Tossorontio.
ROBINSON, EZEKIEL.....	P. 414, Eramosa.
READ, WILLIAM C.....	P. 347, & Co. G. S., Grenville.
ROBINSON, THOMAS.....	M. 316, & Co. G. S. Frontenac
ROUSSEUX, GEO. B.....	Co. M., Wentworth.

REID, NATHANIEL.....	M. G. C. 404, Toronto.
SMYTH, EDWARD B.....	M. G. C. 275, Toronto.
STEER, PHILIP.....	M. G. C. 275, Toronto.
SLOAN, HENRY.....	P. Co., Simcoe.
SCOTT, THOMAS.....	M. 233, Leeds.
STINSON, JAMES.....	M. 336, Frontenac.
STUART, DAVID.....	P. 10, Toronto Township.
STRACHAN, WILLIAM.....	P. 148, Albion.
SHANNON, WILLIAM.....	P. 377, Erin.
STEWART, ROBERT.....	P. 1, Brockville.
THOMPSON, WILLIAM.....	P. 377, Erin.
THOMPSON, WILLIAM.....	P. 81, Churchville.
TAYLOR, JOSEPH.....	D. M., Woodstock.
WATKINS, JOHN.....	M. G. C. 137, Toronto.
WILSON, JOHN.....	Co. M., Middlesex.
WEEKES, E. F.....	D. M., Elmsley.
WILSON, JOHN.....	M. 396, Toronto.
WILLIAMS, WILLIAM.....	P. 164, Scarborough.
WALLACE, WILLIAM.....	P. 105, Toronto Township.
WHITMARSH, E. H.....	P. 415, King.
TOTAL.....	106.

Voters present at the Grand Lodge Meeting, at Kingston, June, 1853, admitted to be for George Benjamin, Esq.

ASHFIELD, JAMES.....	387, M. G. C., Toronto.
AGNEW, JAMES.....	352, M. G. C., Kingston.
ABBOTT, JOHN B.....	Co. M., Norfolk.
ALT, JOHN.....	M. 444, Frontenac.
ACKUS, J.....	M. 110, Hastings.
BROOKE, GEORGE.....	387, M. G. C., Toronto.
BETHUNE, ALEX'R.....	387, M. G. C., Toronto.
BOWES, W. S.....	274, M. G. C. Hastings.
BARLOW, JESSIE.....	P. 173, Hastings.
BOWELL, MACKENZIE.....	Co. M., Hastings.
BOGGS, NATHANIEL C.....	Co. M., Haldimand.
BOSWELL, A. G.....	P. 376, Grafton.
BENJAMIN, GEORGE.....	G. M., Belleville.
BETHUNE, ANGUS.....	D. G. M. & M. 387, Toronto.
CARR, JOHN.....	137, M. G. C., Toronto.
CAMPBELL, REV. A. D.....	M. 6, Montreal.
CARROLL, JOHN R.....	387, M. G. C., Toronto.
CLARK, ISAIAH.....	D. M. No. 2, Hastings.

CALCUTT, WILLIAM	P. 261, Cobourg.
DARTNELL, E. T.....	387, Toronto.
DOWNING, WILLIAM.....	94, M. G. C. Northumberland.
FLANAGAN, JOHN.....	P. G. C. 316, Kingston.
FEELEY, GEORGE.....	D. M. No. 1, East York.
FLEMING, CHARLES	M. 301, Toronto.
FRASER, WILLIAM.....	M. G. C. 309, Port Hope.
GEE, JOHN	M. G. C. 52, Cobourg.
GOODEVE, GEORGE M.	Co. M., Northumberland.
HAMBLY, PHILIP.....	P. 300, Hastings.
HILL, CHARLES F.	M. 3, Montreal.
HOOPER, HENRY.....	P. 3, Hastings.
HOPKINS, DANIEL.....	Co. M., Peterborough.
HOLLAND, GEORGE B.....	387, Toronto, M. G. C.
HARRIS, WILLIAM	M. G. C. 387, Toronto.
JORDAN, JOHN.....	274, M. G. C.
KERR, DAWSON.....	P. 126, Bytown.
KERR, GEORGE.....	P. 94, Hastings.
KEYES, THOMAS.....	D. M., Niagara.
LANGRILL, THOMAS.....	P., Bytown.
LEACH, ROBERT	P. 468, Picton.
McVITTIE, JOHN	M. 352, Kingston.
MORRISON, JOHN	M. 6, Kingston.
MARSHALL, DAVID.....	M. 44, Port Hope.
McLEAN, ANDREW.....	M. 451, Frontenac.
MITCHELL, REV. R.....	M. G. C. 387, Toronto.
McGEORGE, REV. R. J.....	G. C. 387, Toronto.
NELSON, ROBERT	Co. M., Lennox & Addington.
O'BRIEN, WILLIAM E.....	M. G. C. 328, Toronto.
PARKER, WILLIAM R.....	P. 179, Hastings.
PLUNKETT, THOMAS.....	M. G. C. 301, Toronto.
RICHARDSON, JOHN	M. G. C. 117, St. Catharines.
REID, ROBERT.....	M. G. C. 274, Hastings.
ROCHESTER, JOHN, JUN.....	M. 227, Bytown.
REEVES, ISAAC.....	P. 109, Prince Edward.
SEGAR, WILLIAM	P. 102, Thurlow.
SIMMONS, NELSON.....	M. 160, Hastings.
SPARLING, WM. F.....	Co. M., Elgin.
STRANGE, MAXWELL W.....	D. M., Kingston.
SMITH, ROBERT	P. Renfrew.
SHEPPARD, WILLIAM.....	M. G. C. 387, Toronto.
THROOP, ROBERT H.....	M. G. C. 52, Cobourg.
VAN INGEN, A. J.....	M. 52, Cobourg.
VAN INGEN, WILLIAM.....	P. 65, Haldimand.

WHICHER, BENJAMIN.....	P. 274, Hastings.
WHITE, WILLIAM.....	P. 169, Hastings.
WHEELER, JAMES.....	P. 453, Tamworth.
WILSON, SAMUEL.....	M. 291, Kingston.
WHITEMAN, FRANCIS.....	D. M. No. 4, Hastings.
WARD, GEORGE C.....	Co. M., Darham.
WALLBRIDGE, ROBERT.....	M. G. C. 274, Hastings.
TOTAL.....	69

List of Voters present at the Grand Lodge Meeting at Kingston, June, 1853, whose votes are in dispute, or are not known.

ARMSTRONG HENRY, 316, <i>Kingston</i> .	Name not on G. C. for 1852-3.
FALLIS, JAMES, <i>D. M. Cavan</i> .	Is not District Master for 1853.
GRAHAM, WILLIAM, <i>D. M. Hope</i> .	Is not District Master for 1853.
LOUGHEAD, JOSEPH, <i>C. M. Prince Edward</i> .	Not appointed at time prescribed by the Constitution.
SANDOM, JOHN, <i>M. 117, Niagara</i> .	Voted against plurality of Proxies.
SMITH, JAMES, <i>M. G. C. 301, Toronto</i> .	Opposed to Mr. Benjamin. Did not vote.
WALKER, W. G.	Said he had a Proxy, but gave in no voucher.
WILLISCROFT, GEORGE.	Said he had a Proxy, but declined to exhibit it.
TOTAL.....	8

List of Visitors present at the Kingston Meeting, June, 1853.

ACHESON, ROBERT.....	352, Kingston.
BROWN, GEORGE.....	6, Kingston.
BURKE, HENRY.....	
COOPER, SAMUEL.....	326, Kingston.
CLARK, WILLIAM.....	352, Kingston.
COCHRANE, RICHARD.....	352, Kingston.
CINNAMON, JOHN.....	6, Kingston.
DUNBAR, HENRY.....	291, Kingston.
DAVIS, JAMES.....	352, Kingston.
FORSYTH, JOHN.....	348, Kingston.
GILBERT, EDWARD.....	325, Kingston.
GRIFFITH, RICHARD.....	451, Frontenac.
GRAY, ANDREW.....	352, Kingston.
HALL, WILLIAM.....	352, Kingston.
HUGGARD, DAVID.....	316, Kingston.
IRVINE, ROBERT.....	291, Kingston.
LEVESON, CHARLES.....	325, Kingston.

LITTLE, JOHN W.	6, Kingston.
LEGGETT, GEORGE	6, Kingston.
McCAMMON, JOHN	291, Kingston.
MULDOON, WILLIAM R.....	352, Kingston.
MANNING, ROBERT.....	352, Kingston.
McCAMMON, THOMAS.....	291, Kingston.
MILSES, THOMAS.....	481.
McMAHON, JOHN.....	6, Kingston.
NOBLE, HENRY	6, Kingston.
PHILLIPS, ABRAHAM.....	352, Kingston.
ROBB, GEORGE.....	316, Kingston.
RANKIN, ANDREW.....	316, Kingston.
READ, CLEMENT C.	6, Kingston.
SMITH, WILLIAM O.....	Secretary Lower Canada.
SLOAN, JOHN	6, Kingston.
WHEELER, JAMES.....	453.
WATTS, JAMES	291, Kingston.
WELWOOD, HENRY.....	291, Kingston.

Summary.

Voters present for MR. GOWAN.....	106
Ditto for MR. BENJAMIN.....	69
Ditto not declared.....	8
Visitors	35
	218

No. 6.

Opinions of the great body of the Loyal Orangemen throughout Canada, as expressed at Public Meetings held by them, since the contumacious and schismatical course of Mr. Benjamin and his followers.

To the Editor of the Patriot.

SIR,—As County Master of the Loyal Orangemen of West York, (one of the largest, if not the largest Orange County in Canada,) will you permit me to say, through the medium of your excellent paper, that a County Meeting was held at Allen's Inn, Sixth Line, on the 29th instant, which was most numerously attended; all the County Officers, District Masters, and Masters of Lodges being present, with, I believe, the exception of two Lodges. The subject of the recent conduct pursued at the Grand Lodge, at Kingston, was very fully gone into and discussed; and

one of the officers of Mr. Benjamin's *new* Grand Lodge, and one of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of British North America, being heard at great length upon the subject, the following resolutions, express the unanimous sense of the County of West York, with the exception of two Lodges, which did not receive the Annual, and which refused at present to express any opinion upon the subject. Of the two Lodges which declined immediate action, one sent written instructions to me as County Master, that it was their wish to support Mr. Gowan for Grand Master. The resolutions follow below.

I remain Sir, your obedient Servant,

M. CRAWFORD,

County Grand Master, West York.

Resolved—That recent events throughout the world, especially in England and in Italy, on the Continent of Europe, in the British Parliament, and in the cities of Lower Canada, imperatively call upon all Loyal Protestants, and upon all men who “favour that freedom of discussion, and that activity and energy of the human mind, that belongs to the British Constitution,” to rally and unite under our banners, and to find in the ark of Orangeism, that Civil and Religious Liberty which is the birthright of Britons, and the best security for the freedom of the world.

Resolved—That this County Grand Lodge fully approves of the appointment of Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., as Grand Master; that as the father and founder of Orangeism in America, we rejoice to have him once more placed at our head; and we trust that through his well-known vigour and ability, aided by the other respected Grand Officers of the Order, new life and activity will be infused into the whole body, and “the spirit of unity in the bonds of peace” be preserved unbroken.

Toronto City and District.

At a very full meeting of the Loyal Orange Association of the City and District of Toronto, held in the McKinlay Hall, on Thursday, the 30th of June, 1853, the District Master in the chair, the following resolution was moved by J. B. Davis, Esq., Master of 328, seconded by J. W. Dempsey, Esq., of the Grand Committee, and adopted by *forty-seven* votes to *one*:—

“Whereas, at the late Grand Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, certain members of the order thought fit to withdraw from the Grand Lodge, and to carry off with them certain papers, jewels and other property belonging to the Orangemen of British North America; and whereas, Messrs. Benjamin, Bethune and Dartnell have been suspended

for such conduct; and whereas, a certain number of the said parties have since presumed to set up what they call a Grand Lodge, and have appealed through the public press, to their "fellow-countrymen of all religious denominations," to justify the extraordinary step they have taken; and whereas such conduct is deeply to be deplored, and is totally subversive of the Regulations of the Society, repugnant to the obligations of Orangemen, and destitute of all order and propriety—*Be it therefore Resolved*—That all Orangemen in this District be, and they are hereby cautioned against holding any communion or correspondence with such men, or in any way recognizing or acknowledging their acts, conducts or behaviour."

HENRY W. MEREDITH, *D. M.*,
Chairman.

W. M. MITCHELL, *D. S.*

TORONTO, 30th June, 1853.

County of Grenville.

At the Semi-Annual Grand County Meeting of the Loyal Orange Association for the County of Grenville, held at Prescott, Canada West, on the 27th day of June, 1853, Archibald McGee, Esq., County Grand Master, in the Chair, it was unanimously

Resolved—That the thanks of our Orange Brethren of the County of Grenville, are due to our Worshipful County Grand Master, Brother Archibald McGee, Thomas Johnson, our Deputy Grand Master, Brothers W. C. Read, E. H. Whitmarsh, Richard Hannah, and Samuel Brasher, worthy Master of 342, Prescott—for their attendance at the Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Institution of British North America, held at Kingston, Canada West, on the 21st of June, instant; and that this meeting fully approve of the conduct and stand taken by them, in electing Brother Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., as our Right Worshipful Grand Master, for the present Orange year.

Resolved—That whilst we approve of the election of Ogle R. Gowan, Esq. as our Right Worshipful Grand Master, we deeply deplore the consequences that may arise from the separation that has taken place amongst the Brethren; and that we humbly recommend and request, that our Worshipful Grand Master will use his utmost influence to bring about a reconciliation of the parties.

Resolved—That it is the unanimous opinion of this County Grand Lodge, that there is not any other Grand Lodge of Loyal Orangemen in British North America, than the one over which Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., presides as Grand Master—he being legally and dully elected to that

high and responsible office, at the Annual Grand Lodge Meeting, held in Kingston, on Tuesday, the 21st June, instant, and by adjournment on Wednesday and Thursday, the 22nd and 23rd, and that in thus approving of said election, we desire to express our regret, that any portion of our Brethren should break loose from their sacred obligation as Royal-Arch-Purple Marksmen, and so far to be guilty of an endeavour to break up our glorious Institution—an Institution to which our forefathers fled for protection, and which we, their children, are bound by a solemn oath to protect and foster, as the best safeguard of the Protestant Religion, and the support and maintenance of British freedom.

At the Lodge-room of the Semi-Annual County Grand Lodge of the County of Grenville, held at Prescott, this 27th day of June, 1853.

RICHARD BALLARD,

Deputy County Grand Secretary.

County of East York.

A meeting of the Orangemen of the County of East York, was held in the new Orange Hall, Brown's Corners, Township of Markham, on Saturday the 2nd of July, 1853, the County Grand Master in the Chair, when the following, among a variety of other resolutions, were adopted:

Resolved—That this County Grand Lodge express its full confidence in the ability, vigour and judgment of Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., and the other honest-hearted Brethren who have been elected Grand Officers at the recent meeting at Kingston—that their devotion to Orangeism has been well tried, and long known to the Orangemen of this County; and that we will at all times feel much pleasure in obeying their call to duty, and to honourable exertion, in the good cause of Conservative Truth and Protestant Loyalty.

Resolved—That we unhesitatingly condemn the conduct pursued by the minority who seceded at Kingston—that no true or good Orangeman can sanction their acts or behaviour; and that the members of this County here assembled hereby warn all their Brethren against giving any countenance to their un-Orange and unprecedented proceedings; or to the improper publications and unfounded stories with which they are now flooding the press and the country,—that such papers may mislead those outside the pale of our Institution, but cannot mislead any true man within it.

S. B. CAMPBELL,

County Grand Master York, Chairman.

NORMAN B. M'LEOD,

County Grand Secretary.

MARKHAM, 2nd July, 1853.

Orangeism in Edwardsburgh.

(From the *United Empire*.)

It appears by a letter from J. H. Gilmour, that a meeting of the Orangemen of the Edwardsburgh District, was held in the Lodge Room of No. 106, on the first of July; at which addresses were delivered by Messrs. John Weston, William Stitt, William W. Gilmour, John Graham, Joseph Gilmour, and others, and great rejoicings had over the appointment of Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., as Grand Master. Edwardsburgh is a large Orange District, lying on the borders of the Eastern and Johnstown Districts.

The Twelfth of July in Toronto.

(From the *Daily Patriot*.)

The 12th of July was celebrated by a Public Procession of the Loyal Orangemen of this city—we give below a detail of the proceedings.

During the whole of the evening of the 11th, ample note was given of the approach of the ever memorable day. The firing of small arms, the explosion of all kinds of fire works; the beating of drums, the shrill notes of the fife, the display of flags, and sundry other similarly significant indications, clearly enough gave note, that "the glorious twelfth" was about to be ushered in. At 12, the booming of the cannon, announced "the glorious morning," when thousands of men

"With beating hearts the glad events await,
Anxious and merry for the birth of fate."

From twelve a few hours of repose was given to the citizens, though they were but few; for as early as four in the morning, we distinctly heard the discharge of fire arms, in almost all parts of the city. At 11 precisely, some fourteen or fifteen bodies marched from their various Lodge rooms in the city, and took up their stations on the Fair ground. At about half-past eleven, the Grand Master, the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer arrived on the ground, (having been detained some time, upon the joyous occasion of the marriage of the Senior Deputy Grand Master, which event was announced in this paper of yesterday.) In about a quarter of an hour after, the whole moved off along Front, Yonge, Queen and James' Streets, to the Church of the Holy Trinity; where the Church service was performed by the Rev. V. P. Meyerhoffer, Grand Chaplain, and a most eloquent and appropriate sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Lett, the City Grand Chaplain. After the sermon, a collection was taken up in aid of the Protestant

Orphan Home, which amounted to the sum of £9 10s. 9d.; the Grand Master, the District Master, the Master of 396, and other dignitaries of the order, acting as collectors. After Divine service, the Procession formed opposite the west entrance to the Church, and marched through Alice, Yonge, Queen, Church and Front streets, to the St. Lawrence market square, around which they passed to King street. Thence along King, York and Queen streets, to the College Avenue. Arrived at the University grounds, they proceeded to the bowling green, where an immense tent or marquee had been erected, capable of covering three thousand persons. Having marched round this tent, they entered from the north, each Lodge filing off to its own table, where refreshments had been provided. After luncheon, the immense concourse was addressed by the Grand Master and the Grand Chaplain. After which "three cheers" were given for the Queen, the Day and all who honor it, the Grand Master, and other favorites. "The Queen—God bless Her," was sung by Messrs. G. P. Wells and J. R. Mountjoy; after which "God save the Queen," was played by the City Band, and the whole company dispersed, each Lodge proceeding to its own room, or other place appointed for dinner. The Grand Master presided over his own Lodge (137), on the Peninsula; supported on the right by Messrs. Newton, Rich and Sagerman, and on the left by Messrs. Rogerson, Strachan and Allen. The Vice chair was occupied by the Deputy Master, Mr. Paul. The large table in the Pavilion being found insufficient, a side table was placed on the south side of the room, over which Mr. Burns presided. The windows were thrown open, and "the City Band," occupied the Balcony. Lodge 301, (of which the Rev. Dr. Lett is a member,) and "the Virgins" (328,) dined at Smith's Mechanics Hall, the Chair being occupied by J. B. Davis, Esq., Master of "the Virgins," and the Vice Chair by Mr. Alderdice, Master of 301. The County Master, (S. B. Campbell, Esq.,) presided over his own Lodge (275,) which occupied the McKinlay Hall, in Church street. Lodges 4, 212 and 404, dined together in a neat Pavilion, erected for the occasion, in rear of Mr. Mack's Hotel, Queen street. The District Master, Mr. Meredith, presided. Lodge 396, of which Mr. Wilson is Master, dined at Mr. Wilson's Confectionary establishment, Church Street. Mr. Scarlett's Lodge (140,) dined at Mrs. Anderson's, Duchess street. 375 dined at Mr. Lennox's, Yonge street, and Mr. Rogerson's (136) at Hudson's, Colborne street. Where the other Lodges spent the evening we have not heard.

The Procession was one of the largest, and certainly the most orderly, we have ever seen; and notwithstanding that a certain newspaper described them as "individuals who by occupation were little more than

laborers working for their daily bread," and a worthy Alderman as "a set of loafers," we think the whole body of our fellow-citizens will agree in bearing testimony to the respectability of their appearance, and the excellence of their conduct. This will be best appreciated when we state that we did not see a drunken man in the entire body, nor did we hear of a single accident of any kind occurring. Joy beamed in every countenance, and "peace and good will" prevailed throughout. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given at the Dinner party; and the speaking upon this occasion was remarkably good.

The procession had a very imposing effect. Mr. Berriman acted as the Chief Marshal, and Messrs. M^cLeod, O'Neill, R. Paul, Black, and three other gentlemen whose names we have not ascertained, acted as Deputy Marshals. They were all mounted on grey chargers, neatly caparisoned, the riders themselves being decked off in a very showy style of dress. The Grand Master headed the procession in person, supported on the right by the Grand Chaplain, and on the left by the Grand Treasurer. The District and Deputy District Master followed, and then the various Lodges, according to seniority. There were a great many flags and banners, some of them very beautiful. The chief officers wore scarlet gowns, the other members orange and purple sashes. The music was scattered through various parts of the procession—the "City Band leading, and "Clark's band" heading No. 301. The procession of the "*Orange Cadets*," (the boys,) was very interesting. They carried a variety of little flags and emblems, with an innumerable set of devices, amongst which we observed, "*Civil and Religious Liberty*." "*The Bible alone the Religion of Protestants*." "*Freedom of Discussion*." "*Our Altars and our Firesides*." "*The Bible in our Common Schools*." "*The Revolution of '88*." "*No Surrender*," &c. &c.

The County of Halton.

(From the *Weekly Patriot*.)

We have been informed that the great Orange County of Halton has given in its adhesion to the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America. The County Grand Master, (Captain Lindsay, of Hornby,) has paid up the dues of the County, and received the reports and annual password for all the Lodges of his County.

The County of Simcoe.

(From the *Barrie Herald*.)

On Tuesday the 19th, the Loyal Orangemen of the County of Simcoe, held a County Meeting, at Bond Head, for the purpose of considering the

course to be pursued by them, in the present crisis of affairs. The Grand Master had signified his intention to be present, and vast numbers assembled from all parts of the County, to meet him. At an early hour on the morning of that day, the Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and Mr. Watkins of the Grand Committee, left the city of Toronto by the Simcoe and Huron Railroad for Bradford, a distance of 40 miles. Arrived at this point, they were met by the County Grand Secretary, who had carriages in attendance to convey them to Bond Head. On passing through Middletown, the Union Jack and Orange banners, hung from the windows, greeted their arrival. A short halt was made here, after which they proceeded to Bond Head. Here they were welcomed by every demonstration of respect; men and houses, horses and rooms, were gaily ornamented, and the fifes and drums and Orange Standards, preceded them into town. On alighting, the Grand Master was conducted on the right and left, by the County and Deputy County Master, (Robert Cross of Bond Head, Esq., and George Dinwoody of Cookstown, Esq.,) to the County Lodge Room, which was very neatly fitted up and ornamented with festoons of flowers and evergreens. All the County Officers, all the District Officers, and the Representatives of 23 Lodges, besides a large number of visitors, were present. The County Lodge being opened in due form, the Grand Master addressed the assembled brethren at considerable length, and was warmly applauded throughout. He was followed by the District Masters of Essa, Barrie and Mono, and by several other members. The following resolutions were adopted, in each case by a unanimous vote of the County Lodge.

Moved by brother-George Davis, Deputy District Master of Barrie, seconded by brother John Proctor, Master 415, King, and

Resolved,—That this County hereby expresses its thanks to Brother Henry Sloan of Barrie, County Proxy; and to Brother George Dinwoody of Essa, Worshipful Master of No. 89; for their attendance at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge at Kingston; and that we further approve of their votes and conduct, in sustaining the nomination of Brother Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., for the high and important post of Right Worshipful Grand Master of this Loyal and Protestant Institution.

Moved by Brother John Harper, District Master of Mono, seconded by Brother John Burns, Master 209, West Gwillimbury, and

Resolved,—That while the Loyal Orangemen of this great County deplore the unhappy circumstances that have arisen, out of the said meeting at Kingston, we can scarcely find language sufficiently forcible to express our strong disapprobation of those composing the minority, in not submitting to so decided a majority—that their conduct is without

precedent in our noble institution; and has set an example in high quarters, which, if followed by the Brethren of subordinate Lodges, would be utterly destructive to Orangeism.

Moved by Brother Henry Sloan, District Master of Barrie, seconded by Brother William McCraehen, Master 9, Tossorontio, and

Resolved,—That the dissentients having been pleased, in a published address, to “warn all the Brethren against having any connexion whatever,” with the members of the Grand Lodge of British North America, it may perhaps be necessary for us to state, that Messrs. Benjamin, Bethune and Dartnell, have been suspended, for improperly abstracting and detaining papers, and certain other property belonging to the said Grand Lodge; and that therefore the Brethren of this County be cautioned against holding any intercourse with them, or giving any countenance or circulation to any papers that may be issued by them.

Moved by Brother George Dinwoody, Jr., District Master of Essa, seconded by Brother Joseph McGarr, Master 104, Tecumseth, and

Resolved,—That the most grateful thanks of the Loyal Orangemen of the County of Simcoe, be presented to the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, and to the other Grand Officers of the Order, who have this day favored the County of Simcoe with a visit—that we hail their presence amongst us with unmixed pleasure, and as an earnest of the future growth, and of a more devoted zeal for the cause, in the vast tract of country dividing Lakes Simcoe and Huron.

ROBERT CROSS,

G. M. Co. Simcoe, Chairman.

FAULKNER C. STEWART,

Co. G. Secretary.

BOND HEAD, 19th July, 1853.

After closing the business of the day, the members dined together, and the evening was spent in the most agreeable manner. Cookstown, Newtown, Robinson, Bond Head, Middleton, and the adjoining villages, were all in gay trim, and every thing presented a grand gala day appearance.

Twelfth of July, London.

Some disturbance was apprehended here, but not the slightest occurred. The following account of the proceedings, we copy from our loyal contemporary, the *London Times*:—

“At ten o'clock the members of the various lodges assembled on the Grammar School ground, in rear of St. Paul's Church, where they were formed into order by the Marshall's, and from thence marched to church,

accompanied with stirring music. The banners in the procession were decidedly of the grandest description we have ever seen, and the appearance of the vast and orderly body of men was honorable to the glorious institution with which they are associated. The Rev. Mr. Cronyn, Rector of St. Paul's, preached a most edifying and appropriate sermon, taking for his text the words, "Fear God and honor the King."

After the members left the church, they again formed in marching order and proceeded through the town. In the evening they dined together in their several Lodges, and those who resided in the country left town immediately after dinner. We are happy to add, that a single breach of the peace did not occur during the whole day.

Lodge No. 402, dined at brother John Wilson's. After the removal of the cloth, the County Master in the chair, the following toasts were given:

The Glorious and Immortal Memory of William III., &c., followed by the song—the Battle of the Boyne.

The Queen—may she never forget the principles that placed her on the throne.

Prince Albert and the Royal Family—followed by the song—The Battle and the Breeze.

The health of our worthy Grand Master—Ogle R. Gowan—with three times three.

The health of our County Chaplain—the Rev. A. Armstrong.

Brother Armstrong responded in an eloquent address on the principles and rules of our Loyal Institution; and sat down amidst burst of applause.

After which followed a number of loyal toasts and songs from the brothers and visitors, after which they separated, much gratified with the entertainment of the evening.

Brockville.

(From the Brockville Statesman.)

The Orangemen of the greater portion of Leeds, and a section of Grenville, met at Brockville. Probably the "turn out" at this place was the largest in Canada; it being estimated at not less than two thousand. Even the *Brockville Recorder*, noted for its hostility to Orangeism, admits that "a very large procession took place, and that so far as the mere procession was concerned, the members conducted themselves well." An admirable sermon was preached before the assembled multitude, by the Rev. Mr. Evans, Kirk of Scotland, Minister of Kitley. Refreshments were served up in the Grove, near the West End Bridge, where the

members were addressed by several gentlemen. And three cheers being given for "the Queen"—"the Day and all who honor it"—"Our new Grand Master, Ogle R. Gowan, and long life to him"—"the Memory of our slaughtered Brethren in Montreal," &c., &c., the whole separated in peace.

Peel.

(From the *Mercury*.)

The largest portion of the Orangemen of this County met at "Bell's Corners," where they were addressed by several brethren, and where a variety of festive scenes added to the enjoyment of the day. The Queen; the Earl of Enniskillen, G. Master of Ireland; Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., G. M. of Canada; the County Grand Master, and a variety of other sentiments were enthusiastically applauded.

To Ogle R. Gowan, Esq.

ERIN, 19th July, 1853.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR:

Having noticed in the *British Canadian* of the 29th ult., a remark concerning your statement in the *Patriot* of the previous Monday, where you are reported to have said, that the County Grand Masters of the fifteen great Orange Counties of Middlesex, Oxford, Brant, Waterloo, Wentworth, Halton, Peel, York, Simcoe, Ontario, Leeds, Grenville, Dundas, Lanark, and Carleton, recorded their votes in your favor, the Editor says, "Two of the gentlemen we are personally acquainted with, and we can say they were not even present, whilst from one of them we hold a letter addressed to us, within the last ten days, anything but approving of Mr. Gowan's pretensions." From a private communication received, (I need not say from whom), I can state that Colonel Whitehead of Oxford and myself, are the two County Masters here alluded to, who "were not even present" at the last Grand Lodge Meeting. The letter here spoken of was not from me, but I know that the Colonel and I voted for you last year at Port Hope, but as Mr. Benjamin there had a majority, his election was acknowledged, and no further opposition was offered. As I had filled the office of County Master of Waterloo so long as from A. D. 1844, to February last, I thought it high time to be relieved from my duties, consequently I resigned the office at the last annual County Meeting, and my successor in office, James Donaldson, Esq., of Garafraxa, attended the last Grand Lodge meeting at Kingston, and voted for you. This change of County Master, (although Waterloo formerly is

now divided into the Counties of Wellington, Waterloo and Grey), has led the Editor of the *British Canadian* into a mistake in reference to my absence, and it is but common justice that the mistake should be acknowledged, which I expected would have been done before now, as I had written to Toronto concerning it.

Your election to the dignified office of Grand Master of the Orange Institution of British North America, is duly acknowledged in this County. We were not to be influenced by either party until we should have received the fullest information of the proceedings at Kingston. *Audi alteram partem* was our motto on this occasion, were it not so we might have decided too hastily, but we are determined to support the majority according to the ancient usage of voting, and not be misled by fallacious arguments in favor of having any one Member give a plurality of votes in behalf of a plurality of Lodges; the latter would be most absurd and dangerous to the welfare of the Orange Institution. When I received the last Annual Report I was in company with the Masters of 377 and 414, one of whom is the Deputy County Master, and I assure you we most eagerly perused its contents, and if any doubt had been on our minds concerning your election, the Report would have removed it. You are at liberty to use this letter as you may think meet.

I have the honor to be,

Right Worshipful Sir,

Your friend and brother,

JAMES LEE,

Past County Grand Master of Waterloo, and No. 1
District Master, County Wellington.

Wentworth, Haldimand, and Brant.

(From the *Weekly Patriot*.)

In consequence of an erroneous statement made in the *Hamilton Gazette*, and copied into the *British Canadian*, and other papers, of the proceedings of a meeting of the Officers of the Orange Institution in the Counties of Wentworth, Brant, and Haldimand, (the old "Gore District,") held in the City of Hamilton, on the 1st day of August, 1853, the County Secretary, Mr. Cummings, has furnished the following true extract from the proceedings of the meeting, for publication:—

"George Brock Rousseux, Esq., County Master of Wentworth in the Chair. The Lodge was opened on the Royal Arch; but owing to the wish to admit members who had not attained to that degree, it was unanimously voted to afterwards open on the Orange. The meeting was addressed by the following brethren, namely:—Rousseux, W. Richardson,

Lynn, Cummings, J. French, Johnson, and Baynham, from *Wentworth*—Brothers Douglas and Walsh from *Brant*—Brother Smith from *Haldimand*—Brother John Richardson from *Lincoln*—and Brothers Gowan, R. Dempsey, and DeGrassi, from *Toronto*—after which the following resolutions were adopted:—

Moved by Brother John Cummings, Co. Sec. of *Wentworth*, seconded by Brother Jacob Johnston, of *Hamilton*, and

Resolved—That this meeting regret extremely, the late unfortunate disruption in the Grand Lodge of British North America; in as much as it is calculated to strengthen the hand of the enemies of Protestantism, and to prevent that unity of action, which at the present time is so exceedingly necessary, for the furtherance and support of those glorious principles, which are the bulwark of the British Throne—*Carried*.

Moved by Brother William Richardson of *Dundas*, seconded by Brother S. Beatty of *Hamilton*, and

Resolved—That the members of this County Meeting do now pass a vote, either in favour of Brother Gowan or Brother Benjamin; so that this County may recognize the one or the other.

Moved in *amendment* by Brother Thomas Phair of *Brant*, seconded by Brother John Douglas of *Brantford*, and

Resolved—That in the opinion of this meeting, every exertion should be used consistent with the principles of our loyal and honorable Institution, to heal the breach in our ranks, which recently occurred at *Kingston*: at the same time, we most unhesitatingly condemn the conduct pursued on that occasion and subsequently, by Brother Benjamin and his friends; and hereby beg to express our entire concurrence in, and approval of, the appointment of Brothers Ogle R. Gowan as Right Worshipful Grand Master; Richard Dempsey as Senior Deputy Grand Master; George B. Rousseux as Junior Deputy Grand Master; George L. Allen as Grand Secretary; Thomas Armstrong as Grand Treasurer; the Rev. V. P. Meyerhoffer as Grand Chaplain, and Gabriel Balfour as Grand Lecturer—*Carried*.

Moved by Brother James French of *Wentworth*, seconded by Brother Robert Monteith of *Brantford*, and

Resolved—That on the question of Proxies from private Lodges, it is the opinion of this meeting, that no member of the Grand Lodge of British North America, is entitled by the general laws of the Institution, to represent more than one Lodge, to hold more than one Proxy, or to give more than one vote upon any question under consideration, and that the decision of the late Grand Master, Brother George Benjamin, on the subject of receiving Proxies from private Lodges in Lower Canada, is

not in accordance with the rules and regulations of the order, nor with the former practice of the Grand Lodge—*Carried*.

Moved by Brother John Douglas of Brantford, seconded by Brother A. French of Wentworth, and

Resolved—That as Orangeism is founded on Divine Revelation, and as its members, we are bound by an irrevocable law to support the Protestant Religion and the Crown and Dignity of the British Empire, so long as the Sovereign of that Empire shall remain Protestant, the Society is both a Religious and Political Institution, and that the decision of our present Grand Master, Brother Ogle R. Gowan, upon this question, given at the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge at Kingston, meets our entire approval; and furthermore, that as Brother Benjamin and his friends, protested and withdrew from the Grand Lodge of British North America, while that honorable body remained in open Lodge session; and afterwards opened a meeting of their own, under a private password, unknown to the majority of the members, then attending in Kingston from various parts of the Province; such private meeting so organized, was unprecedented in the annals of Orangeism, and cannot be recognized as a meeting of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

G. B. ROUSSEUX,

Co. Master of Wentworth, Chairman.

JOHN CUMMINGS,

Co. Secretary of Wentworth, Sec. of Meeting.

HAMILTON CITY, 4th July, 1853.

It may be remarked, in reference to the publication in the *Gazette*, that the 14 members, whose names are attached to the Protest, two (Sadler and Gordon) were not present. One (Foster) declined voting. And four (Blow, Black, Hutton and Andrews,) are mere private members, not entitled to a vote. So that the whole number of Protestors is reduced down to SEVEN! It may be further observed, that the only votes, not belonging to the County of Wentworth, recorded, were four from Toronto, three from Brantford, one from Haldimand, and one from Lincoln. And that if the whole nine were struck off, on both sides, the majority would still have been in favor of the resolutions as adopted. Further, the Protest was drawn up by John Richardson, and is signed by William Smith; both of whom voted for Mr. Benjamin, though neither of them belong to the County of Wentworth. Such are the truth and consistencies of some folk.

To the Editor of the Patriot:

TORONTO, 3rd August, 1853.

MR. EDITOR—The following communication having been refused in-

sertion in the *British Canadian* of this day, you will confer a favor on the subscriber by giving it a place in your columns.

To the Editor of the British Canadian :

SIR—In your last issue the following paragraph occurs :—

“Ere we dismiss this subject we would remind Mr. Gowan that we charged that some of the proxies recorded for him were FORGED, and that *the seal of his own Lodge, 137*, was attached to such forgeries. Mr. Gowan has never alluded to this charge, neither do we think need we. The fact of forged proxies being tendered and recorded cannot be denied.”

And I will now say in reference to the foul calumny contained in it, that the Lodge Seal of No. 137, has always been in charge of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Lodge, (Mr. Willam M. Mitchell and your humble servant, Geo. L. Allen), and never has been made use of for the base purpose stated by you, nor for any other purpose, except for the legitimate and proper business of the Lodge to which it belongs. And as to “the fact of forged proxies being tendered and recorded,” I presume, from your *ex cathedra* style in the matter, you are best informed on the subject. The list of proxies have been published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and I now call upon you to point out one of the forgeries which you mention. My knowledge of the matter, (and I think my sources of information, are certainly equally as reliable as your’s, Sir) is this—that while all or nearly all those proxies cast for Mr. Gowan had the seal of the Lodge represented affixed to them, only a very few of those cast for Mr. Benjamin were thus legally perfected, but the Grand Secretary recorded them notwithstanding, in order to avoid the appearance of anything like partiality. The proxies cast at the Grand Lodge meeting are still in my possession, and if any respectable *disinterested* gentleman accompanied by yourself, will name a time, I will submit them for *his* inspection. As regards your strictures on “*Gowan, Dempsey & Co.*,” I think you might have honored the other members of the Orange firm with a mention of their names, and called them Gowan, Dempsey, Armstrong, Allen & Co, and see if they be not names equally as well, as favourably, and as long known, to the Orange community as Benjamin, Bethune, Dartnell, Ashfield & Co.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

GEORGE L. ALLEN,
Treasurer of No. 137, and G. S. of the
O. I. B. N. A.

To the Editor of the Patriot.

TORONTO, 10th August, 1853.

MR. EDITOR.—Having received the following letter from Brother

John Thompson, Master of 166, Halton, on the subject of "forged proxies," as stated in the *British Canadian*, and which the Editor of that paper knows to be untrue, but has not the honesty to retract, I beg leave to request you will give it a place in your columns. It is but one of many others I have received on the same subject, and I should not have troubled you to insert this were it not that the writer made special request I would do so.

I am, Sir, yours, &c. &c.

G. L. ALLEN, G. S.

MILTON, TRAFALGAR, Aug, 4, 1853.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I take the liberty of addressing a few lines to you concerning an article which I have seen in the *Hamilton Gazette* of Monday, Aug. 1st, taken from the *British Canadian* of Saturday last, touching the proxies that were sent to Kingston at the late G. L. meeting. They seem to say they were forgeries. Now, Sir, for my part, the proxy which I sent to Brother Michael Crawford was no forgery, for I wrote it myself; the then Masters and Deputy Masters, and myself, signed it, and I affixed the seal of the Lodge thereto. So it is a wilful perversion of the truth to designate our proxy a forgery. We sent it that our present Right Worshipful Grand Master, Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., might have the benefit of it. I brought the matter before the lodge last night, and they wished me to write to you or some other friend in Toronto, that you might contradict it for us. I think it is only justice to ourselves. Now, Sir, if you would write a short article in the *Patriot* or *Canadian* contradicting their statements, you will do us a great favor.

I remain, Sir and Brother, yours truly,

JOHN THOMSON,

Master L. O. L. 166.

TO BROTHER GEORGE L. ALLEN,
G. S. City of Toronto.

County of Victoria.

(From the United Empire.)

The Counties of Peterborough and Victoria are at present united. At the recent meeting of the Grand, Lodge, the County Master, (Mr. Daniel Hopkins,) voted for Mr. Benjamin, as Grand Master. Since then the following documents have been received from his County:

COPY OF A RESOLUTION passed at a Special Meeting of the District Lodge of the Orange District of Emily, held on the 12th day of July inst:

Moved by Brother S. W. Adams, W. M. 113, seconded by Brother G. Balfour, W. M. 475, and

Resolved,—That this District Lodge views with extreme regret the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of British North America at its last sitting in the City of Kingston, and consider the conduct of both parties worthy the censure of this Loyal Orange Lodge; and furthermore, this Lodge recognizes Brother Ogle R. Gowan, and him alone, the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Orange Association of British North America.

Letter from Dr. Irons, District Master of Emily, enclosing the preceding resolution :

EMILY, 25th July, 1853.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER :

I beg to transmit a copy of a Resolution, passed at a special meeting of the District Lodge of the District of Emily on the 12th instant (25 members present), and to offer a few remarks in explanation of the same. That the Grand Lodge, in its last session at Kingston, was composed of two parties, is so evident, that I shall offer no remark upon the proofs of such an unfraternal distinction. That both parties acted in a manner unprecedented in the annals of the Orange Association; for improper and disorderly procedure seems evident to those who are personally ignorant of the occurrences; because of the uncontradicted statements of the press, and the allegations of the personal friends or enemies of yourself or the late Grand Master. For this reason we embodied in our resolution a feeling of censure upon the conduct of both parties. If that portion of the Grand Lodge which elected you Grand Master is undeserving that censure, we stand innocent of intentional offence to that party, because it has not taken the trouble to contradict statements so industriously spread, and so eminently calculated to bring our institution into disgrace. The thanks of every true Orangeman are unquestionably due to those men who prevented a precedent being established, of allowing any brother no matter how many offices he may hold, the right of giving more than one vote upon the same question. I may mention that our decision as to the duly elected Grand Master was arrived at from the very statements of personal friends of Mr. Benjamin and the *British Canadian* newspaper—an organ by the way, whose every action displays a spirit unorange, selfish, and ambitious. I would suggest for your consideration the propriety of calling an early meeting of the Grand Lodge in the most central part of Canada West. The District Master of Mariposa, bids me say, that his district concurs in our resolution; his district and mine compose the Orange districts of the county of Victoria. If it is any gratification to you to know, our lodges would have voted for you; and I am directed to obtain directions as to the establishment of a county lodge in this county (Victoria). I enclose a copy of the County Secretary's certificate,

of my district having paid all dues for the past year. I refused the annual from our County Master, and my district sustained me unanimously. You will please send it at your earliest convenience, by the Blue, if practicable; if not, I presume I must go to Toronto, though such a step is at present to me almost impossible. I have asked for a special County Lodge of the County of Peterboro'; they seem to dread the contest. They tell me I must judge personally between Mr. Gowan and Mr. Benjamin. I say no—not for the reason that I consider that you would lose by the contrast, but we have only to decide upon a point of order. When the late Grand Master left his Lodge open, those remaining, even a minority, if numbering enough to constitute a Lodge, could and should proceed with the business. I have spoken with some brethren of Cavan. They have demanded a special meeting of the District Lodge to consider the question. I have promised to attend. When it is said the county of Durham acknowledges Mr. Benjamin, you may say no. I know Lodges in Cavan whose Masters agreed with me, and took no annual as yet. Though we may be personally gratified to know that the Father of Orangeism in America is once more Grand Master, yet, in considering your election, we can only speak and judge upon the point of order as our rules and regulations, and the customs of our association, will bear us out. Please send the annual, signs, &c., with information as to the establishment of our county lodge; and should anything in this letter be useful, if required, I will address you publicly. I must plead professional engagements of a hurried nature, preventing me communicating with you earlier.

Fraternally,

JOHN IRONS,

*Master 41, District Master Emily, and K.
Com. of the Order R. S.*

To OGLE R. GOWAN, Esq.,
Grand Master of the Orange Association, B. N. A.

Letters of a similar purport have been received by the Grand Master, from Mr. Little, District Master of Mariposa; Mr. Bell, of Mount Pleasant, Master of 435, Cavan; and from many other officers and members in the County of Durham.

Mount Pleasant, District of Cavan.

FRIDAY, August 5, 1853.

At a regular meeting of the Loyal Orange Lodge No. 435. held this evening; moved by Brother Francis Goraan, seconded by Brother Thomas Sharin,

Resolved—That this Lodge of Loyal Orangemen, recognize Brother Ogle R. Gowan, to be the only legal Grand Master of the Orange Institution of North America. *Carried unanimously.*

WILLIAM MOORE,
Secretary.

Mount Pleasant, Township of Cavan, July 30th, 1853.

(From the Brockville Statesman.)

SIR AND BROTHER,—

I find, on examination, that you and my Brethren who sustained you, are deserving of the highest credit for the manly and Orange-like manner in which you behaved during the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Kingston. I think Mr. Benjamin and his party deserve to be expelled for the manner in which they carried on at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge; the more especially as it was opened on the Royal Arch Purple Mark. They have not acted according to their obligations. Sir, it is with the greatest respect and brotherly love, that I congratulate you on your appointment to the honourable office you now hold. You deserve the office in preference to any other man in the Province. You are the Father of the Institution in America. I am happy to know that there is such a man as you at the head of the Institution.

You have to my knowledge, got ALL the County of Victoria in your favor; and as for the County of Durham, I am only able to speak of the two Lodges in our own neighborhood. They are strongly in your favour. Our District Lodge will meet next month, also our County Lodge. After their close I shall send you an account of the proceedings.

I am, Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Yours in the Bonds of the Order,

THOMAS BELL,
W. M. of 435.

To OGLE R. GOWAN, Esq.

We understand on reliable authority, that since the reappointment of Bro. OGLE R. GOWAN, Esq., to the high and responsible office of G. M. and S. of the Loyal Orange Institution of B. N. A., no less a number than THIRTEEN new Lodges will shortly be organized in the County of Leeds. This fact speaks volumes of the popularity of Bro. GOWAN, in the County where he has for nearly a quarter of a century laboured with his Brethren, to maintain the good cause. We have no doubt but under his guidance, the Institution will increase in numbers and respectability more than ten-fold, throughout the whole Province. Old members who have during the past few years stood aloof, and others, who never were in connection with the Body, are now flocking in, in great numbers.

County of Durham.

At a meeting of the Orangemen of the County of Durham, convened by notice from the Deputy County Master, and the past County Master; and also by advertisement in the newspapers, from the Right Worshipful the Grand Master; held at Newton, in the Township of Clark, on the 16th of August, 1853:

Major Henderson, Deputy County Master, was called to the Chair, and John Beavis, Esq., Master of 311, requested to act as Secretary.

The meeting was addressed by the Chairman, and by Brothers Gowan, Dempsey, Gee, Marshall, Lynn, Fraser, Beavis, and others; after which the following resolutions were adopted:—

Moved by Brother John Lynn, past County Master, seconded by Brother William Vance, Master of 133, and

Resolved—That at the late meeting of the Grand Lodge held in Kingston, the Master of this County, George C. Ward, Esq., supported Mr. Benjamin, and that in a Newspaper called the *Simcoe Standard*, under date of 20th July, it is asserted, that “the County of Durham alone, has more Orangemen within its limits, than all the adherents of Mr. Gowan put together;” that we therefore feel it a duty we owe to ourselves, as well as to the cause of truth—however unpleasant the performance of that duty may be—to declare openly, that we fully and unreservedly acknowledge the validity of the election of Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., as the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and that the lasting thanks of the whole Orange body, are justly due to that gentleman, for his sterling fidelity to Orange principles, under more than ordinary calumny, and temptation, and for the many long years of faithful, able and unrequited services he has rendered to the cause.—*Carried*.

Moved by Brother John Lynn, past County Master, seconded by Bro. George Cowan, Master of 265, and

Resolved—That in consequence of the County Master, George C. Ward, Esq., having joined the seceders, who withdrew from the Grand Lodge at Kingston, the Grand Master, Ogle R. Gowan Esq., communicated with him, through the Deputy County Master, Mr. Henderson, and the past County Master, Mr. Lynn; stating that the Right Worshipful would attend a County meeting on this day, at any place in the County Mr. Ward might select, but that he declined to call such meeting; that in so declining, Mr. Ward appears to have treated the Brethren with neglect in not affording them an opportunity of meeting the Grand Master, and hearing such explanations from him as might be given, and thereby thoroughly understanding the whole matter in dispute.

Moved by Brother Thomas Leith, Master of 422, seconded by Brother Thomas Carscadden, Master of 405, and

Resolved—That Mr. Ward having refused to name a place for the meeting this day, Newton was fixed upon by the Past County Master and the present Deputy County Master, and that Mr. Ward has justly forfeited the confidence of the Orangemen of this County, for convening another meeting a week hence, when the Grand Master, owing to other appointments, cannot be present without serious inconvenience, and that such separate meeting, evinces a desire to keep the Brethren from hearing the fullest information, and tends rather to a separation than to a union between the Brotherhood in this County.

WILLIAM HENDERSON,

Deputy County Master, Chairman.

NEWTON, TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, }
16th August, 1853. }

County of Stormont.

(From the Constitutional.)

A meeting of the Orangemen of this County took place in the Town Hall, Cornwall, on Saturday evening last, pursuant to notice. The several County Officers occupied their respective places. After the transaction of some County Lodge business, the subject of the Grand Mastership was taken up. O. R. Gowan, Esq., gave the Brethren a long and distinct explanation of the cause of the division between himself and Mr. Benjamin at the late meeting of the Grand Lodge at Kingston. We were pleased to observe, that notwithstanding the jealousy which no doubt exists between these two gentlemen, Mr. Gowan, in the whole course of his remarks, never made use of any uncourteous language or unkind insinuation towards Mr. Benjamin. On some of the points which led to the present deplorable disunion in the ranks of Orangeism, many of the County Officers dissented from Mr. Gowan's views. On the question being fully considered as to which of these gentlemen was the *legally elected* Grand Master, the following resolution was moved, seconded, and unanimously adopted:—

Resolved—That though this County Meeting deeply regrets the disunion that has arisen in the Orange Association, still it feels itself bound to express its opinion in favor of the legality of the election of Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., to the office of Grand Master of B. N. America, and at the same time to signify its adhesion to the Grand Lodge so constituted, and its determination to uphold its decrees.

CORNWALL, August 27th, 1853.

County of Perth.

A special County Meeting of the Loyal Orangemen of this County was held at Stratford on the 15th ult., the County Master presiding.—The principal object of the meeting was to hear explanations relative to the late meeting of the Grand Lodge of British North America, and to give an expression of opinion respecting the disruption which then took place. It will be seen by the subjoined resolution, which was carried unanimously, that this County also has declared in favor of Mr. Gowan's election to the office of Grand Master.

Moved by John Dunbar, D. Co. Master, and seconded by Samuel Colton, W. M., No. 313, and

Resolved—That this meeting deeply deplores the recent unhappy division which took place at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, in Kingston; and we unhesitatingly condemn the course taken by the brethren who on that occasion seceded from the Grand Lodge of British North America; in publishing to the world the proceedings of a meeting which should only be known to Members of the Order; and we further declare our determination to support the majority and officers elect, acting under the R. W. G. M., OGLE R. GOWAN, and we also express our dissatisfaction at any attempt to introduce any doctrine or practice into the Order, not in accordance with the ancient usages of the Institution; and our determination not to admit any member into our several Lodges whose creed is not PROTESTANT, and whose political principles are not STRICTLY LOYAL.

DAVID WAUGH, Co. M.

WILLIAM PORTER, Co. Sec.

County of Middlesex.

(From the London, U. C., Times, August, 1853.)

Moved by John Rawlinson, seconded by Robert Drennen, and

Resolved—That the Orangemen of the County of Middlesex now assembled, have learned with unmixed sorrow, that scenes of disorder, turbulence, and dissention occurred at the late Grand Annual Meeting and Election of officers, held in the City of Kingston.

Moved by Charles Scott, seconded by Andrew Henderson, and

Resolved—That the course since pursued by a certain portion of the public press, tends still further to promote discord; and that foremost in the un-orange crusade, we mention with regret and sorrow, the *British Canadian* of Toronto, the *Orange Lily* of Bytown, the *Brantford Courier*, and the *Simcoe Standard*.

Moved by Thomas Carter, seconded by R. Lucas, and

Resolved—That the Orangemen of this County hold that no man can be admitted into our brotherhood, whose creed is not Protestant, and whose principles are not Loyal—that such have been the principles of our Loyal and Protestant Body, and that any attempt at narrowing them down to either of those objects unaccompanied by the other would be contrary to Orange practice and to Orange principles—while any extension of them beyond these two cardinal points, would be alike subversive of the ancient principles of the order, and cannot be sanctioned by any sound and true hearted Orangeman.

Moved by Benjamin Higgins, seconded by James Caddey, and

Resolved—That the Orangemen of this County hold that any Brother present at the Grand Lodge, and holding a Lodge proxy duly executed, had a right to vote provided all dues of the Lodge he represented were paid up; that while this principle is cheerfully conceded, the Orangemen of this County here assembled, do not hesitate to express their entire disapprobation of the attempt made to permit any brother to exercise a plurality of votes upon any question; that such plurality of votes would be contrary to the ancient usages of the Order, opposed to all former precedents, subversive of the rights of the majority present at every meeting, and contrary alike to the honored interests of the Order, and that the thanks of the Orangemen of this County, are justly due to the County Master, Brother John Wilson, and those Brethren who so firmly withstood the introduction of so dangerous an innovation into the Order.

Moved by John Millen, seconded by James Cuddy, and

Resolved—That the Orangemen of this County, hold that the majority of those present at the Grand Lodge, whose right to vote had been allowed, had a right to elect the Grand Officers of the Institution—that the withdrawal from the room of any number of members, without the Grand Lodge being first regularly closed, could not in any way invalidate such election, nor prevent the brethren who remained from going on with the business of the Grand Lodge.

Special Orange Meeting.

(From the Expositor.)

The Master, Officers and Brethren, of Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 207, in the Township of Malahide, and County of Elgin, assembled at their Lodge Room, on Thursday, the 11th inst., for the purpose of considering what course to pursue at this eventful period.

The Lodge being opened in due form:—The Worshipful Master stated the object of the meeting and called on Brother Thomas L. Armstrong,

of L. O. L. No. 298, to give the Brethren present such information as he could impart relative to the late Grand Lodge Meeting at Kingston. Br. Armstrong addressed the meeting in a most talented manner, and the statistical accounts produced seem to carry out his opinion in favor of the election of Brother Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., as Right Worshipful Grand Master of British North America, being valid and binding on all those who acknowledge the proper authorities of the Loyal Orange Association.

The following Resolutions were then adopted unanimously:—

1. That we shall ever be of the number who maintain the rules of our Institution and on all points of importance yield cheerful compliance to a constituted majority of those entitled to vote.

2. That we hold the Election of Brother O. R. Gowan, G. M., as valid and in accordance with the rules of the Institution.

3. That we manifest the same by our Worshipful Master meeting the Grand Lecturer at London on the 13th inst., to receive the annual pass-word.

4. That we no longer recognize Br. W. F. Sparling as Co. Master, unless he justifies his conduct at the late Grand Lodge Meeting, and comes under the proper authority.

5. That our Worshipful Master apply to the Grand Lecturer for advice on other minor points, as directed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of British North America, in his private letter to us dated at Toronto, 26th July last.

The Lodge having been closed in the usual manner, the brethren returned to their respective residences at 10 o'clock, P. M.

WM. NESBIT, *Master.*

JAMES NEWEL, *Secretary.*

Meeting at Vienna, County of Elgin.

(From the Protestant.)

A Meeting of the Orangemen of the County of Elgin was held in Vienna, on the 10th instant, Charles Ryan in the Chair, and Thomas Bayne acting as Secretary. The object of the meeting was to hear explanations from Mr. Balfour, the Grand Lecturer, relative to the late disruption at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Kingston. Mr. Sparling, the County Master of Elgin, was present, and exerted himself to the utmost to defend the course taken by the late Grand Master and his followers, but finding himself effectually cornered, and finding also, that "Othello's occupation was gone," he left the room in high dudgeon, followed by two or three others. The following resolutions were passed.

Moved by F. R. Burney, seconded by Wm. Coats.

Resolved—That as far as principle is concerned, we hold that no man can become a member of our Brotherhood whose creed is not genuinely Protestant, and whose principles are not strictly loyal.

Moved by Henry Griffiths, seconded by James Anderson, and

Resolved—That the conduct of certain members of the Press is highly censurable, in publishing, at first, garbled statements of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Foremost amongst the number is the *British Canadian*; and we, the Orangemen of the County of Elgin, would fondly hope that such a course of proceedings will be generally condemned by our true-hearted Brethren throughout the Province.

County of Dundas.

(From the Cornwall Observer.)

A meeting of the Orangemen of the County of Dundas, took place according to appointment of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., at Matilda, on Friday the 9th day of September, 1853, at the hour of 2 o'clock, P. M. Present—The R. W. G. M. Brother O. R. Gowan, Esq., and a large number of the Officers and Members of the L. O. L. of the County. Brother Geo. W. Brouse, Esq., County Master for the County of Dundas, in the Chair, and Bro. Andrew Burnside, Master of L. O. L. 139, acting as Secretary, in the place of the County Secretary, Bro. E. Brouse.

After the Meeting being regularly opened, the Right Worshipful Grand Master addressed the Brethren at considerable length, and expressed his deep regret at the unfortunate division which took place at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge at Kingston, at a time, too, when *union* amongst them was never more desirable, nor the Protestant cause more needful of their united and vigilant support. After a full explanation of the proceedings at the Grand Lodge, and the cause of the deplorable differences which took place, the following Resolution was unanimously passed:—

“That this Meeting deeply regret the differences that took place at the Grand Lodge, as having a tendency to injure our Religious and Loyal Institution, in so far as the efforts of its enemies and those who are strangers to its true principles, are concerned; but that we, as Orangemen, feel that we are taking the only means of sustaining our cause, in giving full approbation to the election of Brother Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., as Grand Master of British North America, and following out and sustaining the measures of the Institution under his superintendence.”

City of Quebec.

QUEBEC, 31st August, 1853.

A meeting of the Orangemen of this city was held this evening, in St. Andrew's School-room, for the purpose of hearing the R. W. Ogle R. Gowan, G. M. &c., upon the subject of the existing differences between the brethren of this Province, in connexion with the election of Grand Master.

Brother Wm. Benning, Surgeon, was called to the Chair. Brother Henry Owen, Civil Engineer, Secretary.

The R. W. G. M., in a clear and expressive manner, explained to the Brethren the original cause of difference; and replied in a highly satisfactory manner to several questions put to him. Several animated discussions took place during the evening, in which Brothers Coles, Beatty, Hood, James, Roche, and several others took part; the result was good, for every one was satisfied.

The R. W. G. M. completely answered the unwarrantable attacks upon him, arising out of the late election for the City of Toronto, accidentally, but fortunately, having met in Quebec, the gentleman who acted as his Secretary upon that occasion.

The R. W. G. M. then favored the meeting with an account of what he had done, and of what further he intended to do, in the detail of his high and important office.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the R. W. G. M., for his kindness in attending, and the clear explanations given.

(Signed)

WM. BENNING, *Chairman.*HENRY OWEN, *Secretary.*

Ontario County Grand Lodge.

BROOKLYN, WHITEY, Friday August 12, 1853.

Pursuant to Resolution, a Meeting was held this day.

The County Grand Master, Brother Stedman B. Campbell, Esq., in the Chair. Brother Edward McBrien in the Deputy Chair. Royal A. P. Lodge duly opened. Brother Worshipful Campbell explained the objects of the meeting.

It was then proposed by Brother A. McKay, District Master No. 3., seconded by Brother Foster, Deputy District Master No. 4,

That Brother William Stevenson, Master of No. 454, be elected County Master for the current year.—Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Brother McKay, seconded by Brother John Boddey, L. O. L. 167,

That Brother Edward McBrien be elected Deputy County Master.—
Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Brother Edward McBrien, and seconded by Brother McKay.

That Brother Thomas Moody, L. O. L. 167, be elected Secretary.—
Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Brother McKay, seconded by Brother Wm. Stevenson,
That Brother F. Green be elected County Treasurer.

Brother Green having declined, Brother Edward McBrien, seconded
by Brother Wm. Graham, proposed

That Brother Samuel Jones, L. O. L. 167, be elected Treasurer.—
Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Brother Moody, seconded by Brother Stevenson,

That Brother Wm. McCullough, L. O. L. 167, be elected County
Grand Chaplain,—Carried unanimously.

Proposed and carried, that Brother Green be Proxy.

The several Brethren were then duly installed, and took the oaths of
office. There were present over fifty members who took a deep interest
in the proceedings. The several officers now took their places, when
the following Resolutions were adopted:—

Proposed by Brother E. McBrien, seconded by Brother S. Jones,

That this meeting rejoices at the progress of sound Protestant principles
throughout the length and breadth of Upper Canada, as evinced by the
unprecedented spread of the Loyal Orange Institution in every section of
the Province: and that while hailing, with joy and satisfaction, the
extension of our noble Order in other parts, it is to us a source of unmixed
pleasure, to be able to congratulate our Brethren upon the rapid progress
of the Order in this County; by which we are this day enabled to be set
off as a separate County Lodge, and to enter upon our new sphere of
duty with the most flattering prospects.

Proposed by Brother Worshipful Stevenson, and seconded by Brother
Thomas Moody.

That, at its opening and organization, this County Lodge feels bound
to declare, its united and unanimous voice to be in favour of Ogle R.
Gowan, Esq., and the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge over which he
presides as Grand Master: that wholly irrespective of his long and faith-
ful services to the order, and of the respect in which he is held by the
Brethren at large, we feel bound to state, that upon the ground of order
and regularity, of precedent and of practice, and in accordance with the
duty we owe to our own character, and to the honored Institution of which
we are members, we can recognize no other body as the Grand Lodge of

British North America, than that presided over by our esteemed Brother the present Grand Master; and that to it alone is our fealty and allegiance as Orangemen due.

Proposed by Brother T. Green, and seconded by Brother A. McKay, That this Grand Lodge deeply regrets the absence from the meeting this day of our Senior Deputy Grand Master, Brother Richard Dempsey, and still more the cause of that absence (severe indisposition); and that we beg to assure that worthy Brother, that he, together with our other Grand Officers, possesses our entire confidence; and that their services are duly appreciated by the Brethren of this County.

Proposed by Brother Foster, and seconded by Brother Ormerod,

That our best thanks are also due to our worthy Brother S. B. Campbell, Esq., the Grand Master of the County of York, who, holding a special dispensation from the Right Worshipful Grand Master, took upon himself the trouble of attending here this day, of presiding over our deliberations, and of assisting us by his counsel and directions upon the formation of our County Lodge, and the future management of its proceedings.

Proposed by Brother Fred. Green, seconded by Brother T. Tate,

That our profound sympathy is due to our suffering Protestant fellow-subject in Lower Canada; that their slaughter in the public streets by acts of cold-blooded and unprovoked murder, and the numerous attacks made upon their persons, their churches, and their freedom, calls aloud for redress from the Government, and for continued energy on the part of the whole protestant population; and that we beg to assure them that they shall have our unreserved sympathy in their trials, and our cordial support in all their just and constitutional efforts to procure redress for their sufferings, and to ensure them future safety and protection.

WILLIAM STEVENSON,
County Grand Master.

County of Stormont.

CORNWALL, August 27, 1853.

Dr. Allen, County Grand Master, in the Chair.

Moved by E. S. Chesley, Esq., Co. G. S., seconded by Watson Lyttle, Esq., Master of Cornwall Lodge, No. 181, and

Resolved—That though this County meeting deeply regrets the disunion that has arisen in the Orange Association, still it feels itself bound to express its opinion in favor of the legality of the election of Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., to the office of Grand Master of B. N. America, and at the

same time to signify its adhesion to the Grand Lodge so constituted, and its determination to uphold its decrees.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the County Master and to the Secretary, for their efficient discharge of duty.

E. J. CHESLEY,
County Secretary.

Great Orange Demonstration.

(From the Brockville Statesman.)

The County of Durham is the largest Orange County in British North America; and the expression of its opinion upon the existing difficulties in the Orange Order has been long looked to with much anxiety. The several Orange Districts throughout the County refused to take either Annual Password, or to identify themselves with either party, until a full County Meeting could be held, and the leaders of both parties heard face to face. The County Master (George C. Ward, Esq.,) was a warm supporter of Mr. Benjamin's, and he appointed Thursday, the 25th of August, at the Court House, Port Hope, for the meeting.

The County was fully represented from all parts; and the Lodge was also visited by numerous Brothers from Toronto, Peterborough, Victoria, Cobourg, and various other places, to witness the discussion and determination. The County Master occupied the Chair. The meeting commenced at 12 and closed at 10 o'clock. The principal speakers were, on the one side, Messrs. Benjamin, Ashfield, Dartnell, Ward, Marshall, Threw, Gee, Johnston and Hopkins; on the other, Messrs. Gowan, Henderson, Kerr, Hamilton, Beavis, Dempsey, Allen, Irons, Lynn, and Bell. The debate closed with the adoption of the following resolutions by large majorities:—

Resolved—That, in reference to the question of Proxies, the Orangemen of the County of Durham hold, that no Brother should give more than one vote upon any question, no matter how many proxies he may hold, or how many offices he may fill; and this meeting therefore concurs in the views of the majority of the Members present at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, in refusing to allow more than one vote to one Brother upon the same question.

Resolved—That in reference to the Election of Officers in any Lodge, whether private, District, County or Grand Lodge; the majority of Members present having a right to vote in such Lodge, and those alone have the power of electing the Officers; and the withdrawal of any number of members from such Lodge, previous to its being closed, cannot invalidate

an election made by those remaining, provided they form a quorum sufficient for the despatch of business; and we therefore recognize the acts of those Brethren who remained in Session at Kingston as strictly legal, and their Election of Officers as deserving the adhesion of this County Grand Lodge.

Resolved—That the thanks of this County Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to George C. Ward, County Grand Master, and William Henderson, Deputy County Grand Master, for their patient, gentlemanly and impartial conduct in their respective Chairs.

Resolved—That the Resolutions this day adopted be published in the *Port Hope Echo* and the *Toronto Patriot*.

Emily, County of Victoria.

A Copy of a Resolution passed at a Special Meeting of the District Lodge of the Orange District of Emily, held on the 12th day of July inst., at the Lodge Room of Lodge No. 114:—

Moved by Brother Thomas Adams, W. M. 113, seconded by Brother Gabriel Balfour, W. M. 475, and

Resolved—That this District Lodge views with extreme regret the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of British North America, at its last sitting in the City of Kingston, and considers the conduct of both parties worthy the unqualified censure of this Loyal Orange Lodge. And furthermore, this Lodge recognizes Brother Ogle R. Gowan, and he alone, the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Orange Association of British North America.

JOHN IRONS,
District Master, District of Emily.

Counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington.

At a Meeting of the Loyal Orangemen of the Counties of Frontenac, and of Lennox and Addington, convened by public advertisement in the newspapers, from the Grand Secretary, and held at the "Belfast Hotel," Front Street, City of Kingston, on the 23rd August, 1853, Brother Joshua Booth, District Master of Ernestown, was called to the Chair, and Brother William Hillier, of Lodge 178, Mill Creek, requested to act as Secretary. Several Brethren having addressed the Chair, the following Resolutions, on motion of Brother Jonathan Irish, of 178, Mill Creek, seconded by Brother Gabriel Montgomery, of Lodge 316, Kingston, were adopted with but one dissenting voice:—

JOSHUA BOOTH, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM HILLIER, *Secretary.*

KINGSTON, 23rd August, 1853.

1. *Resolved*—That this Meeting views with extreme regret the division which occurred at the Meeting of the Grand Lodge, held in this city, in June last—a division which could only have had its origin in a departure from the principle which governs all well regulated bodies, and without an adherence to which principle, all societies and bodies must fall into confusion and disorder: that principle is, that the majority present shall elect all officers and decide all questions of order.

2. *Resolved*—That a majority of 34 votes (96 to 62), of the members then present, having decided against receiving the Proxies tendered by Brother Charles F. Hill, of Montreal, the Grand Secretary acted in strict conformity with his duty, in refusing to obey the arbitrary mandate of Brother Benjamin, then acting as Grand Master, to record the votes so tendered and so rejected by the Grand Lodge; and that, in so declining, the Grand Secretary evinced true fidelity to order, to constitutional practice, and to the well understood rules which govern all popular bodies, whether parliamentary, municipal, judicial or voluntary.

3. *Resolved*—That this meeting never can recognize the right of any one man to cast more than one vote upon any one question that may be submitted to the Grand Lodge; and that the attempt sought to be forced on the Grand Lodge, by Mr. Benjamin, at the late meeting, was not only without precedent, example, or justification in the order, but had a direct tendency to corruption, and to lead to the most deplorable consequences in the Institution; and that, wholly independent of the merits or demerits of Messrs. Gowan and Benjamin, we feel bound to express our gratitude to those Brethren who so manfully withstood the introduction of a principle so fraught with danger to the best interests of our beloved Order.

4. *Resolved*—That all questions affecting the character, standing, capacity, or ability of either of the gentlemen whose names have been placed before the public in connexion with the high and important office of Grand Master, are utterly beside the question at issue, and were not, in fact, involved in the division which occurred, as the separation did not take place upon the alleged merits of either, but upon the assumed right to record the plurality of proxies tendered by Brother Hill; that this assumed right, being refused by a majority present, was no justification to Mr. Benjamin and his friends to withdraw from the Grand Lodge, nor did his or their withdrawal dissolve, adjourn, or close the Lodge, but, on the contrary, rendered it the bounden duty of the Deputy Grand Master, and of the Brethren remaining, to finish the business then under consideration, and in due time to close or adjourn the Grand Lodge, in accordance with ancient usage and the well known practice of the Order.

5. *Resolved*—That the Grand Lodge never repudiated Religion as con-

nected with our Order, and as being one of the moving springs of all its actions; but the Grand Lodge did declare, and this Meeting reiterates the declaration, that the Society is Loyal as well as Religious; that strict fidelity to the Constitution must go hand in hand with attachment to Protestantism; and that any attempt to separate the one from the other must tend to sap the foundations of both.

6. *Resolved*—That this meeting has full confidence in the wisdom, ability and long tried integrity of our highly esteemed Brother and Grand Master, Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., and hereby tender to that Brother, and to the other Grand Officers who act with him and under him, our hearty and united thanks, and our zealous and undivided support.

To Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., Toronto.

WELLESLEY, August 25th, 1853.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:

Being from home for some time, and on my return I see a letter from Brother James Lee, of Erin, addressed to you, and advertised in the *United Empire* newspaper, of the 28th of July, on a remark made by the editor of the *British Canadian* newspaper, and published in that paper of the 29th of June, where you are reported to have said, "that the County Grand Masters of the fifteen great Orange Counties" recorded their votes in your favor. The editor says, "two of the gentlemen we are personally acquainted with, and we can say, they were not even present, whilst from one of them we hold a letter, addressed to us within the last ten days, anything but approving of Mr. Gowan's pretensions." To the first statement of being personally acquainted with me, I reply, it is not true; for I should not know either Mr. Benjamin, Mr. Bethune or Mr. Dartnell, if I were to meet either of them in the streets. As for my not being present at Kingston to vote for you, it was in consequence of my wife getting sick on board the steamboat, going down to Kingston (as she was in company with me), and, in consequence of her sickness, I had to put in at Port Darlington, and could not attend the Grand Lodge Meeting at Kingston; so that you might well say you had the County Master of Waterloo's vote, for I told several Brothers on board the boat, that I intended to vote for you, as I thought it time to change our Grand Officers. The letter spoken of in the *Canadian* was not from me, as I never remember writing to any of the above named gentlemen, with the exception of once to our late Grand Master, about eighteen months ago. Your election to the dignified office of Grand Master of the Orange Institution of British North America is duly acknowledged in this County, which you will see by the Resolutions that were passed at the County

Meeting, held on the 30th of July; which Resolutions I wish you to publish, so as the County at large will see the falseness of the remarks in the *British Canadian*; and also as to the editors's being acquainted with me, or his having received the letter from me.

You are at liberty to use this letter as you may think meet.

I have the honor to be, Right Worshipful Sir,

Your friend and Brother,

F. W. IRWIN,
County Grand Master, Waterloo.

Synopsis of the actual number of Lodges, as nearly as can be ascertained, now in operation in each County, with their decision, so far as known, upon the withdrawal of Mr. Benjamin and his supporters, at the Kingston Meeting, June, 1853.

1. BRANT—11 Lodges. Assembled in County Meeting, declared for Gowan, and received the Annual.
2. BRUCE—1 Lodge. For Gowan, and received the Annual.
3. CARLETON—24 Lodges. The County Master, with three of the largest Districts (Goulbourn, Marlborough and North Gower), declared for Gowan, and received the Annual; the Bytown District for Benjamin.
4. DUNDAS—4 Lodges. Met in County Meeting, Co. Master in the Chair—unanimously for Gowan.
5. DURHAM—37 Lodges. Assembled in County Meeting, Co. Master in the Chair, and declared for Gowan.
6. ELGIN—9 Lodges. 7 Lodges declared for Gowan; 2 remain attached to Benjamin.
7. ESSEX—2 Lodges. Both for Gowan.
8. FRONTENAC—11 Lodges. 5, For Gowan, received the Annual; the other 6 said to be for Benjamin.
9. GLENGARRY—No Lodge Meeting in this County.
10. GRENVILLE—17 Lodges. Assembled in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in the Chair, declared unanimously for Gowan, and received the Annual.
11. GREY—7 Lodges. County Master attended at Toronto, received the Annual for his Lodges, and applied for and obtained a new warrant from Gowan.
12. HALDIMAND—3 Lodges. Not declared.
13. HALTON—13 Lodges. Received Annual and declared unanimously for Gowan.
14. HASTINGS—17 Lodges. 3 For Gowan; 14 not declared, but supposed for Benjamin.
15. HURON—13 Lodges. Received the Annual, and declared for Gowan.
16. KENT—7 Lodges. Declared unanimously for Gowan.

17. LANARK—14 Lodges. Assembled in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in the Chair, and declared for Gowan.
18. LAMBTON—5 Lodges. Applied to Gowan to be received, and have been accepted.
19. LEEDS—20 Lodges. Met in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in the Chair, and declared for Gowan.
20. LENNOX AND ADDINGTON—6 Lodges. 2 joined Gowan, and taken the Annual; 4 supposed for Benjamin.
21. LINCOLN—6 Lodges. Not declared.
22. MIDDLESEX—11 Lodges. Met in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in the Chair, declared for Gowan, and took the Annual.
23. NORFOLK—7 Lodges. Met in Co. Meeting, took the Annual, and declared for Gowan.
24. NORTHUMBERLAND—9 Lodges. Met in Co. Lodge, and declared for Benjamin.
25. ONTARIO—12 Lodges. Assembled in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in the Chair—took Annual, and declared for Gowan.
26. OXFORD.—9 Lodges. Co. Master and Members unanimous for Gowan.
27. PEEL—23 Lodges. Assembled in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in Chair, and declared for Gowan.
28. PERTH—7 Lodges. Met in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in the Chair, took Annual and declared for Gowan.
29. PETERBOROUGH—11 Lodges. Met in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in Chair, and declared for Benjamin.
30. PRESCOTT—1 Lodge. Supposed for Benjamin.
31. PRINCE EDWARD—6 Lodges. Not declared—2 received Annual from Gowan.
32. RENFREW—14 Lodges. Assembled in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in Chair, and declared for Benjamin.
33. RUSSELL—2 Lodges. Supposed for Benjamin.
34. SIMCOE—21 Lodges. Assembled in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in Chair, took Annual, and declared for Gowan.
35. STORMONT—3 Lodges. Met in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in Chair, took Annual, and declared for Gowan.
36. VICTORIA—12 Lodges. Co. Master and Members received Annual, and declared unanimously for Gowan.
37. WATERLOO—9 Lodges. Assembled in Co. Meeting, took Annual and declared for Gowan.
38. WELLAND—4 Lodges. Not declared.
39. WELLINGTON—8 Lodges. Co. Master and Members received Annual, and declared unanimously for Gowan.
40. WENTWORTH—5 Lodges. 3 For Benjamin, and 2 for Gowan.
41. YORK—31 Lodges. Met in Co. Meeting, Co. Master in Chair, and declared for Gowan.

Summary.

Total Lodges, 432; for Gowan, 349; Benjamin, 66; not declared, 17; new warrants lately granted, 22; old Lodges revived, 37; making a total of 491 working Lodges, of which 408 are for Gowan.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master.

TORONTO, August 20, 1853.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:

At the last regular Meeting of the Virgin Lodge, No. 328, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved—“That this Lodge having fully heard, and deliberately considered the statements of both parties with regard to the late Meeting of the Grand Lodge, at Kingston, and the Election of Officers thereat, and having heard the evidence of Brothers John A. Peel (328), and John Rennie (136), hereby declares Brother Ogle R. Gowan as legally elected; and that the Members of this Lodge, therefore, are bound by their obligations to obey him as such.”

Seeing, by the *Orange Lily* and *British Canadian* newspapers, that certain Lodges have passed Resolutions declaring Mr. Benjamin legally elected, and thinking they could not have been aware of the facts, as proved before us, I enclose you a copy of the evidence, as taken before the Lodge over which I have the honor to preside:—

Brother John A. Peel (328) deposed and said, “That he was present at the Election of Officers at the late Meeting of the Grand Lodge at Kingston: that a Resolution was put to the Lodge, to the effect that no Brother exercise more than one vote, which was carried by a majority of those present, each Brother exercising only one vote: that, after such Resolution was carried, Brother Benjamin and a number of his friends withdrew, having first handed in a protest: Brother Gowan was proposed and elected as Grand Master—not more than six, to the best of witness’s belief, voting against him. That after the Grand Lodge had adjourned, about half-past nine o’clock, witness saw light in the City Hall (where the Grand Lodge sat): in company with Brother Strachan of 137, witness went to the Lodge or City Hall door, heard some person say that the Grand Lodge was sitting inside: witness seeing Brother Throop keeping the door, and supposing him to be the Tyler, asked him “what order they were working under” (meaning the Orangemen inside), who informed witness that it was not an Orange, but a private meeting of the friends of Mr. Benjamin, who had met to take into consideration the course they were to pursue; that he could not be admitted except he had

the private pass: witness waited near the door, saw several persons whom he knew to be Orangemen apply for admission, and duly announced; some were admitted, others not: witness being anxious to know what was going on applied for admission; an answer was returned from inside—'can't be admitted.' That it was at this same meeting Mr. Benjamin was elected Grand Master; and that, to the best of his (witness's) belief, none were admitted who were considered likely to vote against Mr. Benjamin."

Witness further said, "That he defied any one to point out a single instance in which he misbehaved or misconducted himself, either previous to, or after Mr. Benjamin and his friends retired from the Grand Lodge."

CROSS-EXAMINED—"That there was much noise and clamour kept up on both sides; but, to the best of witness's opinion, several of those whom he supposed to be friends of Mr. Benjamin, and who afterwards withdrew, were more noisy than any of Mr. Gowan's friends: witness saw Brother Flanagan, President of the Grand Committee, and a friend of Mr. Benjamin, jumping on the table, snatching the paper containing the list of voters from the officer holding the same, tearing it to pieces and throwing it on the ground; saw another friend of Mr. Benjamin raising his hand to strike a Brother who had given him no cause whatever; did not see any of Mr. Gowan's friends doing so; is sure none of them did so: is positive that the Tyler informed him it was not an Orange, but a private meeting; and that witness was refused admission, and did not gain admission thereto: does not wish to state, at present, how he knows; but positively swears, that to his certain knowledge it was at this same meeting, to which he and a number of other Orangemen were refused admittance, that Mr. Benjamin was elected Grand Master—that if Mr. Benjamin, or any of his friends deny it, and he is called upon to do so, he will then state how he knows: that he stated so before in presence of Brother Ashfield and others, Mr. Benjamin's friends, and that they admitted it: witness does not know why he was refused admittance; could have passed himself; was not asked or required to do so; thinks the reason of his being refused admittance was because he was considered in favour of Brother Gowan, and had voted that no Brother be allowed to exercise more than one vote: saw Brother Henderson apply for admission and refused; also saw Brother Nelson and Brother Boggs (neither of them had the private pass), both of whom were admitted; Brother Henderson was a supporter of Mr. Gowan, Brothers Nelson and Boggs were for Mr. Benjamin: was present the whole of the day of election: Mr. Benjamin was proposed and seconded for Grand Master, also Brothers Gowan and

Dempsey; but the dispute which occasioned the division arose before the vote was taken on any of them: after the dispute was settled, Mr. Benjamin was not re-proposed, neither was Brother Dempsey, as Brother Gowan was proposed first and elected; if Mr. Gowan had lost, supposes Mr. Benjamin would have been proposed."

Witness further said, "That at no time during the sitting of the Grand Lodge were the votes taken on the question of Mr. Benjamin's being Grand Master."

(Signed) "JOHN A. PEEL."

Brother John Rennie, on oath, deposed,—Witness is a Member of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 136: that, in consequence of the Master of his Lodge not being able to attend, he was appointed by resolution, at the regular Meeting, to represent the Lodge as special Proxy; that he had with him his credentials as such, with the seal of his Lodge attached thereto: that he was present at the last Meeting of the Grand Lodge, on the day of the Election of Officers, at Kingston. That after the Grand Lodge had adjourned, having elected Brother Gowan as Grand Master, he saw a crowd of persons round the entrance to the City Hall: witness went to the entrance door, and saw a number of persons going inside; that he mixed with them; when going in some person (he supposes a Brother appointed to pass them in) whispered something in his ear, which he supposes was the private pass, and allowed him to go inside: after the door was closed and tyled, Mr. Benjamin addressed the meeting at some length, to the effect that they should organize a new Society, calling it the "United Lodge of Canada:" that, while witness was present, several Brothers applied for admission: that, to the best of witness's belief, from what he saw, no Brother was admitted except he was thought to be favourable to Mr. Benjamin: that a certain Brother, witness thinks a County Master, was announced; one of the most active brethren said, "he's for Gowan;" the word was then passed, "can't be admitted." Witness, from what was stated, thinking they were about to break up the Orange Institution, or to form one in opposition thereto, and not wishing to be present, withdrew.

CROSS-EXAMINED.—The meeting was not considered as a Lodge; was not opened as a Lodge; no one took the Chair as Master. One man sat at the end of one table, and another at another. It was in the City Hall the Grand Lodge held its meeting; does not know why he was admitted; is sure that if he was known to have been in favour of Mr. Gowan he would not. Mr. Townley was at that time Master of his Lodge; Mr. Townley he believes, prints the *British Canadian* newspaper, published by Mr. Dartnell. His Lodge was considered favoura-

ble to Mr. Benjamin. Witness's name is published in the *British Canadian*, as having signed Mr. Benjamin's address, or of certifying to its correctness. Witness did not sign it, nor did he authorize any one to do so for him; his name is forged thereto. Some of Mr. Gowan's friends made noise when Mr. Benjamin refused to put the appeal on the proxy question; but, on the whole, Mr. Benjamin's friends were much more noisy than Mr. Gowan's. No votes were taken or called for on the question, whether Mr. Benjamin be Grand Master or not.

(Signed) JOHN A. RENNIE.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the evidence given by Brothers Peel and Rennie, before Loyal Orange Lodge No. 328.

(Signed) JAMES B. DAVIS.

From the above evidence our Lodge had no difficulty in deciding that Mr. Benjamin could have no pretence to the Grand Mastership, and they had very little trouble in deciding that you were legally elected. At a former meeting, evidence was produced before them, that Mr. Benjamin, at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, held (for 1852) at Port Hope, decided that no Brother could exercise more than one vote under the following circumstances:—Brother Polley wished to vote as Special Proxy for a Lodge, at which the Master, who was also a County Master, was present. He was refused the right to do so, inasmuch as the Master of the Lodge was present. The Master then urged his right to two votes, saying, that the Rules of the Grand Lodge, in enumerating those entitled to sit and vote amongst others, says, "County Masters and Masters of Lodges;" that there was no Rule (as in the Proxy case) to prevent the same person being County Master and Master of a private Lodge, and, according to the Rules, both had a right to be represented; and it was not fair, inasmuch as both had perfect confidence in him, that either should be disfranchised. But Mr. Benjamin decided against him, on the ground (and expressly said) that no Brother could exercise more than one vote. That being his expressed opinion *then*—and that opinion was not appealed from, but approved of by the Lodge—his deciding the contrary when the votes were about to be rendered in his favor, we considered quite sufficient to shake the confidence of many in the new opinion thus formed; and that as his opinion of the construction of the rules was appealed from, and a Brother wished to have the opinion of the Grand Lodge taken on the subject, we considered it was the duty of the Chairman to have put such appeal; but, on his refusing, a Brother proposed a Resolution to the effect that no Brother be allowed to exercise more than one vote, which was carried by a large

majority of those present; which was regularly proved before us, by a number of witnesses; and I, being myself present, was also fully aware of the same. You were then proposed and elected; therefore our Lodge have, as I have stated, resolved to adhere to the Grand Lodge over which you preside.

As I am writing, I may as well mention something with regard to Mr. Dempsey's letter, as a construction is sought to be put thereon, from his writing for proxies, which I am certain he never intended. Previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, I informed Mr. Dempsey that I was going up to see my Brother, who is Master of a Lodge in the County of Simcoe, and asked him whether one Brother could vote for a number of Lodges, as I could bring some proxies with me; but Mr. Dempsey then expressly informed me, that one Brother could only vote for one Lodge; that it was decided at the last Meeting of the Grand Lodge, that no Brother could exercise more than one vote. That being his opinion privately expressed to me, he could not have thought otherwise when writing to Brother Joshua Breadner; but his whole object in doing so appears to have been, from his own private statements to me, a sincere desire to have fair play, and the Lodges to be well represented.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours in the bonds of the Brotherhood,

JAMES B. DAVIS,

Master of L. O. Virgin Lodge, No. 328.

TORONTO, August, 1853.

Copy of a Special Dispensation, issued to Brother Charles R. Bedwell, Esq., of Montreal.

Royal Orange Association, British North America.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME,

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, SEND GREETING.

WHEREAS, upon due deliberation being had, it hath been considered, that the interests and well-being of our Institution at the present juncture in that part of this Province formerly called Lower Canada, require that extraordinary powers be, for a time, conferred upon some zealous and faithful Brother resident in that section; NOW, KNOW YE, that reposing the fullest confidence in our trusty and well beloved Brother, Charles R. Bedwell, of the City of Montreal, Esquire, the President of our Grand Committee, we have conferred, and do hereby confer, during the continuance of our pleasure, upon him, the said Charles R. Bedwell, Esquire, our trusty and well beloved Brother, and

the President of our Grand Committee aforesaid, the powers of a Deputy or Local Grand Master; and do hereby empower him to exercise all such functions, control and general superintendance in Lower Canada, aforesaid, as he might or could have done, had he been regularly elected a Deputy Grand Master for Canada East, at the last Annual Session of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British North America; and also to perform and carry out all such mandates and instructions as may from time to time be promulgated or issued by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master and Sovereign, by and with the advice of the Executive Body of our Institution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seals of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British North America, to be hereunto affixed, at Toronto, Upper Canada, this 19th day of September, A.D. 1853, and in the seventeenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

{ SEAL OF }
{ ROYAL ARMS. }

(Signed)

OGLE R. GOWAN, *G. M. & Sov.*
RICHARD DEMPSEY, *Dep. G. M.*
THOMAS ARMSTRONG, *G. Treas.*
GEORGE L. ALLEN, *G. Sec.*
V. P. MEYERHOFFER, *G. Chap.*

{ GREAT SEAL OF }
{ KING WILLIAM. }

(From the Brockville Statesman.)

MR. EDITOR AND BROTHER:

For some months past, for some cause better guessed than stated, the most unfair, un-Orange, and disgraceful means have been resorted to, to drag before the public of Canada the name of our late and ever-to-be respected Grand Master, Ogle Robert Gowan, Esq., with an evident desire to ruin his character in the estimation of those, whom honor, obligation and gratitude alike should bind, to guard as their own. There is the *Orange Lily*, at Bytown, and I believe, two or three other papers, said to be edited by Orangemen, and in the interest of the present Grand Master, who, if I am informed correctly, (for I do not subscribe to any but the *Lily*, and that I intend to quit when my time expires,) scarcely allow a week to elapse without some vile attack appearing against our late Grand Master. The papers which I am told are in the habit of thus acting are, the *British Canadian*, at Toronto, the *St. Catharines Constitutional*, and the *Simcoe Standard*. Is it not strange, Mr. Editor, to find Orange Journals uniting with such vile Radical papers as the *Recorder*, the *North American*, the *Globe*, and the *Examiner*, in traducing

the character of our oldest, ablest and most faithful Brother? There must be some motive; some concealed object that "havoc" should be thus shouted by professing Brothers, and "the Dogs of War let slip" against one who has laboured for five and thirty years, (of which four and twenty have been here in our midst) "through good report and through evil report," bearing in his own person, and by his own means, without fee or reward, the "heat and burden of the day." Is such conduct becoming the Members of an Order of which HE IS THE FATHER AND FOUNDER IN CANADA? Was it for this he battled our cause in Parliament? Was it for this he battled the Radicals in this County, after Judge Jones, Henry Sherwood, and all the other Conservative Candidates had abandoned the contest as hopeless? Was it for this he travelled up and down, over almost every part of the Province, from Quebec, below, to Hamilton, above: over logs and mud holes and swamps, to plant our Order in "the bush" settlements, that are now converted into fields and gardens and villages? Is this the return for all his outlay of time and talent and money; of nightly thoughts and daily toil? Was it for this he faced the enemies of his country at the Windmill, and received the special thanks of the Major General commanding? Is this the only return we can make to him, for his many, many long years of toil and labor, and expense, the blackest ingratitude and foulest slander? If such is the fact, our late honored Grand Master may well exclaim in the language of Cardinal Wolsey to his ungrateful Sovereign: "Oh! had I served my God as I served my King; He would not thus desert me in my old days!"

But what is the secret of all this hostility and abuse? Is it not the fear, the trembling anxiety, on the part of the friends of our present Grand Master, lest the Orangemen of Canada should, at their next Annual Grand Lodge meeting, to be held at Kingston next June, insist upon Mr. Gowan, (Mr. Alderman Gowan, I suppose I should now call him,) permitting them to place him once more at their head? Is not this, in fact, the true secret of all the abuse that is being heaped upon him? If he had less claims, and was less beloved, there would be less danger and less abuse. Oh! what dangerous things are Talent and Principle! To how much envy and slander do they not subject the individual who possesses them!

I may write you again on this subject; but before I close, allow me to trouble you with one other remark upon this subject. The *Lily* says: "If the friends of Mr. Gowan can prove that the Orange Institution was more prosperous and in better working order under the superintendence of Mr. Gowan, than under that of Mr. Benjamin; or that the change from

the latter to the former would confer any benefits on the Association, then they will have some grounds for their desire to raise Mr. Gowan to the Grand Master's chair. Failing to do this, or to prove a want of capacity in Mr. Benjamin, we cannot but look upon the attempt (*wish*, I presume, would be the proper phrase) to supersede that gentleman by a sly canvass as unworthy of any man bound by the ties of the Order." So far so good. As to Mr. Benjamin's "capacity," I presume no man will pretend to compare it with Mr. Gowan's. The "capacity" of the one (if known at all) can only be known to the Order; the "capacity" of the other is not only known to the Order, but known, acknowledged and FELT by friend and foe. As to the "sly canvass," is it not notorious that while Mr. Gowan has openly denied it, the attacks upon that gentleman, and the compliments to Mr. Benjamin, are all couched in the most direct terms of canvass that could be adopted? In fact, are not Mr. Benjamin's friends openly "canvassing," while Mr. Gowan's are silent? As to the "prosperous" condition of Orangoism "under Mr. Gowan's superintendence," I will at present only refer to one or two facts, which I find recorded in a couple of the printed reports of the Grand Lodge, now lying before me. First, as to *Respectability*—Under his superintendence, I find over one hundred Grand Officers and Grand Committeemen, in which there are a very large proportion of Colonels, Justices of the Peace, Clergymen, Barristers, Medical Doctors, Merchants and others of the leading and influential classes, including eight members of the Provincial Parliament—namely, Messrs. Ogle R. Gowan, George Duggan, Hon. John A. Macdonald, George Elliott, R. G. Dunlop, John H. Powell, S. S. Foster, and George Macdonald. Second, as regards *numbers*, the Report for 1843 (and the present Grand Master was present when it was adopted) states that the Order then consisted of 26 counties in Upper Canada, 118 Districts, 334 Lodges, and 20,040 members. In Lower Canada, 5 Counties, 6 Districts, 8 Lodges, and 480 Members. In New Brunswick, 4 Counties, 4 Districts, 10 Lodges, and 600 Members. Being a "Total" of 11 Grand Officers, 246 Grand Committeemen, 35 County Grand Officers, 128 District Masters, 352 Masters of Lodges, and 21,120 Members. This, Mr. Editor, remember, is ten years ago; since which time the population of Canada has more than doubled. Has our increase in Lodges, in Grand Officers, in respectability or otherwise, more than doubled, as it should have done, to hold its own with the growth in population? This may become a subject for future consideration.

By Mr. Bethune's Report, made in June 1851, (six years afterwards,) there were but 386 Warrants, altogether, of which 187 only had paid their

Dues. Thus showing, in six years, under Mr. Benjamin's boasted management and success, the number of Warrants issued had increased but 37, and the number of paying Lodges but 15. I find also, that the Lodges in 1850, were reported by Mr. Benjamin's own Grand Lecturer, (D. G. Miller, Esq.,) to have become totally disorganized: his words are, "The Annual Password in some places—even in the Counties which I visited—was not received by particular Lodges for years; and in one or two Districts, there has been no County or District Lodge for several years. Private Lodges existed, it is true, but they were merely isolated and voluntary Associations, claiming to act under our Grand Warrant, but in reality as much disconnected with Grand Lodge proceedings and discipline as if none whatever existed. I am credibly informed that, in some places, Lodges are sitting regularly, using some old Annual which was in use in Ireland many years ago, and apparently indifferent to the existence of any other Branch of the Orange system in the Province! In those places, however, where Lodges are regularly organized, and County and Districts exist, a delay of several months invariably occurs before the body of members obtain either the Annual Password, or the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the current year." (Vide Brother Miller's Report at the Hamilton Grand Lodge meeting—Mr. Benjamin in the Chair—June, 1850, page 88.)

If there must be public discussion on the point, let it be a fair and manly one; let Facts be examined, and the Truth be told on both sides.

Yours, Mr. Editor and Brother,

AN ORANGEMAN
of Twenty-one Years' Standing.

The Belleville Pope!

(From the Brockville Statesman.)

Had we not seen the following Ukase issued by His Holiness the Pope of Belleville, we would not have believed that any sane man could have issued such a piece of wickedness, bombast, and folly. Every Orangeman is bound not only to support the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, but even to obey all regular summonses, if in his power; and yet, this bullying fool, takes upon himself, the blasphemous authority of dispensing with their Obligations, and setting aside the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge! He, too, sets the inferior over the superior; the minority over the majority! Poor George Benjamin! Truly Belleville should be proud of its Pope! Well, "miracles

will never cease," so here comes the precious Bull itself, in His Holiness' own words—and, by the way, not even in good English itself:

"LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

Special Rules by the R. W. G. M.

Under the trying circumstances of the times arising from the contumacy and violence of certain wrong-minded Brethren, who by erroneous representations may induce other Brothers to go astray, and to follow their bad and pernicious example, the Right Worshipful the Grand Master issues the following Orders, to govern as far as possible such emergencies as may arise, and he *requires* and *commands* due obedience thereto, until the questions and points shall be otherwise disposed of and finally settled, by express rule or order from the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British North America, over which he has the honor to preside.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Master calls upon all County, District, and Officers of Private Lodges and of the Brethren generally, to obey, as they are bound, all orders from the Grand Lodge, and that before all other considerations—the consideration of upholding the Supreme authority must prevail, and therefore He establishes the following *rules* and *orders* and calls upon the Brethren to give them their strict attention.

COUNTY LODGES AND OFFICERS.

1. No contumacious County Master shall be permitted to countersign any warrant, but such warrant shall be held to have force and effect without such countersignature, in all cases that may arise. Nor shall he exercise any of the functions set to be performed by the County Master, according to the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

2. When the County Master is faithful he shall receive the complaints against District Officers and Officers of Private Lodges for contumacy, and shall try them under the existing rules, except as the same may be varied by this order, and he shall summon such evidence as he shall consider requisite to establish the truth of the charges. Provided that when the County Master is contumacious, then the duties assigned to him, shall be performed by the Deputy County Master, being faithful, or any other County Officer of equal good standing.

3. Should the parties who may be summoned fail to appear, the County Master, or in his default the Deputy or other County Officer as herein provided, shall proceed to open the Court, which, notwithstanding any other provision of the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge to the contrary, shall consist of such presiding officer, and any other four members of the County Lodge not contumacious, and shall try the case,

and may give judgment forthwith, and shall notify the parties as to what has been done.

4. That the officer presiding or to preside at such Court, shall have power to summon witnesses in any case of contumacy, and no officer or other member of a County Lodge, being contumacious, shall be admitted to a seat or vote in the County Lodge.

DISTRICT LODGES AND OFFICERS.

5. In all cases when District Officers are guilty of contumacy, the Lodges within that District being faithful, or having organized themselves as faithful Lodges, as herein after provided, shall proceed to elect new District Officers, and report the same to the County Master.

6. No officer, or other member of a District Lodge being contumacious, shall be admitted to a seat or vote in such Lodge.

7. The District Master shall, in his visit to the Lodges within his District, ascertain if they are contumacious or not; should he find the officer presiding contumacious, he shall at once instruct the brethren of the fact, and point out to them their danger in sustaining such a brother, if the officer persists, he shall then take steps to place a faithful Brother in his place.

8. Should the District Master be contumacious and the Deputy faithful, then the faithful lodges shall meet and declare their confidence in him, and he shall thenceforward discharge the duties of District Master. And in case the Deputy District Master be also contumacious, then the duties of District Master shall devolve on the Master of the senior faithful lodge.

9. The officers of private lodges are not obliged, but are forbidden, to obey the orders of a contumacious District Officer.

10. No contumacious District Master shall install any officer, but such duty shall devolve upon the nearest faithful District or County Officer.

PRIVATE LODGES AND OFFICERS.

11. Neither the Master or any other Officer of a private Lodge, shall receive or introduce a contumacious member into a Lodge Room, nor give him any sign or password.

12. That the Brethren who are faithful to the order are not bound to obey a contumacious officer, but they are bound to possess themselves, (without the use of violence,) of the property of the Lodge, as it was before the introduction of contumacy.

13. With the property and Warrant so in their possession, they may re-organize and elect, and install new officers for the unexpired term of the year, reporting to the Grand Master what they do.

14. In all cases where contumacy shall exist amongst the members of private Lodges, when a sufficient number of faithful brethren remain to enable them to open a Lodge by application accompanied by undoubted proof of the facts, a new Warrant will issue for the same number, and the old Warrant will be cancelled free of charge.

15. In all cases when Brethren cannot obtain their certificates, from the fact of the Master being contumacious, he may apply for a certificate of facts to the District Master, and if he be contumacious, then to the Officer to supersede such District Master and Deputy District Master, and upon such certificate being transmitted to the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, he will issue a special certificate to the Brother.

CONTUMACY.

16. That such officers and Brethren shall be deemed guilty of contumacy, who shall recognize any other authority, than that of the Grand Lodge of British North America, as established and now at work, and whose Grand Officers for the current year are :

George Benjamin, Esq., R. W. G. M. ; Angus Bethune, Esq., R. W. D. G. M. ; John Flannigan, Esq., W. Junr. D. G. M. ; John Holland, Esq., W. G. T. ; James Ashfield Esq., W. G. S. ; Rev. Mr. Mc George, W. G. C. ; Daniel Hopkins, Esq., P. G. C. ; or who shall fail in obedience to said Grand Lodge, or any order it may issue.

Given under our hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge, at Belleville, this 25th day of June, A. D., 1853.

GEORGE BENJAMIN, G. M. & S."

Mr. Gowan's Success.

(From the Belleville Tribune, September, 1853.)

We received a letter yesterday from an old acquaintance, dated Brockville, Sept. 8th, and from which we take the liberty to make the following extract :—

"I have just returned from Perth and did myself the honour of attending the Semi-Annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America. It was a large meeting and the best feeling prevailed. All were unanimous for Gowan—I may say unanimous, if I except one or two who were a little 'contumacious.' He carries Quebec altogether, in fact he carries everything down in this large section of country. You would be rejoiced to see the cordial greetings which every where meet him from the Brethren. To-morrow he meets the people of Dundas.—

The preparations they are making to receive the R. W. Grand Master would surprise you—it is almost equal to the Ross Demonstration at Belleville. Benjamin, who I must ever regard as a dangerous man, has not one leg to stand on in this part of the country. Hurrah for Gowan and order. God save the Queen.”

County of Leeds.

This County has unanimously gone for Mr. Gowan, and passed strong resolutions in favor of Law and Order, in our beloved Institution. On Mr. Gowan's return, from attending the Semi-Annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Perth, and when passing through Brockville, (the capital of the County of Leeds,) he was waited upon by a Deputation from L. O. L. No. 1, with whom he proceeded to the Lodge Room, when he was presented with the following Address :—

TO OGLE ROBERT GOWAN, Esq.,
Grand Master and Sovereign.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER :

We, the Master, Officers and Brethren, of Loyal Orange Lodge No. ONE, desire to welcome you once more as our Grand Master, and are rejoiced to find you again in our midst, as an old and familiar friend, with whom the Brethren of this Town and County have long struggled, long supported, and long admired. Knowing you to be the Father and Founder of our Glorious Institution in America, and having witnessed the exertions you made, and the time, the ability, and the money, you spent in its support, we are happy at being afforded the opportunity of again acknowledging you as our head, of being instructed by your-counsel, guided by your precepts, and encouraged by your example of perseverance and fidelity. Here, in the capital of Leeds and Grenville, was the fountain first opened, from whence issued the waters of Orangeism, that have since irrigated the land; and in no spot can the head that planned, and the hand that raised, and the heart that watched by that fountain, be more appropriately welcomed. Welcome, then, Right Worshipful Sir, thrice welcome are you, to our midst this day.

But it is not alone as an Orangeman, that we have known you, or as an Orangeman only, that we recognize and welcome you. You have served us as a Magistrate, and as a Municipal Councillor—for many years you were Warden of our District—you Represented our County in Parliament; and in every capacity, on the Bench of Justice, in our County and Town Councils, and in the Provincial Legislature, we found

you able, vigilant and trustworthy. When our Country was invaded ; when foreign hordes polluted our soil by their presence ; when many of our own people were seduced from their allegiance ; in the darkest hours of gloom and despondency ; you were again found at the post of Peril, of Honor and Duty, and as Lieutenant Colonel Commanding our gallant Militia and Volunteers, setting a bright example of Loyalty, Patriotism and Valor to the Province. Can we then, Sir ; we who were the witnesses of your services, fail to remember them ; to treasure them in our "heart of hearts ;" or to give expression to our feelings, when we again find you in our midst ? No ! Right Worshipful Sir, your name and services will ever be dear to us ; and the heart of a Leeds Protestant must be cold indeed, when it ceases to move with fond emotion in the presence of Ogle R. Gowan.

Done in open Lodge, at Brockville, in the County of Leeds, this 10th day of September, 1853.

HIRAM FULFORD, *Master.*

ROBERT STEWART, *Deputy Master,*

H. P. GOWAN, *Secretary,*

T. GREEN, *Treasurer.*

The above address being read by the Deputy Master, (the Master being unavoidably absent,) the Grand Master made a verbal reply, full of wisdom, instruction, and gratitude, which sensibly affected the whole Lodge, and left lasting impressions upon the heart of every Brother present.

THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON
FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT
TO THE PRESENT TIME
BY NATHANIEL BENTLEY
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The first settlement of the city of Boston was made in the year 1630, by a company of Englishmen, who were sent out by the Massachusetts Bay Company, to establish a colony in the northern part of the continent. They arrived in the month of September, and found the place already occupied by a few Indians, who were friendly to them, and gave them the name of Boston, in honor of the Earl of Boston, who was then the Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company.

The first church in the city was founded in the year 1630, by the Rev. Mr. Richard Denton, who was the first minister of the church. He was a learned and pious man, and his labors were very successful. He died in the year 1641, and was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Thomas Hooker, who was the second minister of the church. He was a man of great piety and learning, and his labors were also very successful. He died in the year 1650, and was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. John Cotton, who was the third minister of the church. He was a man of great piety and learning, and his labors were also very successful. He died in the year 1652, and was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Charles Chauncy, who was the fourth minister of the church. He was a man of great piety and learning, and his labors were also very successful. He died in the year 1727, and was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. John Phillips, who was the fifth minister of the church. He was a man of great piety and learning, and his labors were also very successful. He died in the year 1770, and was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. John Thayer, who was the sixth minister of the church. He was a man of great piety and learning, and his labors were also very successful. He died in the year 1800, and was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. John Pierpont, who was the seventh minister of the church. He was a man of great piety and learning, and his labors were also very successful. He died in the year 1822, and was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. John Pierpont, who was the eighth minister of the church. He was a man of great piety and learning, and his labors were also very successful.

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TO THE PUBLIC.

Immediately prior to the outbreak of the Rebellion in 1837, a Pamphlet was published in this city, by William Lyon Mackenzie, copied, with additions, from one said to have been previously published by one George P. Bull, a printer, now deceased.

This Pamphlet purported to be the Report of a Trial which occurred at the Wexford Assizes, in Ireland, in the month of March, 1827 (over a quarter of a century ago), and in which Mr. Hopkins, now deceased, is made the plaintiff, and one of my brothers and myself are made the defendants. And, strange as it may appear, though a *defendant* in the case (according to the pamphlet), I am also made a *witness* on my own behalf as is also *my wife*! The pamphlet itself, though containing the most conclusive internal evidence of its own falsehood, was yet most extensively circulated—the sole object being to blast my reputation.

Shortly after the publication, in 1837, Mr. Mackenzie absconded from this country; so that I was prevented from taking any proceedings in that quarter. Some time after, however, a person named William Harris (then of Brockville, but recently appointed, by the present government, to the office of Crown Lands Agent for the County of Renfrew) reproduced the leading facts of the Pamphlet, with certain additions and comments of his own, which he published in the *British Whig* (Kingston newspaper, in 1844, under the signature of "COBBETT." I immediately commenced proceedings at law against the writer (Mr. Harris), and the publisher (Dr. Barker). The trial of the former first came on, and I had no difficulty in procuring a conviction. The trial took place at the Court House, Brockville, in April 1844, as by reference to the record may be seen. Immediately after the judicial investigation, I received a letter of apology from the publisher of the *British Whig*, of which the following is a copy:—

"KINGSTON, 15th April, 1844."

"SIR,—Observing that you have brought to trial, and have convicted, by a Jury of his country, the writer of a letter published some time ago

"in the *British Whig*, signed "COBBETT," I now express my regret, that
 "the said letter against you should have been published in the *British Whig*:
 "and this I do the more particularly, as I was not cognisant that
 "the said Letter contained anything offensive to you, not having read it
 "till after its publication.

"I am, Sir,

"Your most obedient servant,

"EDWARD JOHN BARKER, M. D.

"O. R. GOWAN, Esq."

Upon the receipt and publication of the foregoing apology, I abandoned the proceedings against Dr. Barker.

Not deterred by the results above mentioned, two other newspaper proprietors, Mr. Waudby of the *Kingston Herald* (at present Clerk of the Peace for the County of Frontenac), and Mr. Donlevy of the *Toronto Mirror*, republished the substance of the said Pamphlet, accompanied by their own commentaries thereon. I immediately commenced an action for defamation, against each of the said publishers. Henry Smith, Esq., M. P. P., was my lawyer in the Kingston case; and George Duggan, Esq., (the present Recorder of this City), in the Toronto one. Mr. Waudby went to trial; the jury was a Special one; the present Mr. Chief Justice Macaulay presided; the trial took place in the Court House, in Kingston; and the jury found little difficulty, after the most searching inquiry, to render a verdict in my favor.

In the Toronto case, I consented to an application for the appointment of a Commission to take evidence in Ireland, if any could be found, to prove the truth of the pamphlet. But, after waiting over nine months, I received the following apology from the publisher, who came down to Brockville to induce me to withdraw the suit, which I did at the instance and upon the solicitation of William Matthie and Robert Edmondson, Esquires, who interested themselves in the matter:—

"BROCKVILLE, 19th August, 1845.

"Sir,—An article having appeared in the *Toronto Mirror*, reflecting
 "grossly on your character and veracity as a gentleman, for which you
 "have entered an action at law against me, as the Proprietor of that
 "Journal, I beg leave to inform you, that I was absent at the time of
 "its publication; and that, from the enquiries I have since made, I find
 "I am unable to substantiate the truth of the allegations therein con-
 "tained; I therefore freely make to you this acknowledgment, together
 "with my regret for the publication; and I agree to pay all costs to
 "which you may have been put, in consequence of said suit at law, in

“the event of your abandoning the same. I will publish the foregoing
“in the *Mirror*, and call the attention of the public to the same, in a
“short editorial.

“C. DONLEVY.

“OGLE R. GOWAN, Esq., Brockville.”

Since then, the matter has not, so far as I am aware, come before the public, until lately; when it has been again brought up, in the shape of a Report of Mr. Benjamin's Grand Orange Lodge, published at the office of Mr. Edward Taylor Dartnell. A day or two after my return from a tour to Eastern Canada, I addressed the following letter to Mr. Benjamin, upon the subject of that publication:—

“TORONTO, 19th September, 1853.

“SIR,—A Pamphlet has issued from the *British Canadian* office, containing fifty-eight pages, and purporting to be a Report of the ‘Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Association of British North America, at its General Annual Meeting, held in Kingston, on Tuesday the 21st of June, 1853, and, by adjournment, on the two succeeding days;’ together with a ‘Preface,’ an ‘Appendix to the foregoing Report,’ and an ‘Index;’ the whole purporting to be issued under your direct auspices and sanction.

“Should the contents of this Pamphlet and its appendix be true, you and your friends can have little difficulty in satisfying a jury of the country of that fact; but should the allegations and insinuations rest upon no other authority than malice, I think I may fairly claim, at the hands of such jury, compensation for the injuries sought to be inflicted upon me.

“To test this matter, I now write to ask, if you are willing to avow the publication of the said Pamphlet, in order that my counsel may be enabled to proceed against you, and to test the truth or falsehood of the statements it contains.

“Awaiting your answer, I remain, Sir,

“Your obedient servant,

“OGLE R. GOWAN.

“GEO. BENJAMIN, Esq., Belleville.”

Mr. Benjamin having been the Chairman of the Meeting from whence the Report in question purported to emanate, and presuming that he would not sign a Pamphlet, or be privy to its circulation, the truth of which he was not prepared to stand by, when called to account, I waited eight days for his answer; when, not having received one, I addressed the following letter to Mr. Bethune, who was the Vice Chairman of the meeting authorizing the publication:—

" 104 ADELAIDE ST., 27th September, 1853.

" SIR,—Enclosed I transmit you the copy of a letter, addressed by me
 "to Mr. Benjamin, on the 19th instant. Not having received an answer
 "to that communication, I now address myself to you, as the deputy of
 "Mr. Benjamin, and as the next senior officer presiding at the meeting—
 "the proceedings of which the Pamphlet in question purports to report—
 "to ask if you will assume the responsibility of standing by the state-
 "ments it contains, by avowing the publication thereof.

"If so, please inform me at once, that my lawyer may take the neces-
 "sary proceedings to commence the action against you.

"I remain, Sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"OGLE R. GOWAN.

"ANGUS BETHUNE, Esq., Richmond Street."

Up to this moment, I have received no reply from either Mr. Benjamin or Mr. Bethune; and I am thus left to take proceedings against their tool, Mr. Dartnell, a mere "man of straw;" without sixpence worth of property, so far as I have been able to find out; and whom if I prosecuted and convicted, the only compensation I should receive would be the payment of the costs for my trouble! I therefore submit the simple facts to the public, without note or comment from my pen; satisfied that they will readily be able to form a correct opinion upon the truth or the falsehood of the Pamphlets circulated against me, and upon the honor and veracity of the parties circulating them.

104 ADELAIDE STREET,

TORONTO, 6th October, 1853.

OGLE R. GOWAN.