

REPORT
OF THE
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL
GRAND ORANGE LODGE
OF
ONTARIO WEST,
HELD IN THE
MASONIC HALL, TOWN OF SARNIA
COUNTY WEST LAMBTON,
On TUESDAY, THE 6th, AND (BY ADJOURNMENT) WEDNESDAY,
THE 7th DAYS OF MARCH, 1883.



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IN MASONIC HALL, SARNIA, ON TUESDAY, THE 6TH,
AND (BY ADJOURNMENT) WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH, DAYS
OF MARCH, 1883.

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Middlesex, West	Henry Gough	Napier.
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County of South Grey.		
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County of North Huron.		
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County of East Lambton.		
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Deputy District Masters.**County of West Lambton.**

Sarnia	Wm. Rattan	Sarnia.
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County of Toronto.

Toronto, Centre	W. I. Wilson	Toronto.
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Past District Masters.**County of West Lambton.**

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County of East Middlesex.

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County of East Bruce.

734	William Portis	Paisley.
547	Simon Young	Hanover.

County of South Huron.

493	James Hodgins	Lucan.
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County of East Lambton.

746	Wm. H. Roane	Watford.
536	Robt. Stirrett	Kertch.
626	Geo. Hartly	Wyoming.
830	D. Carscaden	Forest.

County of West Lambton.

1096	Wm. Brown	Petrolia.
514	Thomas Robinson	Lackie.
1151	Wm. McMillan	Oil Springs.

County of Lincoln.

573	William Bryson	St. Catharines.
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188.....Robert Fox.....London.
248.....Thomas Duffin.....Rebecca.

County of West Middlesex.

517.....James Lakin.....Napier.

County of Oxford.

648.....Robt. McClintock.....Culloden.

County of North Perth.

617.....Thomas Robinson.....Listowel.

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404.....John Barker.....Toronto.
781.....John Thompson.....Toronto.
551.....David Beatty.....Toronto.
396.....Charles Turner.....Toronto.
275.....John Herdman.....Toronto.
375.....J. H. Guest.....Toronto.
127.....Charles Somers.....Toronto.
136.....Alex. Harris.....Toronto.
588.....H. W. Johnstone.....Toronto.
711.....John Wiggins.....Toronto.
173.....John McCaffery.....Toronto.
821.....James Norris.....Toronto.

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312.....John Hotrum.....Hamilton.

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County of East Middlesex.

230.....Wm. Garlick.....London

County of South Perth.

591.....John A. Robinson.....Kirkton.
970.....Andrew Demman.....Gowanstown.

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89.....J. G. Chapman.....Clover Hill.

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Enniskillen.....	Henry Kerr.....	Petrolea.

County of Toronto.

Toronto West.....	Robert Kerr.....	Toronto.
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County of South Huron.

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505.....	Thomas Woods.....	Watford.
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671.....	Joseph Milner.....	Perch.

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387.....	Andrew Fleming.....	Toronto.

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Visitors.

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 John Roddy, 1230 Sarnia.
 Wm. Pollock, 830 Forest.
 John G. Braund, 1151 Oil Springs.
 Joseph Glass, 1230 Sarnia.
 Joseph Smith, 1151 Oil Springs.
 Henry Hall, 1230 Sarnia.
 George Pitfield, 1230 Sarnia.
 Joseph Hoskins, 1230 Sarnia.
 A. Delone, 655 Palmerston.
 John E. Bailey, 536 Kertch.
 H. Howe, 901 Glanoke.
 Charles Johnson, 536 Kertch.
 John Love, 762 London.
 James Dodd, 517 Napier.
 James Rose, 1096 Petrolea.
 John Milner, 671 Oban.
 J. Brownlee, 573 St. Catharines.
 H. McBride, 1230 Point Edward.
 Arthur Dodge, 536 Plympton.
 Jos. Wesley, 1230 Sarnia.
 A. Carson, 626 Wanstead.
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 J. Lucas, 746 Watford.
 W. Cascombe, 1230 Sarnia.
 George Slatts, 505 Watford.
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PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST DAY.

MASONIC HALL,

SARNIA, ONT., MARCH 6TH, 1883.

The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario West assembled this day in its Twenty-fourth Annual Session.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Brother and Companion Sir James Bennett, took the chair at 2 o'clock P.M., and appointed Sir H. Perkins, C. M., of North Huron, as Deputy Grand Master.

The R. W. Grand Master appointed Companion Sir William Pace as Outside Herald, and Companion Sir Cornelius Waters as Inside Herald, and instructed them in their duties.

The Companions present were tested in the Royal Scarlet Degree by Companions Sir A. Robb and Sir W. I. Willson.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master reported all present entitled to sit in this R. W. Grand Chapter.

Companion the Rev. Sir R. S. Cooper, R. W. Grand Chaplain, conducted the opening services in the illustrious degree of Royal Scarlet, after which the R. W. Grand Master declared this R. W. Grand Chapter opened for the despatch of business.

The Lecture in the Royal Scarlet Degree was repeated by Companions Sir William Douglas and Sir W. H. Murney, R. W. Grand Lecturers.

Moved by Companion Sir W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe, seconded by Companion Sir James Brodie, C. M., South Grey, and

Resolved—That Companion Sir William Douglas, G. L., be one of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees.

Moved by Companion Sir James Brodie, C. M., South Grey, seconded by Companion Sir J. Fortune, C. M., East Bruce, and

Resolved—That Companion Sir H. Perkins, C. M., North Huron, be one of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees.

Moved by Companion Sir Thomas Keyes, Co. Proxy, Lincoln, seconded by Companion Sir J. A. Burgess, D. G. S., and

Resolved—That Companion Sir E. F. Clarke, D. G. T. B. A., be one of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees.

Moved by Companion Sir W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe, seconded by Companion Sir J. M. Platt, D. M., Bradford, and

Resolved—That Companion Sir T. C. McAvoy, C. M., South Ontario, be one of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees.

Moved by Companion Sir W. H. Murney, D. G. L., seconded by Companion Sir James Brodie, C. M., South Grey, and

Resolved—That Companion Sir Thomas Keyes, G. S. B. A., be one of the Committee to strike the Standing Committees.

Moved by Companion Sir W. Nicholson, D. M., Hamilton, seconded by Companion Sir A. Higgins, W. M., L. O. L. 71, and

Resolved—That this R. W. Grand Chapter be now reduced to the Orange Degree.

The R. W. Grand Master then declared the Grand Lodge reduced to the Orange Degree.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

An address of welcome was read by Bro. Murray Nesbit, C. M., of Lambton, as follows :—

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ontario West, in Grand Lodge assembled :

On behalf of the County Lodge of West Lambton, and in its name, I bid you a hearty welcome to this our thriving town ; and, although it is the first time that the Grand Lodge

of Ontario West we hope it will report the Ontario, although we opposition ; but of Lambton will Dominion House as will as Orangemen were dictate terms in to say, " We want our request. We our beautiful St the Grand Lodge the case, I am in Lodge to a luncheon evening, at 10 o'clock visit to our town deliberations you

Sarnia, March 6,

Moved by Bro. William Porter

Resolved—That the County of Lambton respondence.

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The R. W. Grand

To the Officers and

BRETHREN,—I am again permitted to the welfare of our In reviewing the cause to be gratefully bountiful harvest,

of Ontario West has met here, on this its 24th annual meeting, we hope it will not be the last. It is gratifying to us to be able to report the Order in a flourishing condition in West Lambton, although we are surrounded by more than one kind of opposition; but we hope to see the day when the Orangemen of Lambton will be able to say, we will send such a man to the Dominion House of Commons and such a one to the Ontario House as will assist us in securing our rights; for, if so many Orangemen were not the tools of political wire-pullers, we might dictate terms in many counties in the Dominion, and be able to say, "We want incorporation!" and they dare not refuse our request. We are sorry the mantle of winter is thrown over our beautiful St Clair River. If it was not, we would invite the Grand Lodge to a sail on its beautiful waters. Such being the case, I am instructed by L. O. L. 1230 to invite the Grand Lodge to a lunch in the Odd Fellows' Hall this (Tuesday) evening, at 10 o'clock P.M. Hoping you may all enjoy your visit to our town, have a safe return home, and that in all your deliberations you may be guided by that all-seeing Eye,

I remain, yours fraternally,

MURRAY NESBIT,

Sarnia, March 6, 1883.

C. M., West Lambton.

Moved by Bro. W. H. Murney, R. W. D. G. L., seconded by Bro. William Portis, W. M. L. O. L. 734, and

Resolved—That the address of the brethren of Sarnia, in County of Lambton, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The R. W. Grand Master then read his Address as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario West:—

BRETHREN,—By the blessing of Divine Providence we are again permitted to assemble in Grand Lodge to deliberate on the welfare of our beloved Order.

In reviewing the events of the past year I think we have cause to be grateful. Providence has again blessed us with a bountiful harvest, and wise legislation has encouraged and stim-

ulated the establishment of manufactories all over the country, so that all classes can find employment at home instead of migrating into the neighboring republic.

I also congratulate you upon the steady increase of our Order. Eleven new warrants have been issued during the past year, and from the correspondence I have had with a number of County and District Masters, and Masters of private lodges, all of an encouraging nature, I have every reason to believe that our beloved Order is in a sound and healthy condition.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge, held in Sherbrooke on the 27th and 28th of June last, a resolution was submitted to the Grand Lodge (See page 41 G. L. Report) to apply to the Dominion Parliament for an Act of Incorporation for the Grand Lodge and its Subordinate Lodges in the different provinces, which was carried unanimously; and steps have since been taken to have the Bill drafted and submitted to the Parliament at this present session. I therefore did not submit our Bill to the Provincial legislature, but preferred to await the decision of the Dominion Parliament. I would therefore recommend this Grand Lodge to pass a resolution in accordance with that of the Grand Lodge of B.A. asking for incorporation, and that a copy be sent to Bro. John White at Ottawa.

The Grand Lodge also amended the Constitution of the Orange Young Britons, and it will have the desired effect of putting that institution on a solid foundation, and forming a closer union with the Orange Order; and I would ask the District Masters to pay particular attention to the resuscitation and working of this branch of our association. I am induced to make these remarks, as the Young Men's Protestant Benevolent Association, (who were formerly known as the Orange Young Britons) have eliminated the Oath of Allegiance from their obligation, thereby severing any sympathy which the Orange Order has had for them as Orange Young Britons.

The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to revise the constitution have not yet concluded their labors, and I should be glad to receive suggestions or amendments from any brother in writing, and I will lay them before the committee at its next meeting.

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge at its last meeting, I proceeded to England to represent the Grand Lodge at the Imperial Grand Orange Council, held in the Westminster Palace Hotel, London, on Wednesday and Thurs-

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day, 19th and 20th July. I need hardly tell you that I met with a hearty reception from my brother delegates from all parts of the Empire, and especially from Brother Wm. Johnston, of Ballykillbeg; Dr. Potter, of England; and Professor Macklin, of Scotland—all of whom had been on two different occasions in Canada as representatives of their different Grand Lodges. As the Report of the Council and also a description of my travels in the Old Land have already appeared in the columns of the *THE SENTINEL*, and as the proceedings of the Council will be printed in the Grand Lodge Report, I will not take up your time by giving an extended report in this address. Suffice it to say that the Imperial Council did this Grand Lodge the honor of electing its Grand Master to the second highest position in their gift, viz, Vice-President of the Council and also Chairman of Committee on the Assimilation of Degrees. The Committee recommended, and it was unanimously adopted by the Council, that the first or Orange Degree be made the same throughout the Empire, and that the degree as it at present exists in Great Britain and Ireland be adopted; and so you see we have made an advance in the right direction. Orangeism is making great strides at home, and especially in Ireland, where it is the back-bone of loyalty and patriotism, and the great rallying point of all Protestants, forming a bulwark against Popish aggression, Land Leagueism, Fenianism, and all other isms that are enemies to Her Majesty, or that tend to disturb or dismember the British Empire. Brethren, we well may feel proud of belonging to the Orange Order, when we see the noble efforts put forth by our brethren in Ireland, not only to preserve law and order, but going from the North into the South and West and protecting and saving the crops and cattle of Roman Catholic as well as Protestant, and offering their services to the Government as a police force at a critical period (viz, when the police force threatened to resign), and no doubt that their timely offer of assistance was of immense benefit to the Government.

This, Brethren, has shewn Orangeism in its true colors; that we are at all times ready to maintain the integrity of the Empire.

I was much pleased to be able to visit some of the places connected with the early history of our Order, and of him whose name we bear, viz, Torbay, where William landed on the 5th Nov., 1688; Old Bridge town, Boyne River, Enniskillen, Derry, and other places of interest dear to the hearts of Orangemen.

Coming to the affairs of our Canada, more especially our Western Grand Lodge:

I am sorry to say that the Mutual Insurance, in connection with this Grand Lodge, is not prospering to the extent that I could wish. One would have thought that after so much agitation in its favor by members of this Grand Lodge, that a larger number of the Brethren would be induced to join it, and I cannot but think that if the Masters of Lodges would bring the matter properly before the Lodges there would soon be a different state of affairs in connection with our Insurance Society. I hope that Masters of Lodges will take up this matter in earnest. They must see the great necessity that exists for something of the kind, as so many of our Brethren have died leaving their families totally unprovided for. I would also suggest that a committee be appointed to draft a model code of by-laws for Benefit Lodges, in order that we may the better cope with other societies which are purely Benefit Societies; this code of by-laws to be formed on a purely financial basis of monthly dues, so that a given amount of weekly sick dues can be paid out to those who are entitled to it, so that Lodges that choose to become Benefit Lodges may have a code of by-laws already prepared that they could depend upon as formed upon a proper basis. If such Lodges were formed, and with our Mutual Insurance Society, it would tend much to keep our Brethren from joining other Benefit Societies.

Brethren, the reason for the postponement of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge from its usual time was in consequence of the local elections taking place—nominations on the 20th, the day of our meeting, and polling on the 24th inst. I could not, in justice to the members of this lodge, take them away from home at a time when no doubt they were using every available moment, working either for themselves or for some candidate whom they wish to be elected. In fact, had I done so I should have virtually been acting in concert with a government, which not only denied us our just rights, but added insult to injury by first passing the Orange Incorporation Bill and then advising the Lieut.-Governor to withhold his sanction from it.

I congratulate the Brethren on the stand they took in the elections, and hope that at no distant day we will have the pleasure of seeing the men who refused to grant Orangemen their just rights relegated to the Speaker's left.

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I am sorry that some of our Brethren were defeated, and also that there should be any division in the ranks of our Brethren when an Orangemen is before the electors. Orangemen should remember their obligation, supporting an Orangeman in all just actions, and all things being equal, give him the preference.

I hope this will be remembered in the future, as a house divided against itself cannot stand.

I had much pleasure in being present at a soiree of L.O.L. 86 of Rosemont, on their 50th anniversary, in December last, the proceeds to be given for the Orphans' Home, Toronto. The soiree was well attended and some practical addresses delivered by several ministers. I was also present at the laying of the foundation stone of the new home for the Protestant orphans of Toronto, and I would respectfully ask the lodges to contribute something towards the erection of this building. A small amount from each of the Lodges would amount to a great deal in the aggregate, and would be of great benefit to the lady managers in their undertaking.

I would also call your attention to the great work performed by THE SENTINEL in setting forth our views on all questions affecting our order, and replying vigorously to all attacks made on us by the Romish press, and I hope that its circulation will be increased until every Orangeman in the land becomes one of its subscribers.

Brethren, you all know how the attempt has been made to eliminate certain books in our high schools and colleges. It behoves us, therefore, to be ever vigilant; and while we are at all times ready to give our Roman Catholic fellow citizens their just and equal rights, we are at the same time determined that our rights shall not be infringed upon, and that civil and religious liberty must and shall be maintained, and our motto in that respect is "No Surrender."

Hoping that your deliberations may be conducted in peace and harmony, and that they may be conducive to the welfare of our beloved Order, and to the best interests of our land of the Maple Leaf. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

I am, yours fraternally,

JAMES BENNETT,

G. M. L. O. A., O. W.

And Vice-President,

Imperial Grand Orange Council
of the Empire.

Moved by Bro. James Brodie, C. M., South Grey, seconded by Bro. W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe, and

Resolved—That the R. W. Grand Master's address just read be received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read his report as follows :—

TORONTO, March 3rd, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario West, in Grand Lodge assembled :

BRETHREN,—Through the kind and preserving care of God, we are again permitted to assemble after the toils and cares of another year in the twenty-fourth annual session of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of taking into consideration the affairs of our beloved Association, and consulting together as to what will best advance the interests thereof and promote and extend its influence. While we return our thanks to God for the peace and plenty which have crowned our land, let us not lose sight of the great objects for which we are associated, the advancement of the cause of Freedom, an open Bible in which all can learn God's will to man, and full permission to worship Him in the way we may consider most acceptable to Him, for the spread of His cause, and the honor and glory of His name.

During the past year, while we have heard from our parent land of turmoil, bloodshed, and strife, assassination being rife therein, our land has been blessed with peace and plenty. We have had two election contests which have resulted favorably for the interests of our Order, and from the results thereof are likely to procure not merely a Provincial Incorporation Act, but a Dominion one, which will place the Association on a secure and proper footing in every part of this extended land, and make the Society legal in all the Provinces thereof.

During the past year I have endeavored to carry on the affairs of my office with promptness and despatch, and where members have not at once heard from me in reply to their communications, some cause has held me back and delayed answers, but I have had no complaints made. The correspondence received and answered has been about the same as the year previous, but during the past fall I wrote to each

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County Master, giving him a list of the numbers of Lodges in his jurisdiction on the Warrant Register, so that, if possible, they might ascertain whether they were working or dormant. I also got out special returns and forwarded them with the regular annual returns to try and find out what Lodges were really working in this jurisdiction; but I am sorry to have to state, through the neglect of Lodges making prompt returns, and in many cases none at all, this to a great measure has been a failure. Still, should you see fit to re-elect me to the office another year, I hope to be able to make a more intelligent return to the Grand Lodge of British America.

The correspondence and other papers will be submitted to the various Committees.

The annual returns are coming in slowly, there being twelve short to this date, although no doubt some will be handed me at Grand Lodge. This should not be the case, as many Counties and Lodges may be disfranchised; for according to Rule 90, Constitution, I met the Grand Treasurer on Feb. 5th and made out a list with the indebtedness of each Lodge, which list is the only one to be submitted to the Committee on Credentials. Any Lodge since that time sending in money will have to produce receipts therefor.

The Committee on Dormant Warrants met in Toronto on June 24th last, and drew up a list of Lodges which, being in arrears for dues, they directed me to request the Grand Lodge of British America to give permission to the R. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge to declare dormant, if they did not settle up the dues by October, '82; at the same time I was to inform the County Masters of this action with regard to Lodges in their jurisdictions. Owing to circumstances, this could not be fully carried out, and the R. W. Grand Master therefore delayed declaring any Lodges dormant until the meeting of this Grand Lodge. I would, therefore, recommend that a Warrant Committee be appointed at this session to take into consideration the standing of Lodges in the jurisdiction.

I placed myself in communication with the District Master of the Island of Manitoulin during the year, which has heretofore been attached to the County of North Grey, and finding there were five Lodges on the Island making very irregular returns, I directed him to make the returns direct to my office, and I am pleased to state with a favorable result, as the returns have been made in full and all arrears of Grand Lodge dues paid up. I would recommend that this Grand Lodge

form the Lodges of this District into a county to be called the County of Manitoulin, which would place them in a better position.

The general results of the past year are encouraging, although there have been drawbacks in some of the Counties.

L. O. L. 1073, Bruce Mines, reported direct to this office, showing a membership of 30 in that sparsely settled part of the country.

In the County of Brant, only one district, with five Lodges, has made returns with a membership of 150, and the County Master informs me that the other district, Blenheim, properly belongs to the County of Oxford.

The County of East Bruce seems to be working well, but does not give the membership. It returns 18 Lodges working.

The County of West Bruce reports 12 Lodges working, and about 200 members.

The County of Elgin reports 5 Lodges working, only 3 of which have made returns—membership 76.

The County of Dufferin has not made any returns yet.

The County of Essex returns 5 Lodges—membership 157.

The County of North Grey returns as working 39 Lodges, but as one district has made no returns and another is reported very incomplete, the membership cannot be rightly made up. The membership reported is 582.

The County of South Grey returns 39 Lodges working with a membership of 936.

The County of Haldimand has not sent returns as yet.

The County of Halton returns 9 Lodges working, with a membership of 192.

The County of North Huron returns 29 Lodges working, with a membership of 789.

The County of South Huron returns 28 Lodges working, with a membership of 633; but this is incomplete, some Lodges not having returned the number of their members.

The County of Kent returns 11 Lodges working, with a membership of 289.

The County of East Lambton returns 11 Lodges working, with a membership of 289, one Lodge numbers not given.

The County of West Lambton returns 10 Lodges working, with a membership of 275.

The District of Manitoulin returns 5 Lodges working, with a membership of 110.

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The Counties of East and West Middlesex have made no returns as yet.

The County of Monck returns 9 Lodges working, with a membership of 184; one Lodge, No. 1267, St. Anns, no returns of members, and as this Lodge has been greatly involved, they ask arrears of G. L. dues to be remitted. (See letter of County Master, of Feb. 13th, 1883.)

The County Secretary of Muskoka sent me two District Returns instead of County Returns, of which I took a copy, and forwarded them back with directions to forward regular County Returns. There are 6 Lodges working in the two districts, with a membership of 150.

The County of Norfolk returns 4 Lodges working, with a membership of 85.

Returns not yet received from County of North Ontario.

The County of South Ontario returns 5 Lodges working, with a membership of 68.

The County of Oxford returns 3 Lodges working, with a membership of 80.

The County of Parry Sound returns 12 Lodges working, with a membership of 197 in 11 Lodges; one Lodge no returns.

Returns not yet received from the County of Peel.

The County of North Perth returns 19 Lodges working, with a membership of 431 in 15 Lodges, 4 making no returns.

Returns not yet received from South Perth.

The County of North Simcoe returns 15 Lodges working, with a membership of 484.

The County of South Simcoe returns 43 Lodges working, with a membership of 1126 in 41 Lodges, 2 not making returns.

The County of Toronto returns 32 Lodges working, with a membership of 1,632, being an increase over last year of 84 members.

Returns from County of Welland not yet received.

The County of West Wellington returns 9 Lodges working, but gives no membership.

Returns from County of South Wellington not yet received.

The County of Wentworth returns 13 Lodges working, with a membership of 393.

The County of North York returns 5 Lodges working, with a membership of 91 in 4 Lodges, one Lodge not making returns.

Returns from the County of East York not yet received.

The County of West York returns 6 Lodges working, with a membership of 142.

The members will see from the foregoing statement that the returns are as yet very incomplete.

During the past year 11 new Warrants have been issued, as follows:—

- 356, 491, to County of Algoma.
- 637, 679, to County of Muskoka.
- 429, 581, to County of South Grey.
- 587, to County of South Wellington.
- 569, to County of North Grey.
- 411, to County of Parry Sound.
- 478, to County of Brant.
- 440, to County of Kent.

Renewal Warrants have been issued:

- 661, to South Wellington
- 499, to North Huron.
- 1077, to Kent.
- 51, to Halimand.

The following Warrants have been returned to me during the year:

- From County of Brant, 360, 1024.
- " " Haldimand, 839.
- " " East Lambton 998.
- " " West Middlesex, 543.
- " " Muskoka, 809.
- " " North Simcoe, 195.
- " " West Wellington, 1258.
- " " Dufferin, 440.

Making a total of nine Warrants surrendered. In looking over the returns, I find that L. O. L. 815, in the County of West Bruce, was declared dormant by Grand Lodge, June, 1881, and afterwards paid up back dues and went on working without any authority from the Grand Lodge. L. O. L. 1008, declared dormant by Grand Lodge, June, 1881, is returned by County of North Grey this year, but nothing is said about Grand Lodge dues. These Lodges should not be working without the authority of the Grand Lodge, and I would recommend these cases to be referred to the Warrant Committee.

At the meeting of the M. W. Grand Lodge, the Committee on Revision of Constitution was continued, and new members added, so that it will be probably be another year before the Revision is completed.

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The means taken by this R. W. Grand Lodge, at its last annual assembly, of assessing 10 cents *per capita* on Lodges over 25 members, will, I hope, bring in sufficient to make the receipts equal to the expenditure.

The only difficulty occurring with which my office has anything to do is the case of Bro. James Houston. In the Reports of the Grand Lodge, 1881, page 56, this brother is reported as appealing against the action of L. O. L. 859. This was an error, as the document sent was a petition which according to instructions of this Grand Lodge, I sent to L. O. L. 859; this Lodge recommended the petition—11 for, 4 against; it was then forwarded to the District, which refused to recommend the petition—1 for, 17 against, and there it was left; I was very much astonished to find the case had been taken to the M. W. Grand Lodge at its last session, and acted on in that body, by the case being misrepresented to them. I would recommend that the correspondence and papers relating thereto be referred to a special committee, to see where the error lies in this case, as I cannot see why the District Lodge, the County Lodge, and the R. W. Grand Lodge should be entirely ignored and treated with contempt. The report of the case will be found in Report of Proceedings, 1882, pages 38 and 39. ♡

The Insurance and Endowment Scheme adopted by this R. W. Grand Lodge, Sept. 1881, progresses very slowly, there having only been about 100 members joined during the year, which leaves the membership yet under 200. There has only been one death reported to me as yet, although there may have been others not reported, as no claims were to have been assessed for until 400 members belong to the society. Most of those joining came in during the fall after I had issued a circular urging the claims of the Society. There is one thing I would draw the attention of the members of this R. W. Grand Lodge to with regard to this Society, and that is, that so few of the leaders of the Association join, which, if they did, would give an impetus thereto. I would ask the Grand Lodge to take into consideration whether it would not be well to do away with the restriction of 400 members being in the Society before a death claim is paid, also whether it would not be advisable to allow a small commission of, say 50 cents, to Lodges or members procuring candidates, for each one procured and certificate granted.

The Cash Book and Register of Members will be laid before the Auditors.

There are two appeals to be laid before the Committee, that of Bro. Richard Reynolds, of L. O. L. 137, against the County Lodge of Toronto, which is accompanied by the necessary documents; and that of Bro. John Tulloch against the action of the County Lodge of East Lambton, of which I have not yet received any papers, but have written the County Secretary to forward them to me at Sarnia.

The meetings of the County Lodges this year are reported to have been much better attended than for some years past, and increased interest taken in the Order; and as many of the Counties have made changes, it is to be hoped those advanced to office will show that they have equal zeal in the cause with the old veterans retiring, and who have in many cases been standard bearers in the Association for years, and that the infusion of new blood into the working of the Order will cause our influence to be farther felt. I would also ask the County and District Masters to try and become thoroughly acquainted with the working of each Lodge in their jurisdiction, by making frequent visitations, and correcting any errors they may see. By this means an impetus will be given to the Society, the weak will be strengthened, errors corrected, and a better system of working be inaugurated. Let brotherly love always be the motive of your actions, and the upholding of the constitution be your object; thus will the membership be increased, better order maintained, and the influence of the Order be extended and felt throughout this wide Dominion. Let us be united in action on all vital subjects touching the interests of our Order, so that the object of our uniting as an Association shall be attained. Then and then only will the Roman Hierarchy tremble and Papist dogmas be done away with, and each will be able to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience, taking an open Bible for his guide, under his own vine and fig tree, none daring to make him afraid. Hoping that God will again bless our cause and give our land peace and plenty through the coming year,

I remain, yours fraternally,

JAMES NORRIS, G. S. O. W.

Moved by Bro. B. F. Holmes, Proxy, 1097, seconded by Bro. George Watson, D. M., London, and

Resolved—That the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary be received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STRIKE THE
STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee to strike the Standing Committees gave in their report, which was read by Bro. Thomas Keyes, St. Catharines, as follows:—

SARNIA, March 6th, 1883.

*To the R. W. Grand Masters, Officers and Members of the
R. W. Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West.*

Your Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees of this Grand Lodge would respectfully recommend the following brethren to constitute the same:

CREDENTIALS.—Bros. John Fortune, C. M., East Bruce; J. C. Steele, C. M., East York; William I. Wilson, Dept. D. M., Centre Toronto; W. H. Murney, R. W. D. G. L. O. W.; W. Nicholson, D. M. Hamilton.

CORRESPONDENCE.—Bros. Wm. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe; Frank Somers, C. M. Toronto; George Lucas, P. C. M., West Lambton; John Lenfesty, D. M. Adelaide; Rev. W. Walsh, R. W. D. G. C.

FINANCE.—Bros. Thomas Keyes, Co. Proxy, Lincoln; James Brodie, C. M., South Grey; William Elliott, D. M., Toronto East; Thomas C. McAvoy, C. M., South Ontario; Lindsay Loughead, D. M. Collingwood.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.—Bros. W. W. Fitzgerald, C. M., East Middlesex; Samuel Mahood, C. M. Kent; James Thompson, C. M., East Lambton; A. Sweetman, C. M., South Wellington; John Baird, C. M., Halton.

APPEALS.—Bros. William J. Parkhill, D. G. M. B. A.; David McCann, C. M., North Grey; Robert Mahood, D. M., Howick; James Waters, C. M., Oxford; Henry Welsh, D. C. M., West York.

PETITIONS.—Bros. B. F. Holmes, Proxy, 1077; James A. Campbell, D. M., Essa; Richard Sparling, D. M., St. Marys;

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. PERKINS, *Chairman*.
T. C. McAVOY.
WM. DOUGLAS.
E. F. CLARKE.
THOMAS KEYES, *Secretary*.

Moved by Brother Thomas Keyes, Co. Proxy, Lincoln ; seconded by Bro. Henry Perkins, C. M., North Huron ; and

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee to strike the Standing Committee be adopted.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer was read by Brother E. F. Clarke, Toronto, in the absence of Bro. N. C. Wallace, M. P., as follows : (For Report of Grand Treasurer, see Appendix A.)

Moved by Bro. W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe ; seconded by Bro. J. Brodie, C. M., South Grey ; and

Resolved—That the R. W. Grand Treasurers Report be received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Bro. E. F. Clarke, D. G. T. B. A., gave notice that he would move on to-morrow,—

“ To appoint a committee to draft a code of By-Laws for Benefit Lodges.”

Bro. Robert Kerr, D. Proxy, West Toronto, gave notice that he would move on to-morrow.

“ That the Capitation Tax be reduced from ten to five cents per member for Lodges of over twenty-five members.”

Bro. George Watson, D. M. London, No. 1, gave notice that he would move on to-morrow,—

“ That the Capitation Tax be done away with.”

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS.

Moved by Bro. James Brodie, C. M., South Grey ; seconded by Bro. William Lockhart C. M., South Simcoe ; and

Resolved—That Bros. Thomas Keyes, R. W. G. S. B. A.; E. F. Clarke, R. W. D. G. T. B. A.; James Norris, R. W. G. S. O. W.; Henry Perkins, C. M., North Huron ; and G. Watson, D. M., London, be appointed a Committee on Warrants.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE *Re* LODGES IN NORTH AND SOUTH SIMCOE.

Moved by Bro. W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe ; seconded by Brother W. J. Parkhill, R. W. D. G. M. B. A., and

Resolved—That the question of L. O. Lodges 452, 682, and 888, at present making returns through the County Lodge of South Simcoe, but claimed to be under the jurisdiction of County Lodge of North Simcoe, be referred to a special committee, consisting of the following Brethren :—James Norris, R. W. G. S. O. W.; W. J. Parkhill, R. W. D. G. M. B. A.; J. M. Platt, D. M. Bradford; R. W. G. M., James Bennett; Thomas Keyes, R. W. G. S. B. A.

ORANGE INCORPORATION. |

Moved by Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, C. M., East Middlesex ; seconded by Brother W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe ; and

Resolved—That this R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario West most heartily approves of the action taken by The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British America, in applying for an Act of Incorporation to the House of Commons of Canada.

THE COSTIGAN RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, C. M., East Middlesex ; seconded by Bro. W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe ; and

Resolved—That the members of this R. W. Grand Lodge have heard and read with marked approval the action taken by Bro. John White, M. P. for East Hastings, in the last Session of the House of Commons of Canada, in resisting the resolu-

tions known as the Costigan Resolutions; and this R. W. Grand Lodge hereby tenders its sincere and hearty thanks to Brother White for his efforts in opposing said resolutions.

Moved by Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, C. M., East Middlesex; seconded by Bro. W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe, and

Resolved—That this R. W. Grand Lodge wishes to express its thanks to Bros. N. C. Wallace, Col. R. Tyrwhitt, and Col. Williams, in resisting the resolutions known as the Costigan Resolutions, in the last session of the House of Commons of Canada, and we hereby testify our approval of the manly stand taken by them on that occasion.

Moved by Bro. W. J. Parkhill, R. W. D. G. M. B. A., seconded by Bro. James Brodie, C. M., South Grey, and—

Resolved—That this R. W. Grand Lodge do now adjourn, and stand adjourned until nine o'clock, a.m. on Wednesday, March 7th, 1883.

The R. W. Grand Master then declared the R. W. Grand Lodge adjourned, until nine o'clock a.m. Wednesday, March 7th, 1883.



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SARNIA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1883.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9.15 A.M., the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Bennett, in the chair; Bro. John Fortune, C. M., East Bruce, in the deputy chair.

The brethren were tested by R. W. Bro. A. Robb, G. D. of C., and Bro. Wm. I. Wilson, Dept. D. M. Centre Toronto.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master announced all present as entitled to sit in this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master then declared the R. W. Grand Lodge opened for the despatch of business.

The minutes of the previous session were read, and, on motion, adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials gave in their first report, as follows:—

SARNIA, MARCH 6TH, 1883.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West:

Your Committee on Credentials would report that they have examined the Credentials of the members who have signed the

Register, and would report the following as entitled to a seat and vote in this R. W. Grand Lodge:—(See pages 5-12.)

JOHN FORTUNE.
WM. I. WILSON.
J. C. STEELE.
W. NICHOLSON.
W. H. MURNEY.

Moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, G. L., seconded by R. W. Bro. A. Robb, G. D. of C., and

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Credentials No. 1, be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence gave in their report which was read by W. Bro. W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario West:

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to report as follows:

1. Your Committee have carefully examined the correspondence of your Grand Secretary, and find the same very voluminous; it seems to have given perfect satisfaction, and we find it very neatly arranged for reference.

2. Your Committee with pleasure notice in the address of the R. W. Grand Master, that our Province is again blessed with plenty and prosperity, and that our beloved Order is in a very prosperous condition in this jurisdiction, and that from the reports given in at the last meeting of the Triennial Council, our Loyal Association was rapidly progressing through the wide domains of our Gracious Sovereign.

3. Your Committee would recommend that the Executive of the Mutual Insurance Association connected with the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, do make some proviso for the remuneration of either local or general agents in securing applications

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4. Your Committee have much pleasure in recommending to this Grand Lodge that they reciprocate the kind expressions of welcome tendered to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge by the County Lodge of West Lambton, as expressed in their kind address of welcome.

5. In the matter of Bro. James Houston, of L. O. L. No. 859, referred to in the address of your Grand Secretary, your Committee find that, by reference to the proceedings of the Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions of the following Grand Lodges, namely, the R. W. G. L. of Ontario West, held at St. Mary's, 16th February, 1881; the Supreme G. L. of B.A., held at Port Hope, June, 1881; and the Supreme G. L. of B. A., held at Sherbrooke, June, 1882; that Bro. Houston had been wrongfully inserted on the list of expelled members, and that Bro. Houston has been exonerated from any charge by his private lodge, and is therefore a member in good standing.

6. Your Committee would again call upon the brethren of our Loyal Association to extend to THE SENTINEL their continued and increased support, and express their thanks for its unceasing and persevering endeavours in support of our principles.

7. Your Committee would recommend that the address of the Grand Master and the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer be printed in the annual report of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. LOCKHART, *Chairman.*

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JOHN LENFESTY, JR.

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SARNIA, MARCH 6TH, 1883.

Moved by Bro. John Lenfesty, jr., D. M., Adelaide,

seconded by Bro. W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe, That the report of the Committee on Correspondence, now read, be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Geo. Watson, D. M., London, No. 1, seconded by Bro. W. H. Murney, D. G. L., and

Resolved—That clause No. 3 of report of Committee on Correspondence be laid over for discussion, and the other clauses be adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

The Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions gave in their report, which was read by Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald. (See Appendix C.)

Moved by Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, C. M., East Middlesex, seconded by R. W. Bro. H. A. L. White, D. G. M., and

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals gave in their report, which was read by Bro. W. J. Parkhill, P. G. M., as follows:

To the Grand Master and Members of the P. G. O. L. of Ontario West:

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Appeals beg to report:

In the appeal from the County Lodge of Toronto, Bro. Reynolds, vs. Birmingham your Committee after a long and careful investigation of all the correspondence in this case, which was very large, have come to the conclusion to sustain the action of the County Lodge of Toronto, and recommend that its action be sustained by this Grand Lodge, viz.: That Bro. Reynolds be suspended for 5 years, and that at the end of 5 years he make an ample apology to the County Lodge of Toronto, before being reinstated again into the Order.

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With regard to the matter coming from the County Lodge of East Lambton, viz. : Bro. H. J. Calwell against Bro. John Tulloch, your Committee, not having any papers before them from the County Lodge, nor from any Lodge, recommend that this matter be referred back to his Private Lodge for further consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. J. PARKHILL, *Chairman*.
HENRY WELSH.
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JAMES C. WATTERS.
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Moved by Bro. W. J. Parkhill, D. M. B. A., seconded by Bro. Henry Welsh, D. C. M., West York, and

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Appeals now read be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by Bro. John Thompson, W. M. 781, seconded by Bro. Charles Turner, W. M. 396, That the Reynolds appeal case be referred back to the County Lodge of Toronto for the purpose of giving Bro. Reynolds a new trial.

The hour of 10.30 o'clock a.m. having arrived, the R. W. Grand Master called off the R. W. Grand Lodge to proceed to church, to hear R. W. Bro. Rev. R. S. Cooper, Grand Chaplain, deliver the annual sermon.

The members of the Grand Lodge then formed in order of procession, under the direction of the R. W. G. D. of Ceremonies, and marched to the church, headed by the Sarnia Brass Band.

The Rev. Bro. R. S. Cooper, R. W. G. C., preached the following

SERMON.

Romans 12th ch., 18th verse—If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

The kingdom of Christ is essentially a kingdom of peace. One of the titles given to Him in prophecy was the Prince of Peace.

The angel messengers at His birth, when singing their joyful anthem, proclaim the glad truth that peace was now to reign on earth among men of God's good will.

His kingdom did not and does not come with observation, not with whirling winds or loud sounding thunders, not with flames of fire or rending earthquakes and convulsions of nature, but with the gentleness of the evening zephyr, or like the leaven which the woman hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened. It comes not as the kingdoms and empires of the world have come, with the clash of arms, the marshal shout, the groans of the dying and the tears of those who are led into captivity, not with the pomp and circumstance of what is called glorious war. Our king is meek and lowly, and comes to reign within our hearts, declaring that the peacemakers are blessed, for they are the sons of God and heirs of heaven. Yet many men who bear the name of Christian delight in war. There is a charm connected with it that attracts the youthful mind. There is an excitement and romance which thrills every nerve. The calmest minds are not insensible to it. Deeds of daring are admired by all, ambition is stimulated by the love of conquest and the applause of men.

We do not say that war is an unmitigated evil, for that God who makes the wrath of man to praise him has often overruled it for good, and by it paved the way for civilization and religion. It is, however, demoniacal in character, and has been the most awful of God's scourges.

Men of all nations are of one blood, and should be brethren; but, alas! the tiger is not more cruel in its thirst for blood, or more savage in its rage than they have been. Can there be anything more awful than the battle field? "The harvest of war." After the smoke has cleared away and the excitement is over, when the ground is strewn with the manly, lifeless forms of those, who, but a few moments before, were full of health and strength, ambition and heroism. It is a scene in which demons revel, while a nation mourns for its dead, and the wailing cry of the widow and the orphan ascends to heaven from the ruins of the homestead and the trampled fields of grain. Groans of agony from man and beast witness the cruelty of war. But not only are households desolated, for kingdoms and empires are swept away. Science is retarded. Commerce is destroyed. Religion is set at defiance. Sin and misery follow in its path. There is nothing so demoralizing as war, for though it cultivates courage and prevents effeminacy, it arouses the worst passions of our nature. Man is brutalized. Respect for human life and property is diminished. The heart

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Nothing can be more pleasant than to view nature at peace. The hills and the valleys bathed in the sunshine and waving with the golden grain ; the sun-kissed earth blushing with flowers. The calmly flowing river silvered by moonlight. The glorious ocean fanned with the gentle breeze and bearing upon its bosom the white sailed vessels carrying from shore to shore the wealth and commerce and the comforts and luxuries of many climes.

How happy the peaceful homes where God is loved, where prayer and praise is heard, and upon whose peaceful altars burns the light of Holy Writ. Well has the great Scotch poet said, in the Cotter's Saturday Night :

" O, Scotia, my dear, my native soil,
For whom my warmest wish to Heaven is sent,
Long may thy hardy sons of rustic toil
Be blest with health, and peace and sweet content."

It is not only pleasant to witness a peaceful family circle, but it is most gratifying to behold peace pervading all classes of the community. There is nothing more calculated to preserve and increase prosperity in temporal as well as in spiritual affairs. In the 133rd Psalm, King David said : " Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountain of Zion ; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forever more."

Peace is promised to the righteous as a blessing.

In the 29th Psalm we read : " The Lord will give strength unto His people ; the Lord will bless His people with peace." God says, in the 48th chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah : " O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments, then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea ;" and again in the 55th chapter, " Ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace ; the mountains and hills shall break forth before you into singing." Nor can we forget that the most precious legacy Jesus left to His people and to His Church was peace. In St. John, 14th chapter, 27th verse, we read : " Peace I leave with you, My peace I give

unto you ; not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Christ's doctrines and examples were calculated to produce peace among His people.

The rebuke which St. Peter received for his unwise act should be remembered by all that bear the name of Christian. Jesus says, "Put up again thy sword into his place; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels, but how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled?" In answer to Pilate's question, Art Thou the King of the Jews? Jesus says, "My kingdom is not of this world; if My kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence."

In His sermon upon the Mount, He said to His disciples, in opposition to the teaching of the Rabbis: "Resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. If any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also, and whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven." That discord is often found among Christians, alas! we know; but it must be remembered that Christianity is not responsible for it. Men differ greatly in intellect, in temperament, in taste, and through circumstances over which they have had but little control; but if they are powerfully influenced by the spirit and teachings of Christ, they will agree to differ in those things that are not absolutely necessary to salvation. St. James says, "From whence come wars and fightings among you; come they not hence even of your lusts that war in your members?" It is the duty of the Christian, and the Christian's privilege, as much as in him lieth, to live peaceably with all men.

In the second place, the words of the text lead us to infer that it is not always possible to live at peace with all men. The Prince of Peace declared that He came not to bring peace on earth, but a sword. A casual reader might suppose that these words entirely contradicted the other statements made by Him in reference to this matter, but a careful study of the subject will prove that a beautiful harmony exists in this as

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well as in other apparent discrepancies in God's Word. The sword which pierced His own loving heart was in this sense brought by Him. There is a false peace among men which arises from indifference. Whenever the people of God are active in living and proclaiming the truth as it is in Jesus, the powers of evil are aroused also, and every form of evil quickens into new life. Peace can never fully prevail where sin and error exist. The flesh and the spirit within us are antagonistic; the members of one household may be and have been greatly divided against each other, for Jesus said, "I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against the mother, and a man's foes shall be they of his own household. The brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child, and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death, and ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake." The last words throw light upon our Lord's meaning. Christ's kingdom and the subjects of His kingdom must be antagonistic to the kingdom of this world and the Prince of the powers of the air.

There are many things in nature that will not commingle or unite: Vapours which meet only to explode, and elements that must always conflict. Light must ever remain light, and the darkness vanish before it. The angels of heaven must constantly guard the high-way against the demon hosts that seek the destruction of the souls and bodies of men, and the Lion of the Tribe of Judah must and does conflict with that great lion who goes about seeking whom he may devour. Truth and error can never combine. Truth was and is of heavenly birth; while error was nursed amidst the darkness of ignorance and the depths of hell. There are circumstances in which it is not possible to perfectly acquiesce in the will of a private individual. So that if he is resolutely bent on our compliance with it, a rupture between us is wholly unavoidable. We should not and could not give up our Christianity at the bidding of friends and relatives, nor at the command of the highest power on earth. It was not against their personal enemies the primitive Christians strove, but against the enemies of God and of truth. They resisted unto blood, but their strife was against sin. For three hundred years they offered only a passive resistance, and one that was not the less firm because it was passive. It was not only in the feebleness of their infancy when the Christians formed but a little flock amid the over-

whelming majorities of Jew and Gentile, that they quietly submitted to cruel tortures and death; but even when they far outnumbered their adversaries, when the faith and courage which enabled them so patiently to suffer and die would have achieved a victory by force; but the victory they gained was far more glorious. It was the triumph of principle, and teaches us that the idea of conquering a savage enemy by patience and love, is not the wild imagining of an enthusiast, but has been successful in the past, and may be again (should the hour of trial come): so that it is our duty to exert every effort to overcome evil with good. It appears to have been the opinion of many of the early Christians, and also of some at the present day, that war is not justifiable under any circumstances. I cannot accord with this view of the matter.

The Bible, as a whole, leads to the conclusion that although war is wrong in itself, yet God has not only permitted it, but has used it to carry out His great designs from the earliest ages to the present time, and made the wrath of man to praise Him. We have been led to believe, from Genesis to Revelation, that the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong, but that to Him alone belongs the power and the glory. We have, as a people, reason to believe that the good hand of our God has been upon us, and that our victorious armies and navies have been powerful, though indirect instruments, for the furtherance of the gospel in almost every part of the world. Idolatrous nations have been brought under our influence, and the political and the religious power of the Papacy humbled to the dust. Passive resistance is not always successful. Rome's bloody massacre on St. Bartholomew's day almost destroyed Protestantism in France. The Inquisition in Spain too well and successfully performed its awful work, and crushed the truth and Spain beneath its iron heel. Had the Spanish Armada in the reign of Elizabeth been successful, the result would have been something awful to contemplate. The war in the Netherlands crippled the champion of Rome, and, coupled with the disasters of the Armada, caused Spain to fall from the zenith of its glory to a low and helpless condition. France took its place, but the results were much the same. Alison's words are: "Had a power, animated by the ambition, guided by the fanaticism, and directed by the ability of Louis XIV., gained the ascendancy in Europe, beyond all question, a universal despotic dominion would have been established over the bodies, and a cruel spiritual thralldom over the minds of men."

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France and Spain united under Bourbon princes, and in a close family alliance, the empire of Charlamange with that of Charles V., the power which revoked the edict of Nantes and perpetrated the massacre of St. Bartholomew, with that which banished the Moriscoes and established the Inquisition, would have proved irresistible and beyond example destructive to the best interests of mankind. It was not to be, however, and the memorable victory at Blenheim established Protestant ascendancy in Europe. Self-preservation is the first law of nature, whether individually or nationally. The man who defends his own life, is simply defending that which God gave him and intended that he should preserve. The father who defends his family from the hands of an assassin, is not responsible for the life he may take, the blood he may shed, or the wounds he may inflict. The wound inflicted may be ghastly and horrible to behold, but cannot be laid to his charge who killed that he might preserve the lives of those near and dear to him. All nations feel it necessary to defend the rights of property as well as life, and conflict is a necessary result.

It is the duty of a government to defend its subjects or put them in a position to defend themselves. What would be the condition of the Protestant and loyal men of Ireland at the present time were they not guarded by a powerful army? The efforts of a weak government to pacify the rebellious and dissatisfied, proved in vain. The brutal murders perpetrated have shown beyond a doubt that the firmest measures are required, and the time for concession is not now. Justice tempered with mercy must have its course, and repression, not concession, must and will alone prevail. If a government is too weak to protect its subjects, they must take measures to preserve themselves. The Orange Association to which we belong has been charged with being the cause of strife. I believe that there is no more truth in this statement than there is in the one which is brought by infidels against Christianity, that it has been anything but peaceful. The charges are as fallacious in the one case as in the the other. That our members are not always consistent with their professions we freely admit, but black sheep are said to be found in every flock, and the disciplinary powers and laws, however good, cannot always be enforced. Those who deserve to be punished too often escape in any Association and under any form of government. That the principles of the Orange Association are in accordance with the words of the text, I know, and woe be to the man who does

not carry out those principles that he is obliged to fulfil. That the Association has numerous and bitter enemies among disloyal Protestants and Roman Catholics we may fully expect, for are we not bound to uphold the altar and the Throne, are we not prepared to defend the British Constitution with our lives and uphold the supremacy of our Sovereign in every part of her domains? It has been said by our foes in this country that the path of Orangeism is marked with blood. If this be true, we are not responsible for it. The mis-government and treachery of James II. of England, was the cause of the Revolution of 1688. He was responsible for the blood that was shed, and he violated the British Constitution. Lord Macaulay says: "That from the time he dismissed his own brother-in-law the Viceroy of Ireland (Lord Clarendon) and the Lord Treasurer of England, Lord Rochester, whom he admitted to be both able and loyal, and whom he dismissed solely for being Protestants, that it was clear that what he wanted was not liberty of conscience for Roman Catholics, but liberty for them to persecute the members of all other Churches." The cry of the nation soon became general; that the proscription of the whole Protestant nation was at hand, that every public functionary must make up his mind to lose his soul or to lose his place, that Ireland was on the eve of a second "Forty-one Massacre," and England and Scotland to be visited by a second "St. Bartholomew." There is no doubt that James II. was morally bad, the tool of France and a traitor to the Constitution of that Church and State which he was sworn to uphold. Britain sought for a deliverer, and under God that man was found in William Henry, Prince of Orange and Nassau. His titles and principles our Association follows, and holds up his example to the world.

We believe that he was guided by Christian principles, although so much of his time was spent in war, and his object appears to have been more than patriotic. He loved his native Holland well, but the chief object of his care was the great community of nations, and persecuted men from almost every part of Europe rallied around his banner. His mission to England was not to conquer, but to defend, not to destroy the peace of that country, but to preserve it. The motto of the house of Orange was, "I Will Maintain." On landing William added to this the words dear to us all, "The Protestant Religion and the Liberties of England," so that the words written upon his banner were: "The Protestant Religion and the Liberties of England I Will Maintain." French authors,

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as well as other writers. have borne testimony to his great merits. There was no man who hated faction, whether political or religious, more than he did, and no monarch of his day so tolerant. Bigotry seems to have been foreign to his nature, and although a Protestant defender, he was ever willing to unite with Roman Catholics and the Pope himself in a good cause. Jesuits and rebels have painted him the very reverse of what he was, and ignorant Romanists have been taught to look upon him as a monster of iniquity and cruelty. On his march from Torbay to London, his orders were that no outrage should be committed on the persons or dwellings of Papists. In London he renewed his orders and went himself to Newgate to reassure the Popish prelates imprisoned there, removed them to a more commodious apartment, and supplied them with every indulgence. The Spanish ambassador reported to his government at the time that William had saved the Roman Catholics from a sanguinary persecution. I have said that our association seeks to uphold his principles and to copy his example. Its foundations therefore were laid for defence, not defiance. We are bound as much as possible to live peaceably with all men. King William needed such an association or organization after he landed in England. To use his own words he wanted something "more than a rope of sand." In the original declaration drawn up by Dr. Burnet, bishop of Salisbury, on the 21st November, 1688, are the following words: "We further declare that we are exclusively a Protestant Association, yet detesting as we do any intolerant spirit, we solemnly pledge ourselves to each other that we will not persecute any person on account of his religious opinions, provided the same be not hostile to the State, but that we will on the contrary be aiding and assisting every loyal subject of every religious description in protecting him from violence and oppression." Our principles are the same to-day. The battle of the Diamond led to the formation of the present Orange Association, and that was fought in defence of our hearths and homes. The present Orange Association, which numbers about a million of men, can never be suppressed, but by means that would subvert the British Constitution, and disunite the colonies from the mother country. Our emblem is the Altar and the Throne, these it is, and it shall be our duty to watch, to guard and to defend. Our aim the glory of our God, our country, and our Queen. Many are prejudiced against us because we are a secret association, but

we hide nothing that may not be revealed to those Protestant rulers who are placed over us in the Lord. If they see fit to join us, as their forefathers did, they will find every prejudice removed and rejoice to know that there is such a strong hold of loyalty and religion within the empire of which we are so justly proud, and whose foundations rest upon religion, liberty and truth.

It is said that our existence is a cause of strife with Roman Catholics, but I have shown that our principles are opposed to faction and intolerance, that like other Protestants we must either lay aside our Protestantism or be brought into antagonism with what we believe to be unscriptural and dangerous to the commonwealth. What does the Church of England say, a Church established by the laws of England? What does it say in its Confession of faith? It says: "That the Romish doctrines, concerning Purgatory, Pardons, Worshipping and Adoration, as well of Images as of Relics, and also Invocation of Saints, are inventions of men and repugnant to God's word," and speaking of some other Romish doctrines, it says, "they are blasphemous fables and dangerous deceits." Shall we "cry Peace, where there is no Peace?" We *must* protest against the Mariolatry of Romanism, for it takes away from the glory of Christ, the only Mediator, the Way, the Truth, the Life. We cannot but look upon the Confessional as a den of iniquity, notwithstanding that some restraints are imposed by it. An eminent convert from Rome has said of it that it is Lust, Lust, Lust. We are said to be a secret Society. What of the secrets of the Confessional? "Chiniquy has said in reference to it, the soul, the intelligence, the honour, the self-respect, the conscience are there sacrificed, there they must die. Yes, the Confessional is the very tomb of human conscience, a sepulchre of human honesty, dignity and liberty; by its means man, whom God hath made in His own image, is converted into the likeness of the beast that perishes; woman, created by God to be the glory and helpmate of man, is transformed into the vile and trembling slave of the priest. Why is it, he asks, that the Irish Roman Catholic people are in poverty? Why is it that their land has been for centuries the land of bloody riots and cowardly murders? The principal cause is the enslaving of Irish women by means of the Confessional. Those who have any knowledge of history and philosophy know very well that the moral degradation of the woman is soon followed everywhere by the moral degradation

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of the nation, and the moral degradation of the nation is very soon followed by ruin and overthrow." There is no reason to hope that the Church of Rome is nearer the truth than she was centuries ago; quite the reverse. The doctrine of auricular confession became a dogma and obligatory practice of the Church only at the Council of Lateran, in the year 1215, under the Pope Innocent III. The doctrines of the immaculate conception of the blessed Virgin and the Pope's infallibility have been added in our own day. The doctrine of the Pope's infallibility sounds strangely in the ears of the reader of ecclesiastical history. Father Hyacinthe has publicly declared, that ninety-nine out of one hundred priests live in sin with the females they have destroyed, and that the Bishops and Popes with the Cardinals, are no better. Has not Cardinal Baronius stated that the world has never seen anything comparable to the impurities and unmentionable vices of a great number of Popes? What of Pope John XII., Pope John XXIII., Alexander VI., and others? But the matter which most nearly concerns us as loyal subjects of our Queen, and which is most calculated to bring our Association into antagonism with Rome is the claim of the Pope's supremacy. We can afford to smile at the claims to infallibility, and like other Protestants, simply protest against it and the other unscriptural doctrines referred to, but this question is as much—perhaps more—political than religious, and therefore has an important connection with our civil and religious liberties.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the great Protestant successor of the Romish and bloody Queen Mary, Pope Pius V. issued a bull or edict against Elizabeth, and begins with these words: "He that reigneth on high, to whom is given all power in heaven and in earth, hath committed the one Holy and Apostolic Church, out of which there is no salvation, to one alone on earth, namely to Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and to the Roman Pontiff, successor of Peter, to be governed with a plenitude of power. This one he hath constituted Prince over all nations and all kingdoms, that he might pluck up, destroy, dissipate, ruin, plant and build." In the same bull he declares that he thereby deprives the Queen of her pretended right to the kingdom, and of all dominion, dignity and privilege whatsoever, and absolves all the nobles, subjects and people of the kingdom, and whosoever else has sworn to her, from their oath, and all duty whatsoever in regard to dominion, fidelity and obedience. Sixtus V., in his bull against Henry

King of Navarre, and the Prince of Conde, speaks thus : "We deprive them and their posterity forever of their dominion and kingdoms." I fail to see any proof, notwithstanding assertions to the contrary, that the Papacy claims less to-day than it did of old. Pius IX. was as jealous of his power and as ready to use it when he could as any of his predecessors. We cannot forget the fierce conflict that has raged between the Papacy and Germany, although the German empire concedes to its Roman Catholic subjects a fair share of liberties and privileges. The Pope fulminated his excommunications against the Italians and their king, because they saw fit to choose their own form of government. In 1800 Pius VII. announced his election to the chair of Peter to Louis XVIII., as the lawful King of France, and a short time after, when it served the interests of the Papal See, he absolved the people of France from their oath of allegiance to Louis, and authorized them to take the oath of allegiance to the First Consul. When the French drove Louis Philippe from his throne, he blessed them and accepted the aid of the armies. When Louis Napoleon founded his throne on the ruins of the republic, the Pope was his friend and called him the eldest son of the Church. A learned convert from Rome to the Church of England has recently said : "That as Daniel O'Connell bequeathed his heart to Rome and his body to his native land ; so the heart of every staunch Roman Catholic belongs to a foreign potentate. Whilst he may give the life service of his worthless body to the country which he calls his own, the sincere Roman Catholic must admit a two-fold loyalty—loyalty to Rome, loyalty to his country. Which will he prefer when their interests clash, or appear to do so ? Surely loyalty to the Pope must and will prevail ; for the infallible Pope is virtually his Church, and the Church stands, he thinks, instead of Christ. He must obey God, *i.e.*, the Pope, rather than man."

It must not be forgotten that the right to take possession of Ireland was conferred upon Henry II. of England, by a bull of Pope Adrian IV., the man who also compelled the Emperor of Germany to hold his stirrup while he mounted on horseback. In the same bull he claimed, as the vicar of Christ, all islands which had been enlightened by the Son of Righteousness. It has been well said that as the Pope gave, so he may claim, the right to revoke and take away when it suits his purpose. I firmly believe that Ireland could be quieted in a few weeks if the Romish Church saw fit to do it. It may have but little control over the American Fenian element, but could

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prevent it from being sheltered and protected. The wire-pullers are at work in their own old way, and the object is to take advantage of the opportunity to re-establish the supremacy of Rome. I have said enough to show how dangerous Rome is in the political as well as the religious world, how quickly it takes advantage of the weakness of politicians. There is no doubt that Canada is in serious danger at the present time. The peculiar character of some of the resolutions in reference to Ireland, passed a short time ago in our Dominion Parliament, together with the fierce opposition offered to our loyal association by Protestants as well as Roman Catholics in the Ontario Parliament, proves conclusively what our politicians will do to catch votes, and that there is a disloyal element, however small, in our own country, which has to be carefully watched and guarded against. There never was a time when we have had more reason to be proud of our Society than at present. The conduct of its members in Ireland in these trying times lights up the dark scene by comparison, and forms an oasis in the desert. Loyal men and true from every class of society are flocking to our standard, and yeomen service has been done. Ye shall know them by their fruits. We fear that England will not be long undisturbed. Radicalism and Popery are busily at work to pull down the church and monarch. Some of the worst foes of the church are to be found within its own communion. That England and the established church is still on its guard against the Papal claim to supremacy we know by the solemn oath it compels its clergy to take in opposition to what it calls the damnable doctrine that the Pope may depose princes; but we know not how soon this stronghold may be assailed, or others equally important to the commonwealth, and which we, as a loyal Association, are bound to defend. Armed assassins are abroad in our mother land, crouching like tigers for their prey. We fear traitors to the Constitution are at work prepared to wound it unto death, and it is the duty of our brethren whether Roman Catholic or Protestant, to give no uncertain sound at such a time. We are not a political Association beyond the fact that we are sworn to defend the Altar and the Throne. Loyal men of different political views may find a place in our ranks unless supporting those who we have reason to believe are disloyal, or unfaithful in their professions of loyalty. The religious platform of our Association is broad, and upon it men of various views may consistently unite. We have reason to be thankful for the peace and

happiness that prevails in this Canada of ours, and doubtless a great future for it lies in store.

We have often worked hand in hand with our Roman Catholic fellow citizens in the advancement of its interests, and in the building up of its political and moral strength. This, as I have proved, is not inconsistent with those principles of our Order which teach that as much as lieth in us we are to live peaceably with all men. We seek only to defend and maintain our civil and religious rights. We are anxious to preserve an open Bible, and impress upon our children's minds the precious truths of Holy Writ, that like young Timothy of old they be made wise unto salvation. We are anxious that the great facts of history may be made plain in like manner to all our people, that they may be encouraged by the good deeds of our fathers and warned by the bad ones. It is the duty of our government, and we must urge it to aid in liberally educating all classes of the people on a common but sure foundation of historical and moral truth.

In conclusion, dear friends and brethren, I must say, let our zeal be according to knowledge. We must not, like the Spanish knight, charge windmills and mistake them for giants; there is nothing that will injure our influence so much. While anxious for peace, let us never compromise in the slightest degree with error, though it may apparently be for our worldly good. Let us owe no man anything, but to love one another, striving to live in holy communion with each other, and with Christ our living head. The fruits of the spirit of God are, love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. May our lives be witness to the power of God's spirit in our hearts, and to the beauty of holiness. Remember that it is said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." Be not discouraged by enemies or difficulties in the way, "Thrice armed is he who hath his quarrel just." "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Right shall yet triumph over might, truth over error, conflict shall cease, the darkness will vanish, and death and hell be swallowed up in victory.

From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle and fight and pray,
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
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After the Sermon a collection was taken up in aid of the Protestant Orphan Homes of Ontario West.

After the conclusion of the service, the R. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies re-formed the procession, which returned to the Grand Lodge Room, at 12.45 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge was then adjourned by the R. W. Grand Master until 2 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment, at 2 o'clock p.m., the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Bennett, in the chair; the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. H. A. L. White, in the deputy chair.

The Brethren present were tested by the R. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Arthur Robb, and Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, C. M., East Middlesex.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master announced all present entitled to sit in the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master then declared the R. W. Grand Lodge opened for the despatch of business.

Bro. John Thompson, W. M. 781, then continued the debate on the question of adoption of report of Committee on Appeals. Amendment lost. Report of Committee adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance gave in their report, which was read by Bro. Thomas Keyes, G. S. B. A., as follows:

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

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows :

That we are pleased to find a larger balance on hand than that of last year, although the expenditure was necessarily much larger than formerly, as has been mentioned in the Grand Treasurer's Report.

Your Committee regret that they were deprived of the valuable assistance of that able Grand Officer, owing to his absence attending to his important Parliamentary duties at Ottawa. His presence would have materially lightened our labors in arriving at a clearer and more satisfactory audit of the various matters coming before us.

We find the receipts of the year, as laid before us, to be as follows, viz. :

Grand Lodge dues	\$1,423 70
Error in G. L. dues of previous year	100 00
Collection in church	21 00
Balance from last year	607 67
Total receipts from all sources	<u>\$2,125.37</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Voted to Grand Officers	\$284 00
Voted to Orphan Homes	136 00
M. W. Grand Lodge dues	556 50
" " " paid M. W. G. Treasurer by L. O. L. 684	2 00
Printing reports, etc.	161 75
R. W. G. Master's expenses to Tri. Council	300 00
Balance of G. Secretary's account	4 38
Bro. George Watson, attending Committee on Insurance	8 00
Bro. Henry Perkins, attending Committee Warrants	8 50
R. W. G. Treasurer's Postage	27 87
" " stationery and telegraphing	8 75
Balance in Treasurer's hands	654 62
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Your committee
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Fees for eleven new Warrants	
Fees for four renewal Warrants	
Balance due Grand Secretary	

Your Committee expenditures be made by lesson the labors of the Finance Committee the G. Treasurer. The postage account of last Committee of said year amongst those of this year

After a careful consideration your Committee would be granted.

To the Grand Secretary past year

To the Grand Treasurer past year

To the Grand Chaplain past year

" " Senior Grand Lecturer

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Your committee have had also laid before them, by the Grand Secretary, the following memorandum of Receipts and Expenditures through his office:

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Fees for eleven new War-rants \$33 00	Postage \$56 83
Fees for four renewal War-rants 4 00	Stationery, etc. 14 80
Balance due Grand Secretary 63 38	Printing 17 75
	Post Office box rent. 4 00
	Telegraphing 1 00
	Expenses to Sarnia 6 00
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Your Committee would recommend that in future all expenditures be made through the Grand Treasurer, and thereby lessen the labors of future committees in having to investigate accounts of Treasurer and Secretary, and that vouchers be obtained for all payments where practicable, as your Committee have lost much valuable time in endeavoring to reconcile the difference between the balance on hand, as shewn by the report of the Finance and Audit Committees of last year; the Finance Committee report agreeing with that as shewn by the G. Treasurer. The discrepancy occurs by the G. Treasurer's postage account of last year not being produced to the Audit Committee of said year—as we find a voucher for that amount amongst those of this year without a corresponding entry.

After a careful consideration of the sources of revenue, your Committee would recommend that the following amounts be granted.

To the Grand Secretary (for services of past year \$200 00	
To the Grand Treasurer (for services of past year 100 00	
To the Grand Chaplain 10 00	
" Senior Deputy Chaplain 10 00	
" Deputy G. Secretary 10 00	
" Grand Lecturer 10 00	
" Director of Ceremonies 10 00	
" Outside Tyler 5 00	
" Inside Tyler 4 00	
" Orphans' Home, Toronto 40 00	
" " Hamilton 40 00	
" " London 40 00	
" " St. Catharines 40 00	

\$519 00.

Your Committee would recommend an appropriation of the sum necessary for providing Twelve Hundred copies of the Annual Report, and such other printing as may be required during the year.

Your Committee deem it highly necessary that all the members of the Order in our jurisdiction should have the fullest possible information in respect to the Finances, and therefore recommend that a list of Lodges and amount of Grand Lodge dues paid by the same should be published in the Annual Report in tabulated form in Counties, as in former Reports previous to that of last year; and that the Treasurer prepare the same in time for insertion in this year's Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KEYES,
JAMES BRODIE,
WM. ELLIOTT,
T. C. McAVOY,
LINDSAY LOUGHEAD.

SARNIA, March 7th, 1883.

Moved by Bro. James Brodie, C. M., South Grey, seconded by Bro. Wm. Elliott, D. M., East Toronto, and

Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee, now read, be received and considered clause by clause.

The first clause of the report was adopted.

The second clause of the report was adopted.

The third clause of the report was adopted.

The fourth clause of the report was adopted.

The fifth clause of the report was adopted.

Moved by Bro. Geo. Watson, D. M., London, No. 1, seconded by W. Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, C. M., East Middlesex, and

Resolved—That the report be referred back to the Finance Committee with instructions to strike out \$25, recommended to be granted each to London, Hamilton and St. Catharines Orphan's Homes and insert \$40 each in place thereof.

The Finance Committee constructed. The remaining report as amended was

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE

The Special Committee on Simcoe gave in their report, D/G. M., B.

To the R. W. G. Master, Lodge, Ontario

Your Committee beg to report that O. Lodges 452, 682 and 683, County Lodge of South Simcoe, would recommend that to North Simcoe, and either form said Lodge some of the Districts may consider best. Y that the County Officer be notified of the character of the matter arranged

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Moved by Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, C. M., East Middlesex, seconded by Bro. Thomas Keyes,

Resolved—That the report be received and adopted.

SECOND REPORT

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The Committee on the subject of the following:

The Finance Committee reported report amended as instructed. The remaining clauses were then adopted, when the report as amended was adopted on the original motion.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE *re* LODGES IN THE COUNTY OF SIMCOE.

The Special Committee on the question of Lodges in South Simcoe gave in their report, which was read by Bro. W. J. Parkhill, D/G. M., B. A., as follows :

To the R. W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. G. Lodge, Ontario West :

Your Committee beg leave to report that in the matter of L. O. Lodges 452, 682 and 888, at present making returns to the County Lodge of South Simcoe, but being in North Simcoe, would recommend that they make their returns in the future to North Simcoe, and that the County Lodge of North Simcoe either form said Lodges into a new District, or attach them to some of the Districts now working in North Simcoe, as they may consider best. Your Committee would also recommend that the County Officers of the County Lodge of North Simcoe be notified of the change, and be requested to take steps to have the matter arranged speedily.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

WM. J. PARKHILL.
JOHN PLATT.
THOMAS KEYES
JAMES BENNETT.

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

Resolved—That the report of the Special Committee now read be received and adopted.

SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials gave in their second report as follows :

SARNIA, March 7th, 1883.

The Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report the following brethren entitled to vote in this R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario West. (See pages 5-12.)

Signed,

JOHN FORTUNE,
J. C. STEELE.
W. I. WILSON.
W. H. MURNEY.
W. NICHOLSON.

Moved by Bro. W. Nicholson, D. M., Hamilton, seconded by Bro. J. C. Steele, C. M., East York, and

Resolved—That the Second Report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted.

Moved by Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, C. M., East Middlesex, seconded by Bro. R. Armitage, D. M., Biddulph, and

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge hereby tenders a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Bro. R. S. Cooper, Grand Chaplain, for the able and instructive sermon delivered at the annual meeting at Sarnia; and we also tender our hearty thanks to the Pastor, Trustees, and choir of the Presbyterian Church for the use of the church, and their attendance on the occasion.

Moved by Bro. D. Carscaden, W. M., L.O.L. 830, seconded by Bro. Robert Clare, D. M., Dorchester No. 3, and

Resolved—That the Sermon be printed in the Annual Report.

A communication from Rev. Thomas Rump was received and read, as follows:

ST. CATHARINES, March 6, 1883.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ontario West, in session assembled in the Town of Sarnia, on the 6th of March, 1883, greeting:—

DEAR SIR AND BELOVED BRETHREN,—

You have assembled together this day for the great and grand purpose of reviewing the dealings of the Almighty, and

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to render praise and thanks for the ten thousand blessings of which we have been the partakers, and trusting the Great Master in heaven will still continue to cover us with His feathers—Psalm 91st, 4th verse—and to defend us in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. I hope and pray that you will find the past year both peaceful and successful, and that in all your deliberations you may be guided by the unerring spirit of God, and that love, peace and harmony may be enjoyed in every Brother's heart. God Save the Queen!

Dear Brethren, I should have taken great pleasure in sitting with you in your honorable assembly, but dare not attempt, as I am very much afflicted with shortness of breath, which prevents me from going, or doing anything of any ordinary kind—and as I am now 83 years of age, my days of public service are nearly over.

But the principles of Orangeism still blossom in my heart, and I trust from them must spring the fruit—for I am nothing else but an Orangeman. Enniskillen for ever, and No Surrender!

Praying for your peace and prosperity.

Affectionately yours in F. H. C.,

THOMAS RUMP,

No. 117 L. O. L.

The Committee on Petitions gave in their report, which was read by Bro. J. A. Campbell D. M. L. O. L. 449, as follows

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

To the Right W. G. Master, Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario West:

Your Committee on Petitions beg leave to report as follows:

1. Your Committee recommend that the petition of Schomberg L.O.L. No. 212, District of Centre Toronto, of William Moore, expelled from L.O.L. 212, in 1874, be granted, and we recommend it to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge and to the most Worshipful Grand Lodge for confirmation.

2. Also the petition of James Keag, of L. O. L. 182, askin to be reinstated. Recommended by District of Goderich and

County of South Huron. Your Committee would recommend the said petition be granted, and recommend it to the Most W. Grand Lodge of B. A. for their consideration.

3. Also a petition from Markdale, County of Grey, to change the time of meeting of Annual Meeting of County Lodges to an earlier date in January, which your Committee would refer to the Grand Lodge Committee on Constitution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. HOLMES, *Chairman*.
 RICH. SPARLING.
 J. A. CAMPBELL, SR.
 HENRY GOUGH.
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Moved by Bro. B. F. Holmes, L.O.L. Proxy, 1097, seconded by Bro. R. Sparling, D.M., St. Marys, and

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Petitions be received and adopted.

Moved by Bro. Dr. Oronhyatekha, P. D. M., London, seconded by Bro. George Watson, D.M., London, No. 1, and

Resolved—That the letter of our venerable Bro. Rev. Thos. Rump be printed in the minutes of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to reply thereto, and send the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge, and wishes of life, health and happiness, to our patriarchal Brother.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Watters, C. M., Oxford, seconded by Bro. John Lenfesty, P.C.M., West Middlesex, and

Resolved—That this R. W. Grand Lodge hereby tenders its hearty thanks to the Brethren of Sarnia, for the very ample accommodation furnished them at the annual meeting, and the kind manner in which they have entertained the members of this Grand Lodge.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Watters, C. M., Oxford, seconded by Bro. R. Kenny, P.C.M., Lambton West, and

Resolved—That a committee be appointed, consisting of Bros. W. W. Fitzgerald, John Lenfesty, Thomas Webster, George Watson, R. Kenny, and the mover, to consider the

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question of dividing the Province of Ontario West into districts, for the purpose of holding Annual Demonstrations on the 12th July, and to report at our next annual meeting.

ELECTION OF R. W. GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

Moved by Bro. E. F. Clarke, D.G.T.B.A., seconded by Bro W. H. Murney, and

Resolved—That R. W. Bro. James Bennett be re-elected Grand Master.

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

Resolved—That Bro. H. A. L. White be re-elected Deputy Grand Master.

Moved by Bro. R. Armitage, D.M., Biddulph, seconded by Bro. George Watson, D.M., London, No. 1, and

Resolved—That Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, C.M., East Middlesex, be elected Associate Deputy Grand Master of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

Moved by Bro. J. Fortune, C.M., East Bruce, seconded by Bro. J. C. Steele, C.M., East York, and

Resolved—That Bro. Rev. R. S. Cooper, B.D., Rural Dean, be re-elected R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. W. J. Parkhill, D.G.M.B.A., seconded by Bro. Frank Somers, C. M., Toronto, and

Resolved—That Bro. E. F. Clarke be elected Grand Treasurer of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

Moved by Bro. James Brodie, C.M., South Grey, seconded by Bro. Henry Perkins, C.M., North Huron, and

Resolved—That Bro. James Norris be re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

Moved by Bro. Henry Perkins, C.M., North Huron, seconded by Bro. James Brodie, C.M., South Grey, and

Resolved—That Bro. J. A. Burgess, M.D., be re-elected R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

Moved by Bro. J. Fortune, C.M., East Bruce, seconded by Bro. J. C. Steele, C.M., East York, and

Resolved—That Bro. Wm. Douglas be re-elected R. W. Grand Lecturer.

Moved by Bro. Thomas Duffin, W.M., 248, seconded by Bro. Robert Clare, D.M., North Dorchester, and

Resolved—That Bro. A. Robb be re-elected R. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

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

Resolved—That Bro. the Rev. W. Walsh be re-elected Senior R.W.D.G. Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. H. A. L. White, D.G.M., seconded by Bro. W. J. Parkhill, D.G.M.B.A., and

Resolved—That Bro. the Rev. David Carscadden be re-elected R.W.D.G. Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. Nicholson, D.M., Hamilton, seconded by Bro. A. Higgins, W.M., 71, and

Resolved—That Bro. the Rev. C. G. Adams be elected a R.W.D.G. Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. J. C. Watters, C.M., Oxford, seconded by Bro. R. McClintock, W.M., 648, and

Resolved—That Bro. the Rev. A. Fisher be elected a R.W. D.G. Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. R. Farrell, P. C. M. Kent, seconded by Bro. Samuel Mahood, C. M. Kent, and

Resolved—That Bro. the Rev. N. H. Martin of L. O. L. 1041 be elected a R. W. D. G. Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. Thomas Keyes, G. S. B. A., seconded by Rev. Bro. Walsh, D. G. C., and

Resolved—That Bro. the Rev. Thos. Rump, be re-elected a R. W. D. G. Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. Thomas Duffin, W. M., 248, seconded by Bro. Robert Clare, D. M., North Dorchester, and

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Resolved—That Bro. the Rev. Thomas Brown be elected a R. W. D. G. Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. Henry Perkins, C. M., North Huron
seconded by Bro. James Brodie, C. M., South Grey, and

Resolved—That Bro. the Rev. F. Ryan be elected a R. W. D. G. Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. J. L. Wilson, P. C. M., Lambton West,
seconded by W. H. McMahan, P. C. M., Lambton East, and

Resolved—That Bro. the Rev. T. R. Clarke of 1151, be
elected a R. W. D. G. Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. James Brodie, C. M., South Grey, seconded
by Bro. T. C. McAvoy, C. M., South Ontario, and

Resolved—That Bro. W. H. Murney be re-elected R. W.
Deputy Grand Lecturer.

Moved by Rev. Bro. W. Walsh, D. G. C., seconded by Bro.
Thomas Keyes, G. S. B. A. and

Resolved—That Bro. J. L. Wilson be elected a R. W. Deputy
Grand Lecturer.

Moved by Rev. Bro. W. Walsh, D. G. C., seconded by Bro.
Thomas Keyes, G. S. B. A., and

Resolved—That Bro. Murray Nesbit be re-elected a R. W.
Deputy Grand Lecturer.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The following places were nominated as places for the next
annual meeting: Aliston, Wingham, Orangeville, London,
Brantford.

Wingham and Orangeville were withdrawn in favor of
Aliston by their proposers, with permission of the Grand
Lodge.

Brantford was lost on the first vote.

The vote was then taken between Aliston and London.
London having been apparently selected on a standing vote,
a number of members demanded the yeas and nays which re-
sulted as follows. For London :

YEAS—Rev. R. S. Cooper, G. C. ; Dr. Oronhyatekha, P. D. M. ; C. Somers, Wm. Donald, James Thompson, R. Armistage, Thomas Woods, George Watson, John Morrison, Charles Turner, James Hodgins, George Hartly, A. Higgins, John Hotrum, Wm. Nicholson, Wm. Brown, Robert Stirret, Thos. Webster, J. C. Watters, J. L. Wilson, A. Sweetman, Murray Nesbit, Geo. Lucas, B. F. Holmes, Wm. Rattan, Geo. Wilson, Henry Gough, James Aikins, W. Weston, Robert Michael, Noble Howden, W. H. Rome, Andrew Drynam, W. H. McMahan, Hamilton Howe, James Higgins, Richard Sparling, J. A. Robinson, H. A. L. White, Robert McClintock, Donald McLean, W. W. Garlick, John Lenfesty, W. W. Fitzgerald, Thomas Duffin, Robert Fox, Robert Clare, S. Mahood, Thos. Wilson, R. Farrell—50.

NAYS—James Norris, G. S. ; D. Carscadden, D. G. C. ; Wm. Douglas, G. L. ; Wm. Walsh, D. G. C. ; Thomas Keyes, G. S. B. A. ; W. J. Parkhill, D. G. M. B. A. ; E. F. Clarke, D. G. T. B. A. ; W. I. Wilson, W. H. Murney, Frank Somers, John Barker, Andrew Fleming, William Fry, B. H. Scott, Wm. Bryson, John Bethell, W. H. Johnston, W. Harris, T. C. McAvoy, Henry Welsh, Robert Kerr, John Herdman, W. G. Williams, J. H. Guest, David Beatty, John McCaffery, John Wiggins, R. Kenny, Joseph Cunningham, Lindsay Loughead, Henry Kerr, T. A. Mason, John Baird, John Platt, Thomas Robinson, S. Young, J. C. Steele, John Donnell, Wm. Elliott, John Weylie, R. Mahood, R. Allen, John Murphy, D. McCann, J. Brodie, H. Perkins, J. A. Campbell, John Thompson, Wm. Adamson, A. Hamilton, J. G. Chapman, W. M. Lockhart, Arthur Robb, G. D. of C. ; Dr. Burgess, D. G. S.—54.

Aliston was then declared selected as the place for next annual meeting on the same vote.

The hour of 6.30 o'clock p.m. having arrived, the R. W. Grand Master declared the R. W. Grand Lodge adjourned until 7.30 o'clock p.m.

The R. W. ment, at 7.30 James Bennett Bro. H. A. L.

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EVENING SESSION.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. James Bennett, in the chair; the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. H. A. L. White, in the deputy chair.

The Brethren were tested by R. W. Bro. A. Robb, G. D. of C., and W. Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, C.M., East Middlesex.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master announced all present as entitled to sit in this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Master then declared the R. W. Grand Lodge opened for the despatch of business.

The R. W. Grand Master installed W. Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald as Associate Deputy Grand Master of R. W. Grand Lodge of O. W.; and W. Bro. E. F. Clarke, as Grand Treasurer of the R. W. Grand Lodge of O. W.

The officers re-elected taking their offices on their former obligation.

Moved by Bro. George Watson, D. M., London, No. 1., seconded by Bro. Thomas Webster, C. M., Brant, and

Resolved—That Bros. Thomas Keyes, G.S.B.A., W. J. Parkhill, D.G.M.B.A., and Robert Birmingham, P.D.M., Centre Toronto, be appointed a Special Committee to thoroughly audit the Books of the Grand Treasurer, up to the day of transferring the same to the newly elected Treasurer, said Committee to meet on the order of the R. W. Grand Master.

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

Resolved—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to our retiring Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. N. Clarke Wallace, M.P., who has intimated that owing to the press of business (private and public), he is reluctantly compelled to ask his brethren to relieve him, for the present, of the responsibilities of office. This Grand Lodge desires to express its appreciation of the important services rendered to the Loyal Orange Association by him; it assures him of its unbounded

confidence in him, expresses the hope that in the near future he will be enabled again to accept office at the hands of his brethren, and reluctantly receives his resignation.

Resolved—That this resolution be engrossed and forwarded to Bro. Wallace by the Grand Secretary.

Bro. George Watson, D. M., London, No. 1, moved the motion he gave notice of on the preceding day, seconded by Bro. W. W. Fitzgerald, C. M., East Middlesex. "That the Capitation Tax be done away with."

Moved in amendment by Bro. Thomas Webster, C. M., Brant, seconded by Bro. H. A. L. White, D. G. M.

"That the question of per capita tax be referred to the executive of this R. W. Grand Lodge, with power to memorialize the Grand Lodge of British America to amend the Constitution so as to allow a general per Capita Tax on all members of private Lodges, and report a scheme for raising Grand Lodge dues on the principle of per capita tax at next meeting of this Grand Lodge."

Bro. Watson's motion was then withdrawn with the consent of the Grand Lodge, leaving the amendment the original motion.

Bro. Robert Kerr D. Proxy, West Toronto, moved the motion he gave notice of on the preceding day, seconded by Bro. J. Thompson.

"That the Capitation Tax be reduced from ten to five cents per member over twenty-five members. Lost.

Bro. Webster's motion was then carried.

Moved by Rev. Bro. William Walsh, D. G. C., seconded by Bro. James Norris. G. S., and—

Resolved—That Bro. Rev. J. V. Wilson of Dunnville, be a Deputy Grand Chaplain of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Moved by Bro. James Brodie, C. M. South Grey, seconded by Brother John Fortune, C. M., East Bruce; and

Resolved—That Brother E. F. Clarke, R. W. G. T., be appointed printer for this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

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Moved by Bro. Thomas Keyes, G. S. B. A., seconded by Bro. H. A. L. White, D. G. M., and

Resolved—That the proceedings of the last Triennial Council be printed as an appendix to the annual report.

Moved by Bro. E. F. Clarke, G. T., seconded by R. W. Bro. H. A. L. White, D. G. M., and

Resolved—That the Special Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to-day for the purpose of auditing the books of the Grand Treasurer, be also instructed to audit the books and report to the Grand Master upon the condition of the Mutual Insurance scheme, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. (For Report of this Committee, see Appendix B.)

Moved by Bro. Rev. W. Walsh, D. G. C., seconded by Bro. James Norris, G. S., and

Resolved—That we, as a Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, cheerfully and heartily commend to the favorable consideration of the members or the Orange Order through its jurisdiction the "ORANGE SENTINEL." We look upon it as thoroughly Orange, and have ever found it, irrespective of fear or favor, honest and outspoken, relative to all questions directly or indirectly affecting our interests as Protestants. The moral tone is of such a high order that we can endorse its introduction into the families of our brethren. All members of our institution desiring to keep posted on its working, will find it to their advantage to become subscribers to this best Orange periodical we have yet had in this country.

Moved by Bro. W. J. Parkhill, D. G. M., B.A., seconded by Bro. James Brodie, C. M., South Grey, and

Resolved—That this R. W. Grand Lodge be now raised to the illustrious degree of Royal Scarlet.

The brethren present were tested on the Illustrious Degree of Royal Scarlet by Bro. A. Robb, R. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master reported all present entitled to sit in the Chapter of the Illustrious Degree of Royal Scarlet.

The R. W. Grand Master declared the R. W. Grand Lodge raised to the Illustrious degree of Royal Scarlet.

Moved by Companion Sir W. M. Lockhart, C. M., South Simcoe, seconded by Companion Sir James Brodie, C. M., South Grey, and

Resolved—That the minutes of this session be considered as read and approved.

The lecture of the Illustrious Degree of Royal Scarlet was repeated by Companion Sir H. A. L. White, D. G. M., and Companion Sir Randal Kenny, P. C. M., West Lambton.

Moved by Companion Sir W. J. Parkhill, D. G. M., B. A., seconded by Companion Sir E. F. Clarke, G. T., and

Resolved—That the Chapter now close its twenty-fourth annual session.

Companion Sir Rev. R. S. Cooper read the closing ceremonies, after which the R. W. Grand Master, Companion Sir James Bennett, declared the Illustrious Scarlet Chapter and R. W. Grand Lodge duly closed at 10.50 o'clock, p. m., on March 7th, 1883.

JAMES BENNETT, G. M.

JAMES NORRIS, G. S.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



*To the Officers and M
Lodge of Ontario*

BRETHREN,—

Your R. W. G. M. presenting to you the ended, and in doing so Lodge on the healthy are now placed.

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APPENDIX "A."

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Orange Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario West :

BRETHREN,—

Your R. W. G. Treasurer has much pleasure in presenting to you the Financial Statement for the year now ended, and in doing so, begs to congratulate the R. W. Grand Lodge on the healthy and flourishing condition in which we are now placed.

Though the expenditure for the year has been very large—firstly, on account of the increase in the dues to be payable to the M. W. G. L. of B. A., and secondly, by the payment of the Grand Master's expenses to the Triennial Council wholly out of this year's receipts—yet the receipts have about kept pace with the expenditure, leaving a large balance yet on hand to meet the liabilities which you may now incur.

Your R. W. G. T. anticipates that the increased revenue now obtainable from the Private Lodges will be ample to meet all our obligations in the future.

Your R. W. G. Treasurer regrets that his various public duties, as well as the pressing claims of his private business, are so great that he will have to ask this Grand Lodge to relieve him of the duties of the Treasurership; and while doing so, begs here to record his sense of the kindness and consideration and the valuable assistance he has invariably received, both from the Officers and Members of this R. W. G. L. and from the Members of the Private Lodges with whom he has transacted business.

N. C. WALLACE, G. T.,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

ORANGE GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO WEST.

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Feb'y. 22, To Balance on hand per Audit \$607 67

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SARNIA, 6th March, 1883

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All which is respectfully submitted,

N. CLARKE WALLACE,

G. T., O. W.

SARNIA, 6th March, 1883.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

30 25	Dues received during the years 1882-83 to meeting	
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\$2.50; 668, \$3.40
909, \$2.50; 632,
\$2.50; 1202, \$2.50
1192, \$3.10; 1085,
797, \$7; 1118, \$2.

843, \$2.50; 128, \$2.50;
895, \$2.50; 29, \$4

165, \$2.50; 272, \$4.50
929, \$2.50; 1182,
\$5; 245, \$2.50; 15

H
1052, \$2.50; 344, \$2.50;
774, \$2.50; 1100,
\$2.50; 852, \$2.50;
575, \$3.70; 324, \$
\$2.50; 462, \$3.80;
775, \$2.50; 794, \$3.
459, \$2.90; 317, \$
\$2.50; 963, \$7.40;
793, \$2.50.....

H
182 \$2.50; 145, \$2.50;
1388, \$4.50; 890, \$
\$2.50; 924, \$2.50;
262, \$2.50; 24, 50c
710, \$2.50; 1210,
\$4.90; 526, \$2.50;

GREY SOUTH.

883, \$2.50; 1118, \$2.50; 1383, \$2.50; 922, \$2;
 1125, bal. 50c; 666, \$2.50; 1152, \$4.50; 887,
 \$2.50; 1362, \$2.50; 1066, \$2.50; 586, \$2.50;
 509, \$2.50; 607, \$2.50; 1058, \$2.50; 684,
 \$6.50; 1136, \$2.50; 244, \$2.50; 936, \$4.50;
 1045, \$2.50; 737, \$2.50; 509, \$2.60; 1383,
 \$2.50; 668, \$3.40; 1321, \$4.70; 689, \$2.50;
 909, \$2.50; 632, \$2.50; 1201, \$2.90; 508;
 \$2.50; 1202, \$2.50; 861, \$2.50; 1136, \$2.70;
 1192, \$3.10; 1085, \$2.50; 684, \$2; 883, \$2.70;
 797, \$7; 1118, \$2.50; 922, \$3..... 112 10

HALDIMAND.

843, \$2.50; 128, \$2.50; 1056, \$2.50; 128, \$2.50;
 895, \$2.50; 29, \$4.90..... 17 40

HALTON.

165, \$2.50; 272, \$4.50; 68, \$2.50; 165, \$2.50;
 929, \$2.50; 1182, \$2.50; 1184, \$2.50; 166,
 \$5; 245, \$2.50; 158, \$5..... 32 00

HURON NORTH.

1052, \$2.50; 344, \$2.50; 1091, \$4.50; 1250, \$2.50;
 774, \$2.50; 1100, \$2.50; 462, \$4.50; 1090,
 \$2.50; 852, \$2.50; 631, \$2.80; 642, \$3.90;
 575, \$3.70; 324, \$2.80; 932, \$3.10; 835,
 \$2.50; 462, \$3.80; 1100, \$2.50; 1091, \$2.50;
 775, \$2.50; 794, \$3.40; 383, \$7; 560, \$2.50;
 459, \$2.90; 317, \$2.50; 1090, \$2.50; 873,
 \$2.50; 963, \$7.40; 767, \$2.50; 499, \$4.60;
 793, \$2.50..... 96 90

HURON SOUTH.

182 \$2.50; 145, \$2.50; 813, \$2.50; 219, \$2.50;
 1388, \$4.50; 890, \$2.50; 1343, \$2.50; 306,
 \$2.50; 924, \$2.50; 825, \$2.50; 662, \$2.50;
 262, \$2.50; 24, 50c; 308, 50c; 1035, 50c;
 710, \$2.50; 1210, \$2.50; 890, \$2.50; 493,
 \$4.90; 526, \$2.50; 1071, \$2.50; 182, \$3.70;

928, \$2.80; 306, \$3; 610, \$6.50; 308, \$4.70;
 145, \$4.40; 24, \$4.70; 308, \$2.50; 1035,
 \$2.50; 924, \$2.50; 662, \$3.20; 825, \$2.50;
 189, \$2.50..... 96 40

KENT.

1078, \$2.50; 850, \$2.50; 1041, \$3.20; 850, \$2.00;
 859, \$4.50; 1077, \$4.50; 933, \$2.50; 638,
 \$2.50..... 24 20

LAMBTON EAST.

105, 505, 516, 536, 626, 746, 819, 831—8 Lodges
 \$2.50 each, \$20; 626, \$2.50; 536, \$3; 516,
 \$2.50; 105, \$2.50; 505, \$4.20; 746, \$3.50;
 831, \$2.50; 1029, \$2.50; 819, \$3.40..... 46 60

LAMBTON WEST.

514, \$2.50; 1237, \$2.50; 1151, \$2.50; 467, \$2.50;
 1230, \$4.70; 514, \$2.70; 988, \$3; 1230,
 \$2.50; 916, 50c; 687, \$4.50; 1237; \$2.50;
 916, \$2.70; 671, \$2.50..... 35 60

LINCOLN.

573, \$6.50; 117, \$2.50; 77, \$2.50; 341, \$2.80;
 77, \$3.50; 1333, \$6.50; 1333, \$2.60; 720,
 \$5.80; 844, \$3.80; 117, \$2.80; 573, \$3.40.... 42 70

MIDDLESEX EAST.

1186, \$2.50; 791, \$2.50; 298, \$2.50; 965, \$6.50;
 817, \$2.50; 303, \$2.50; 792, \$2; 188, \$2.50;
 902, \$2.50; 152, \$5; 230, \$2.50; 762, \$2.50;
 817, \$1.90; 805, \$2.50; 990, \$5..... 45 40

MIDDLESEX WEST.

537, \$2.50; 310, \$2.60; 517, \$2.70; 292, \$2.50;
 537, \$2.50; 901, \$2.50; 981, \$2; 816, \$2.50. 19 80

905, \$2.50; 1298, \$2.
 \$3.40; 905, \$2.90

921, \$2.50; 752, \$2.5
 538, \$2.50; 1162
 1157, \$2.50; 71
 \$2.50; 865, \$2.50
 878, \$2.50; 971,
 1162, \$2.50; 393,

351, \$2.50; 287, \$2.50
 \$2.50; 926, \$2.50

567, \$2.50; 568, \$2.50
 571, \$2.50; 1382
 \$3.70; 812, \$2.50
 954, \$2.50.....

822, \$2.50; 822, \$2.50

93, \$2.50; 254, \$4.50;
 \$2.50.....

10, \$2.50; 63, \$2.50;
 142, \$2.50; 81, \$4.
 163, \$5; 293, \$2.
 146, \$2.50; 263, \$6

23, \$4.50; 970, \$2.50; 6
 \$5.50; 627, \$2.50

MONCK.

905, \$2.50; 1298, \$2.50; 161, \$2.90; 905, \$6; 441,
\$3.40; 905, \$2.90; 283, \$4.50; 171, \$2.50...

27 20

MUSKOKA.

921, \$2.50; 752, \$2.50; 878, \$4.50; 799, \$2.50;
538, \$2.50; 1162, \$8; 329, \$2; 218, \$2.50;
1157, \$2.50; 718, \$2.50; 218, \$2.50; 634,
\$2.50; 865, \$2.50; 1144, \$2.50; 1170, \$4.50;
878, \$2.50; 971, \$2.50; 329, \$3; 738, \$2.50;
1162, \$2.50; 393, \$3; 502, \$5.....

67 50

NORFOLK.

351, \$2.50; 287, \$2.50; 926, \$2.50; 351, \$4; 556,
\$2.50; 926, \$2.50; 339, \$2.50; 351, \$2.50...

21 50

ONTARIO NORTH.

567, \$2.50; 568, \$2.50; 954, \$2.50; 606, \$2.50;
571, \$2.50; 1382, \$4.50; 798, \$4.50; 570,
\$3.70; 812, \$2.50; 673, \$2.50; 567, \$2.50;
954, \$2.50.....

35 20

ONTARIO SOUTH.

822, \$2.50; 822, \$2.50; 168, \$5; 167, \$3.10.....

13 10

OXFORD.

93, \$2.50; 254, \$4.50; 648, \$4; 254, \$2.50; 93,
\$2.50.....

16 00

PEEL.

10, \$2.50; 63, \$2.50; 148, \$2.50; 696, \$2.50;
142, \$2.50; 81, \$4.50; 290, \$2.50; 5, \$2.50;
163, \$5; 293, \$2.50; 260, \$3; 455, \$5.80;
146, \$2.50; 263, \$6.80; 62, \$2.90; 63, \$3.20

53 70

PERTH NORTH.

23, \$4.50; 970, \$2.50; 617, \$2.50; 544, \$2.50; 544,
\$5.50; 627, \$2.50; 531, \$6; 370, \$2.50;

19 80

370, \$2.80; 751, \$2.50; 970, \$4; 677, \$3.50;
656, \$2.50; 369, \$2.50; 45, \$2.70; 23, \$3.70;
531, \$3; 627, \$2.50; 630, \$2.70; 617 \$5.50..

66 40

PERTH SOUTH.

768, \$2.50; 707, \$2; 908, \$10.50; 346, \$2.50;
592, \$2.50; 827, \$4.50; 492, \$3.70; 466,
\$2.90; 591, \$2.80; 707, \$4; 759, \$2.50;
384, \$3.10; 313, \$3.....

46 50

SIMCOE NORTH.

622, \$2.50; 667, \$2.50; 651, \$2.50; 956, \$2.50;
991, \$2.50; 955, \$2.50; 414, \$2.50; 193,
\$10.50; 943, \$3; 1119, \$3; 649, \$4.80; 296,
\$2.50; 622, \$3.50; 1018, \$2.70; 589, \$4.80;
985, \$5.10; 651, \$2.50; 414, 90c; 644,
\$3.50; 667, \$2.50; 955, \$2.50.....

69 30

SIMCOE SOUTH.

234, \$2.50; 605, \$2.50; 9, \$2.60; 60, \$2.50; 66,
\$4.60; 16, \$4.20; 73, \$2.50; 86, \$3.10; 89,
\$4.20; 104, \$3.50; 125, \$2.50; 154, \$2.50;
200, \$3.20; 209, \$3.40; 255, \$2.50; 354,
\$2.50; 355, \$3; 359, \$2.50; 426, \$2.50;
432, \$3.20; 450, \$3.80; 449, \$3.60; 465,
\$2.50; 463, \$2.50; 472, \$3.50; 533, \$3.20;
553, \$2.50; 676, \$2.50; 694, \$2.50; 702,
\$2.90; 877, \$2.50; 885, \$2.90; 784, \$2.50;
1053, \$2.50; 1083, \$3.60; 1236, \$2.50; 1246,
\$2.50; 1082, \$2.50; 605, \$3.30; 888, \$4.50..

118 80

TORONTO.

173, \$2.50; 140, \$2.50; 136, \$2.50; 4, \$4.50; 657,
\$2.50; 404, \$2.50; 396, \$2.50; 621, \$2.50;
781, \$2.50; 387, \$4.50; 551, \$2.50; 212,
\$4.50; 375, \$2.50; 275, \$2.50; 711, \$2.50;
613, \$2.50; 328, \$2.50; 479, \$2.50; 342,
\$2.50; 111, \$2.50; 215, \$2.50; 275, \$3.60;
675, \$3.70; 588, \$6.90; 375, \$6.30; 501, \$5;
127, \$2.50; 800, \$2.50; 875, \$4.50; 821,

\$3.50; 215, \$
140, \$9.90;
\$6.60; 212, \$
\$2.80; 781, \$
\$3.20; 301, \$

519, \$4.50; 1386, \$
264, \$7.60; 5

WELLIN.

84, \$2.50; 770, \$2.
185, \$2.50; 250,
84, \$2.70; 109
\$5; 635, \$2.50

1331, \$2.50; 112, \$
587, \$2.50.....

615, \$2.50; 530, \$2
645, \$6.50; 5
\$2.50; 976, \$2.

386, \$4.50; 776, \$2.
\$2.50; 779, \$3.
776, \$2.50; 281

548, \$2.50; 91, \$2.5

930, \$2; 415, \$2.50;
\$2.50; 930, \$5;
\$2.50.....

269, \$2.50.....

66 40
 \$3.50; 215, \$2.50; 951, \$2.50; 387, \$4.50;
 140, \$9.90; 127, \$3.40; 657, \$2.50; 173,
 \$6.60; 212, \$8; 396, \$6.60; 136, \$5.60; 613,
 \$2.80; 781, \$3.80; 711, \$7.70; 4, \$4.50; 621,
 \$3.20; 301, \$7.60..... 178 70

WELLAND.

46 50
 519, \$4.50; 1386, \$2.50; 750, \$3.50; 1348, \$3.00;
 264, \$7.60; 519, \$2.50..... 23 60

WELLINGTON EAST (NOW DUFFERIN).

84, \$2.50; 770, \$2.50; 427, \$2.50; 1277, \$2.50;
 185, \$2.50; 250, \$2.50; 1277, 70c.; 946, \$4.50;
 84, \$2.70; 1099, \$3; 330, \$3; 259, \$5; 192,
 \$5; 635, \$2.50; 320, \$6..... 47 40

WELLINGTON SOUTH.

69 30
 1331, \$2.50; 112, \$2.50; 1331, \$2.80; 661, \$4.50;
 587, \$2.50..... 14 80

WELLINGTON WEST.

615, \$2.50; 530, \$2.50; 302, \$2.50; 976, \$4.50;
 645, \$6.50; 530, \$2.50; 1023, \$5; 615,
 \$2.50; 976, \$2..... 30 50

WENTWORTH.

386, \$4.50; 776, \$2.50; 358, \$2; 711, \$3.90; 731,
 \$2.50; 779, \$3.50; 469, \$2.50; 312, \$4.00;
 776, \$2.50; 286, \$5.70..... 34 20

YORK EAST.

118 80
 548, \$2.50; 91, \$2.50; 228, \$2.50; 548, \$2.50... 10 00

YORK NORTH.

930, \$2; 415, \$2.50; 590, \$2.50; 736, \$2.50; 643,
 \$2.50; 930, \$5; 590, \$3.40; 643, \$2.50; 736,
 \$2.50..... 25 40

YORK WEST.

12, 0;
 5;
 11,
 269, \$2.50..... 2 50

Total.....\$1744 60

STATEMENT OF LODGES IN ARREARS ON 29TH
MAY, 1883.

(See Note at the end of this Statement.)

No. of Lodge.	BRANT.	Amount due.
		\$ c.
197		6 30
360		2 50
362		10 10
1024		2 50
1107		2 50
1108		9 00
1323		9 00

BRUCE EAST.

547	2 00
639	2 50
669	2 50
735	2 50
818	5 00
968	5 00

BRUCE WEST.

208	3 00
288	2 50
418	9 00
1122	0 50
1241	2 50
1284	2 50
1328	2 50
1374	9 00

DUFFERIN.

22	6 50
124	7 00
320	1 00

No. of Lodge.

566	
851	
1099	
185	
192	
259	
770	
345	
946	

257	
397	
447	
1380	
423	
860	
953	

1106	
1280	
1225	
1268	
858	
563	

176	
394	
523	
576	
740	
801	
896	
984	
997	
1031	
1067	
1073	

RS ON 29TH

Amount due.

\$ c.

6 30

2 50

10 10

2 50

2 50

9 00

9 00

2 00

2 50

2 50

2 50

5 00

5 00

3 00

2 50

9 00

0 50

2 50

2 50

2 50

9 00

6 50

7 00

1 00

(DUFFERIN—Continued.)

No. of Lodge.	Amount due.
566	\$7 00
851	6 60
1099	0 50
185	2 50
192	3 10
259	0 80
770	4 50
345	7 00
946	2 50

ELGIN.

257	9 00
307	11 00
447	2 50
1380	9 00
423	11 00
860	2 50
953	2 50

ESSEX.

1106	5 40
1280	4 20
1225	6 60
1268	7 90
858	4 30
563	5 00

GREY NORTH.

176	2 50
394	5 00
523	4 90
576	3 50
740	5 00
801	2 90
896	4 30
984	0 50
997	2 50
1031	3 50
1067	2 50
1073	2 50

(GREY NORTH—Continued.)

No. of Lodge.	Amount due.
1137	\$2 70
1143	2 70
1231	7 00
1240	5 00
1247	2 50
1261	5 00
1302	4 50
1319	2 90
1340	2 50
1360	2 50
1364	2 50
1387	3 00
1396	3 00
866	2 50
899	3 00
918	7 00
848	3 00
1086	2 50
1037	2 50
438	2 50
938	8 50
569	2 50

GREY SOUTH.

244	4 30
586	3 10
607	2 50
633	5 20
666	2 50
684	50
777	3 10
887	2 50
936	2 50
1066	2 50
1101	9 00
1125	2 50
1152	2 50
1362	2 50
883	00
353	5 00
1058	2 50

No. of Lodge.	
1132	
584	
429	
581	

51	
361	
382	
741	
839	
843	
874	
960	
1056	
1371	

68	
272	
332	

252	
344	
766	
774	
863	
1052	
1219	
1250	

153	
219	
813	
826	
833	
1343	

(GREY SOUTH—Continued.)

No. of Lodge.	Amount due.
1132	\$2 80
584	4 50
429	2 50
581	2 50

HALDIMAND.

51	5 00
361	4 50
382	2 50
741	2 50
839	7 00
843	2 50
874	5 00
960	2 50
1056	2 80
1371	7 10

HALTON.

68	2 50
272	4 50
332	7 00

HURON NORTH.

252	4 10
344	2 50
766	7 70
774	4 10
863	5 00
1052	2 60
1219	2 50
1250	2 50

HURON SOUTH.

153	5 30
219	2 60
813	2 70
826	7 00
833	4 90
1343	3 50

(HURON SOUTH—Continued.)

No. of Lodge.	Amount due.
1388	\$2 50
1097	7 60
733	5 00
1117	2 50
959	9 00
262	2 50

KENT.

690	5 00
1078	2 50
464	2 50
323	2 50
440	2 50

LAMBTON EAST.

830	3 30
911	5 00

LAMBTON WEST.

687	2 50
964	2 50
1096	4 70
1151	2 50

LINCOLN.

130	2 50
204	3 00

MIDDLESEX EAST.

156	2 50
248	3 00
298	4 50
303	7 50
625	3 00
791	2 50
792	2 50
965	2 50

No. of Lodge.	Amount due.
297	
658	
763	
1186	

1102	
1267	
1298	

1229	
1301	
809	
921	
637	
679	

287	
433	
461	

129	
223	
454	
568	
583	
1089	
572	

665	
686	
823	

MIDDLESEX WEST.

Amount due.	No. of Lodge	Amount due.
\$2 50	297	\$9 00
7 60	658	3 00
5 00	763	7 00
2 50	1186	2 50
9 00		
2 50		

MONCK.

1102	5 00
1267	9 00
1298	5 20

MUSKOKA.

1229	5 00
1301	5 00
809	5 00
921	2 50
637	2 50
679	2 50

NORFOLK.

287	2 50
433	7 00
461	9 00

ONTARIO NORTH.

129	5 00
223	3 00
454	3 00
568	2 50
583	5 00
1089	2 50
572	7 80

ONTARIO SOUTH.

665	5 00
686	3 30
823	2 50

PARRY SOUND.

No. of Lodge.	Amount due.
1157	\$2 50
502	8 00
538	2 50
546	6 60
752	2 50
799	2 50
1170	3 00
1200	5 00
718	5 70
1026	2 50

PERTH NORTH.

78	3 40
540	2 70
652	3 50
655	5 70
1033	4 50
430	9 00
544	4 20
363	9 00

PERTH SOUTH.

335	9 00
518	5 90
768	2 50
908	2 50
1176	5 00
827	7 00

SIMCOE NORTH.

704	3 30
904	3 30
942	9 00
956	3 50
884	11 00
991	2 50
682	11 00

No. of Lodge.

234	
366	
452	
111	
137	
328	
342	
404	
551	
412	
479	
506	

894	
1299	
1334	
1386	

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603	
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302	
608	
645	
681	
787	
846	
1258	

19	
358	
386	
554	

SIMCOE SOUTH.

No. of Lodge.	Amount due.
234	\$2 50
366	2 50
452	6 00

TORONTO.

111	2 50
137	2 70
328	3 50
342	5 10
404	5 80
551	12 80
412	2 50
479	9 60
506	2 50

WELLAND.

894	5 00
1299	7 00
1334	5 00
1386	4 20

WELLINGTON SOUTH.

603	4 50
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WELLINGTON WEST.

302	2 50
608	13 00
645	2 50
681	7 00
787	5 00
846	9 00
1258	11 00

WENTWORTH

19	3 80
358	2 50
386	2 50
554	4 90

(WENTWORTH—Continued.)

No. of Lodge.	Amount due.
1179	\$7 00
1019	4 00

YORK EAST.

164	3 20
778	2 50

YORK WEST.

703	2 50
28	4 40
135	2 50
191	2 80
216	2 60
269	2 50

We certify that the foregoing is a correct statement of the balances standing in the books of the retiring Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. N. Clarke Wallace, M.P., at the date of this audit.

W. J. PARKHILL,
THOMAS KEYES,
ROBT. BIRMINGHAM, } *Auditors.*

TORONTO, May 29, 1883.

NOTE.—The following Lodges appearing in arrears in the foregoing statement have remitted to the present Grand Treasurer the amounts named:

394, North Grey, \$2.50; 464, Kent, \$2.50; 479, Toronto, \$9.20; 583, North Ontario, \$4; 658, West Middlesex, \$3; 1033, North Perth, \$3; 1319, North Grey, \$2.50; 1388, South Huron, \$2.50; 1396, North Grey, \$3.

SUPPLEMENTARY
RECEIPTS

FROM 6TH MARCH TO
ACT

To Cash on hand from L.
" Grand Lodge Dues to

To Balance on hand...

By amount paid Rev. R.
" " " W.
" " Dr. Bur.
" " Bro. Do.
" " " Ro.
" " C. Walls
" " H. Pace
" " Bro. J. J.
" " on V.
" " Bro. Noi.
" " " Wh.
" " T. E.
" Additional Account G.
Balance on hand

Audited and found correct

W. J. PARKHILL,
THOMAS KEYES,
ROBT. BIRMINGHAM,

SUPPLEMENTARY AND FINAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

FROM 6TH MARCH TO 29TH MAY, 1883. N. C. WALLACE,
ACTING G. T., O. W.

Dr.

To Cash on hand from last Audit	\$654 62
" Grand Lodge Dues to date.....	320 90
	<u>\$975 52</u>
To Balance on hand.....	<u>\$193 52</u>

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By amount paid	Rev. R. S. Cooper, G. C.....	\$10 00
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" "	Dr. Burgess, D. G. S.	10 00
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" "	C. Walls, Inside Tyler	4 00
" "	H. Pace, Outside Tyler	5 00
" "	Bro. J. Hoey, Ex., attending Com. on Warrants	6 50
" "	Bro. Norris, G. S.	200 00
" "	" Wm. Anderson, F. W. W., G. T. B. A., on acc't G. L. Dues.	500 00
"	Additional Account G. Sec., 1882	16 50
	Balance on hand	193 52
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Audited and found correct.

W. J. PARKHILL,
THOMAS KEYES,
ROBERT BIRMINGHAM, } *Auditors.*

APPENDIX "B."

ORANGE MUTUAL INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
ONTARIO WEST.

*To the R. W. the President of the Orange Mutual Insurance
Society of Ontario West :*

R. W. SIR,—The Auditors appointed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario West for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of the Orange Mutual Insurance Society of Ontario West, beg to report that they have carefully examined the books and papers of the Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct, as follows :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Audit.....	\$ 50 22
Receipts to March 6, 1883.....	290 00
	<u>\$340 22</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Davis & Henderson, on account.....	\$100 00
Fees to sundry Medical Examiners.....	73 00
Printing Circulars, etc.,.....	13 00
Postage and Stationery.....	22 00
Tubes for Certificates.....	3 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	129 22
	<u>\$340 22</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. PARKHILL,
THOMAS KEYES
ROBT. BIRMINGHAM } *Auditors.*

TORONTO, May 29th 1883.

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APPENDIX C.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS
AND EXPULSIONS.

SARNIA, March 7th, 1883.

*To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the R.
W. Grand Lodge of Ontario West, in Grand Lodge
assembled :*

Your Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions, after carefully examining the various returns submitted to them by your R. W. Grand Secretary, report as follows :

We find no case of any suspension requiring our special attention.

We recommend that the expulsions returned by the County Lodges be confirmed, there being no appeals, as follows :

EXPULSIONS.

COUNTY OF BRANT.

No. 197—John Brown, Wm. Grimstead, Thomas Moore, for non-payment of dues and contempt of summons.

COUNTY OF ELGIN.

No. 231—Samuel Johnson, for non-payment of dues and contempt of summons.

860—Joseph Leverton, for non-payment of dues and contempt of summons.

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COUNTY OF ESSEX.

- No. 1106—James Stevenson, for non-attendance, contempt of summons, and non-payment of dues.
 552—Wm. Long, Charles Long, Wm. Bussey, Robert Gloves, for contempt of summons and non-payment of dues.

COUNTY OF NORTH GREY.

- No. 394—Samuel Myles, for defrauding his lodge out of proceedings of soiree.
 Wesley Myles, for theft.
 1261—John Love, Alexander McCauley, John Giving, for non-attendance on 12th July, contempt of summons, and violation of obligation.

COUNTY OF HURON.

- No. 642—Edward Newton, for defrauding a brother.
 852—Thomas Blacke, for violation of obligation and defrauding a brother.
 631—Peter Keffer, for violation of obligation, and contempt of summons.
 560—Joseph Fisher, Asais Montgomery, for non-payment of dues, and contempt of summons.
 794—S. J. Smith, for absenting himself on July 12th, also contempt of summons.

COUNTY OF KENT.

- No. 1078—Charles Smith, for violation of obligation, contempt of summons, non-payment of dues, and non-attendance on the 12th July.
 1041—Robert Prichard, for violation of obligation, and non-payment of dues.
 Wm. Peters, for violation of obligation by marrying a papist.

COUNTY OF WEST LAMBTON.

- No. 1230—James Folkes, for deserting his family.
 John McInnes, for drunkenness on the 12th July.
 David Judge, for disgracing the order.
 George Horning, for adultery.

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COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

No. 351—Enoch Harge, for non-payment of dues and contempt of summons.

COUNTY OF ONTARIO, SOUTH.

No. 167—Alexander Moore, Wm. Jackson, for non-payment of dues, and contempt of summons.

168—Hugh McBrian, for defrauding his lodge of \$40; expelled for life by County Lodge.

686—T. J. Hawthorne, Wm. Halnam, Wm. Stephenson, and Joseph Brown, for contempt of summons, violation of obligation, and non-payment of dues.

COUNTY OF NORTH PERTH.

No. 656—Wm. Gilbert, for contempt of summons, violation of obligation, and non-payment of dues. Expelled for life.

COUNTY OF NORTH SIMCOE.

No. 704—Thomas Millar, for contempt of summons and non-payment of dues.

COUNTY OF SOUTH SIMCOE.

No. 829—James Stephenson, for contempt of summons and non-payment of dues.

209—John Dunnigan and Wm. Ney, for non-attendance on the 12th of July and non-payment of dues.

16—Wm. Ross, for violation of obligation and marrying a Roman Catholic.

432—Robert Burrridge, for contempt of summons, violation of obligation, and non-payment of dues.

The expulsion of Charles Hopper, returned by North York, we recommend to be confirmed; but the expulsion of Thomas Jennings, from which we understand there is an appeal, we

recommend to be referred back to the County Lodge, as no papers have been sent in to enable us to deal with it.

The County of Toronto has returned Richard Reynolds, suspended, but as his case has been before the Appeals Committee, we leave it to them to deal with.

The same County returns four members expelled—one for writing an insulting letter, one for speaking disrespectfully of the Orange Order, one for some offence, but the name or nature of the offence is not specified, and one for attempting to take his own life and bring discredit on the Order. No papers have been forwarded in reference to any of these cases, and we recommend that they be referred back to the County Lodge for further investigation.

The suspension of John Tulloch, returned by the County of East Lambton, we are informed, has been appealed from, and we recommend it to the Committee on Appeals for consideration. All other cases returned by said County we recommend should be confirmed.

The expulsion of Thomas Mutart, returned by the County of South Grey, we recommend be confirmed; but, as to the expulsions of T. Fagan, J. Shields, A. Goodwin, and Wm. Arnott, for non-payment of dues, we recommend that the expulsions be rescinded, and that they be suspended only till their dues are paid.

Your Committee find, by the returns of the various Counties, that a large number of members have been expelled for non-payment of dues and contempt of summons without specifying in what the contempt consists, and your Committee are led to believe that the contempt consists in not obeying a summons, calling on them to show cause why they should not be expelled for non-payment of dues; and your Committee would recommend that the Supreme Grand Lodge be requested to so amend the Constitution that in such cases members could not be expelled, but only suspended till their dues are paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. FITZGERALD, *Chairman.*
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APPENDIX "D."

IMPERIAL GRAND ORANGE COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL MEETING OF THE

IMPERIAL GRAND ORANGE COUNCIL

HELD IN

WESTMINSTER PALACE HOTEL, LONDON,
ON

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, JULY 19th & 20th, 1882.

OFFICERS

OF THE

IMPERIAL : GRAND : ORANGE : COUNCIL

1882-1885.

Imperial Grand Master,

The Right Honourable the Earl of Enniskillen, G. M.
IRELAND, Florence Court, Enniskillen, Ireland.

President,

The Right Honourable LORD TREVOR, G. M. England, Bryn-
kinalt, Chirk, North Wales, and 25, Belgrave Square,
London, S. W.

Vice-President,

Major JAMES BENNETT, G. M. Ontario West, Toronto, Canada.

Chaplain,

Rev. SAMUEL GEORGE POTTER, D. D., G. C. England, St. Luke's, Sheffield.

Treasurer,

Professor THOMAS MACKLIN, G. S. Scotland, Andersonian College, Glasgow.

Secretary,

RICHARD DAVIS, G. S. England, 20, Maddox Street, Regent Street, London, W.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

IMPERIAL GRAND ORANGE COUNCIL

AT THE TRIENNIAL MEETING HELD IN

WESTMINSTER PALACE HOTEL, LONDON,

—ON—

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, JULY 19th & 20th, 1882.**Present :****IMPERIAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS**William Johnston, D.G.M. Ireland, *President.*Henry Merrick, G.M.B.N.A.; *Vice-President.*Rev. Samuel George Potter, D.D., G. C. England, *Chaplain.*

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Professor Thomas Macklin, G.S. Scotland, *Treasurer*.
Richard Davis, G. S. England, *Secretary*.

DELEGATES.

FROM THE ORANGE INSTITUTION OF ENGLAND.

Right Honourable Lord Trevor, G.M.
Alexander Edward Miller, Q.C., LL.D., D.G.M.
Rev. Samuel George Potter, D.D., G.C.
Richard Jervis, G.T.
Richard Davis, G.S.
William Touchstone, Hon. G.S., D.G.M.
Edward Harper, P.G.M.

FROM THE ORANGE INSTITUTION OF SCOTLAND.

Geo. McLeod, P.G.M.
Thomas Wetherall, D.G.M.
Rev. John Campbell, G.C.
Rev. Robert S. Horne, G.C.
Professor Thomas Macklin, G. S.

FROM THE ORANGE INSTITUTION OF IRELAND.

William Johnston, D. G. M.
Edward Wingfield Verner, J. P., D. G. M.
Viscount Crichton, M. P., J. P., D. L., D. G. M.
Lord Arthur Hill, M. P., G. M. Co. Down.

FROM THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Henry Merrick, G. M. British North America.
David Marshall, G. M. Ontario East.
Major James Bennett, G. M. Ontario West.

FROM OTHER BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

William Cox, W. M. 176, New South Wales.
D. H. Christie, P. G. M. Middle Island, New Zealand.
J. S. W. McNeale, P. D. G. M. Middle Island, New Zealand ;
also representing South Australia and Queensland.

VISITORS.

James Bateman, M. A., F. G. S., D. G. M.	
William Gilleland, D. G. M.	
James Todd, D. G. M.	
W. J. Clucas, D. G. M.	
Thomas Senior, D. G. M.	
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J. W. Ballard, D. G. M.	
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Thomas Evans, D. G. M.	
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James G. Carnduff, D. G. M.	
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Rev. G. R. Badenoch, LL.D., D. G. C.	
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William Mills, M.	" 22
John Dickinson, M.	" 23
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Wm. Burrows, M.	" 66
Henry Taylor, D. M.	" 12
Richard Prescott, D. M.	" 19
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The President of the Council, BROTHER WILLIAM JOHN STON, D. G. M., Ireland, having taken the chair, the Council was opened with the reading of the following prayer, by the Chaplain, Rev. S. G. Potter, D. D. :

GRACIOUS AND ALMIGHTY GOD ! who in all ages hast shown Thy almighty power in protecting righteous Kings and States, we yield Thee hearty thanks for the merciful preservation of Thy true Religion hitherto against the designs of its enemies.

We praise Thee for raising up for our deliverance from tyranny and arbitrary power, Thy servant King William III., Prince of Orange ; and we beseech Thee, for thy name's sake, for ever to frustrate all the designs of wicked men against Thy holy religion, and not to suffer its enemies to triumph ; defeat their councils, abate their pride, assuage their malice, and confound their devices.

Deliver, we pray Thee, the Members of the Church of Rome from error and false doctrine, and lead them to the truth of that Holy Word which is able to make them wise unto salvation.

We beseech Thee to bless every Member of the Orange Institution with all Christian virtues. Bless us with brotherly love and loyalty. Take away everything that may hinder our godly union and concord ; so that we may henceforth be of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may, with one mind and one mouth, glorify Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Chaplain having also read a portion of Holy Scripture, and the members of the Council having presented their credentials, the following address was then delivered by the President,

BROTHER WILLIAM JOHNSTON :

BRETHREN,—By the good providence of God, the Orangemen of the world are enabled to meet in Grand Council in the great metropolis of the British Empire. Here, the first meeting of the Triennial Council was held, in 1867, as the result of the Grand-Conference in Belfast, on the 18th July, 1866. To Brother William Shannon, formerly Grand Secretary for Central Canada, belongs the inception of this movement, which I had the honour of proposing to the Grand Lodge of Ireland on the 7th of December, 1865; Meetings in Toronto, in 1870; in Glasgow, in 1873; in Londonderry, in 1876; and in Ottawa, in 1879, have been attended by representative men of the noble Orange Order; and the unity of the Brotherhood has been achieved and maintained. Names of men who deserved well of their country are on the record roll of this council. Its first president, the venerated Earl of Enniskillen, now Imperial Grand Master, is, thank God, spared to us still. And the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, M.P., who was elected to that office in the Maiden City, is, deservedly, in Canada, a Minister of the Queen. But D'Arcy Boulton is gone, and Stewart Blacker; and the Empire has lost one of its ablest orators and truest sons in the Hon John Hillyard Cameron, once Grand-Master of British America.

When the Grand Council last met in the metropolis, the Earl of Derby was first Lord of the Treasury. The wrong done to Irish Orangemen by the Party Processions Act was brought under his notice, but he did not see his way to promote its repeal. The events, however, of that year, brought about this result; and it is worthy of remembrance that the resolution proposed in the House of Commons, in 1872, which drew from the Government a declaration of their intention to abolish it, was drafted by Benjamin Disraeli, who died Earl of Beaconsfield, but whose memory will live for ever.

Since that meeting in London the world has seen strange things. Thrones and empires have risen and gone down. But Britain's Throne is safe, unshaken; and so are liberty and life in nearly all Victoria's wide dominions. Ireland alone forms

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But everywhere throughout the Empire of the Queen, the Orange Institution emphatically asserts the principles on which rests Britain's Throne, at home and in the glorious colonies of the Empire, vast numbers of our brotherhood are ever ready to do valiant fight for the Queen and Constitution. Disloyal men in Ireland are hostile to the Union, and scarcely conceal their treason to the Crown. Every Orangeman is bound to resist the aims and efforts of these traitors, and guard the integrity of the Empire and the honour of the Throne.

If, brethren, the days seem dark, our hope is still in God. We have the same Guiding Power that our fathers had when Derry was defended, and William was victorious at the Boyne. Be men of faith and prayer. Uphold the Orange Institution. Be foremost in every good word and work. Than our cause none is higher or holier. We labour for man's welfare and God's Glory. Homes and altars let us guard with heroic hearts, and keep the Christian faith; the day of triumph for that faith approaches. Earth and Heaven, long waiting, shall join in the acclaim—"Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power to the Lord our God." And as a voice of mighty thundering, at last shall be heard—"the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

After the above address, which was listened to with deep attention,

On the Motion of Major James Bennett, G. M. O. W., C., seconded by the Rev. S. G. Potter, D.D., G. C. E.; it was unanimously

No. 1—*Resolved*, "That the Rt. Hon. Lord Trevor, G. M. of England, be President of this Imperial Grand Orange Council for the ensuing three years."

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The RT. HON. LORD TREVOR, G. M., England,

Who expressed his gratification at presiding over so important an assembly of gentlemen representing the cause of Orangeism both at home and abroad, and hoped that through their deliberations the best interests of Orangeism throughout the world might be promoted.

Moved by Bro. William Johnston, D. G. M. I., seconded by Bro. R. S. Horne, G. C. S., and

No. 2—*Resolved*, "That Bro. James Bennett, G. M. O. W., be Vice President."

Moved by Bro. Rev. John Campbell, G. C. S., seconded by Bro. R. S. Horne, G. C. S., and

No. 3—*Resolved*, "That Bro. Rev. Dr. Potter be Chaplain."

Moved by Bro. David Marshall, G.M.O.E., seconded by Bro. Geo. McLeod, P.G.M.S., and

No. 4—*Resolved*, "That Bro. Professor Thomas Macklin, G.S.S., be Treasurer."

Moved by Bro. William Johnston, D.G.M.I., seconded by Bro. Major James Bennett, G.M.O.W., and

No. 5—*Resolved*, "That Bro. Richard Davis, G.S.E., be Secretary."

APOLOGIES, &c.

The Earl of Enniskillen, I.G.M., was unable to attend on account of physical inability.

Thomas H. Thompson, D.G.M., Ireland, extremely sorry and greatly disappointed that owing to the illness of a member of his family he was unable to attend.

Rev. Francis Tait, P.G.C., New South Wales, unavoidably detained in the North of England.

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Rev. T. S. Forsaith, G.C., New South Wales, wife taken ill in the United States, America, on the way to this country.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand—"Cannot, in consequence of unavoidable circumstances, send Delegates to the Imperial Council at its Triennial Meeting to be held in London in July."

The Grand Lodge of South Australia send greeting, and request that Bro. J. W. McNeale, P.D.G.M., Middle Island, New Zealand, may be permitted to represent South Australia at the Council.

The Grand Lodge of Queensland make a similar request.

The Delegates were then invited to report to the Council the facts they deemed most interesting as regards the past, present and future of the Order in their respective countries. Whereupon

Bro. Major James Bennett, G.M., Ontario West, addressed the Council as follows:

MY LORD AND BRETHREN,—I am happy to tell you that the cause of Orangeism in Western Ontario is steadily progressing both in soundness and respectability. We have under my jurisdiction over 600 Lodges, having at least an average of 50 members each, besides twice as many who are out on certificate, but when any demonstration takes place are always with us. To show you in what estimation the Orange body are held in the provinces, I was called upon in 1880 in my capacity as G.M., to lay the foundation stone of St. George's Church, in connection with the Church of England, in the town of Waltham, in the fine agricultural county of Huron, which I did with Orange honors; the brethren turned out in large numbers dressed in full regalia, with band and colours. I was presented with a beautiful silver trowel on the occasion. In 1881, I laid the foundation stone of a Methodist Church in Midland City, County Simcoe, the brethren of the vicinity turning out well in our regalia. We have also a Mutual Insurance Society in connection with our Order; when, on the death of a brother who is in good standing in the insurance, his heirs and assigns get the sum of 1,000 dollars, or about £200 of English money. We have also benefits in connection with most of our Lodges; such have a doctor for

attending the sick, and a weekly allowance to those who are unable to work from ill health. We were obliged to have recourse to this in order to place our Order on an equal footing with numerous other societies which have come into existence in our province, and who were bidding and offering better terms for candidates to join their respective societies. We have also four Orphans' Homes, one in the city of Toronto, one in Hamilton, one in London, and one in St. Catharines, where the children of deceased Orangemen who are left in destitute circumstances can be sent if necessary. We give money from our Grand Lodge and also from concerts, and collections from sermons, thereby contributing largely to maintenance of Protestant orphan children. I might also say that in all our demonstrations we take particular care that everything shall be carried out orderly and in good taste, and that, after the demonstrations are over, the brethren should return to their respective homes in an orderly and sober manner; in fact, that so far as it can be guarded against, no intoxicating liquors be allowed on the grounds when such demonstrations take place. And we press upon the minds of our brethren, that it is by their living and in their every day doings they can promote the best interest of our beloved Order; and I am proud to say that we can compare favorably with any other body of men in the Dominion of Canada, and that the members of our Grand Lodge will compare favorably with the legislature of the country, many of whom are members of our Order, and other members holding high positions of trust in the country. I would refer you for further information of the working of our Order to the report of the Grand Lodge of Ontario West. I may also tell you that we have in our country an Orange paper, and we have found it to have beneficial and magical effect; because—divided as the Protestants are in the country into two political parties, each of those parties bidding for the Romanist vote, so that the organs of those political parties dare not, for fear of offending the Roman Catholics, say anything in favor of Orangeism—having a paper of our own we not only get all the Orange news from all parts of the world, but have an organ, not only to put forth our views to the country, but to repel all attacks that may be made upon us by the Roman Catholic and Jesuit press of the country. We all know the power of the press, and that no cause can prosper without having in these days of intelligence a paper to advocate and make its views known, and as the

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Orange body has nothing in its principles to conceal, but on the other hand, the more widely are those principles known the more will they be admired, and the more recruits will join our ranks. I would therefore strongly recommend to the Orangemen everywhere the necessity of having an Orange press.

Bro. David Marshall, G.M., Ontario East, next addressed the Council, and deprecated the policy of the Canadian Parliament in their proceedings relative to the Home Rule question in Ireland, and gave much information on Orangeism in his Province.

Bro. D. H. Christie, P.G.M., Middle Island, New Zealand, followed and spoke on various subjects connected with the Orange cause in New Zealand.

Bro. J. S. W. McNeal, P.D.G.M., Middle Island, New Zealand, also representing South Australia and Queensland, next addressed the Council as follows:

MY LORD AND BRETHREN,—To say that I thank you is, indeed, to express but very feebly what I feel for your kind reception. I am proud to be able to tell you that our Order is progressing at the Antipodes. In the colony of New South Wales there are now 190 lodges, with a membership of close on twenty thousand brethren. The first Lodge was opened about thirty years ago; but then the Colonists saw little necessity for Orangeism, and not till the dastardly attempt on the life of the Duke of Edinburgh did the people begin to see the necessity for combination. This attack by the Fenian O'Farrell on our noble Prince was the cause of a very large influx of members. But more recently the pastorals of Dr. Vaughan, of Sidney, have caused the Order to go ahead with extraordinary speed. These pastorals contained a threat to inundate the Colony with Jesuits (those pests of every country), and this made the lukewarm Protestants take alarm and seek refuge under the banner of liberty. But the starting of the *Protestant Standard* paper, and the lecturing of Dr. M'Gibbon on Orangeism, may be said to have completely silenced the batteries of our enemies, and those counterfeit Protestants who endeavoured to obstruct the work have had to give up their hostility as utterly useless and hopeless.

The last general election was the grandest triumph for

Orangeism ever witnessed in New South Wales. We gained no less than 28 seats in the Colonial Parliament, and a very large number of the other members were returned through the Orange vote, and only 8 Romanists succeeded in gaining admission. Not only our Parliament but the Municipal Council of Sydney has been greatly improved by the aid of Orangeism. We have Protestant halls all over the Colony, and it is our intention to have an Orange Lodge in every village if possible, so as to aid the Protestantism of the country.

In the Colony of Victoria there are now 66 lodges, and the brethren have lately started a paper called the *Victoria Banner*. On the 4th of February last the foundation-stone of a large Protestant Hall was laid in Exhibition Street, Melbourne. The present Romanist Government of Victoria is causing much alarm, and awakening the hitherto dormant energies of the Protestant people of Victoria. The necessity of union is sadly proved in this Colony, owing to the gross favouritism shown by Papists when in power to their own party. But the disgraceful shielding of the notorious Kelly gang of outlaws by the Papists generally clearly proves the chronic disloyalty of Rome's children.

It is a striking and extraordinary circumstance that, of late years, the Protestant Colony of New South Wales has been progressing more rapidly than her sister Victoria has under Roman Catholic government. But this is the old story everywhere and under any clime. The Order in South Australia has only twelve lodges, but is making headway slowly but steadily. In Port Adelaide alone, during the last three years, the Order has increased from 30 to 300 members. This is owing to the energetic Grand Secretary, Rev. J. W. Bamber, who lives there. The sunny Colony of Queensland has now 40 lodges, and an excellent paper now guides the brethren—the *Queensland Evangelical Standard*. A large Protestant Hall is being erected in Brisbane, and will shortly be opened. The Bishop of Brisbane laid the foundation-stone a few months ago. I only wish more of our bishops would go and do likewise in other places. Tasmania, that lovely island south of Australia, has six Orange lodges under the jurisdiction of New South Wales and Victoria. The recent visit of Pastor Chiniquy has done much to awaken the Protestant feeling of the country. The disgraceful attempt of the Roman Catholic party at Hobart to prevent Chiniquy from lecturing shows us

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Now, for my own country, New Zealand; we have seventy lodges, with average membership of sixty, about forty Protestant Alliance lodges, and a few Black Preceptories. Small Protestant halls are scattered over the length and breadth of the Colony, but a large Orange hall will shortly be erected in Christchurch. We have started a paper in the interests of Orangeism and Temperance, and I have the honour to be connected with it. I may say we are going ahead slowly in New Zealand, but a grand future is before us. Our Colony is yet young. The Papal army is a noisy one and aggressive, but we are determined to stand like a wall of adamant and iron, and repel Papal aggression in that "Queen of Pacific"—that lovely jewel of the British Crown.

BRO. WILLIAM COX, Delegate from New South Wales, spoke as follows:—

MY LORD AND BRETHREN,—It gives me great pleasure to be present at this meeting. I am very much disappointed at being the only Delegate present from New South Wales, as there were four appointed. I hope some of them will shortly make their appearance. I will now give you a brief detail of our Orangeism. In 1845 the first Orange Lodge was formed and opened in Sydney; Richard McGuffin was the first W. M., and, gentlemen, it was not an easy task to undertake in those days, considering the character of the population; we always allowed the Roman Catholics to be three to one of all other denominations for prisoners and paupers. Shortly after the first Lodge was opened the Grand Lodge was organized. They issued seven Warrants, their ranks increased to about 500 members, when the Californian gold-fields started, and shortly after the Colonial, reducing, for a time, the Orange ranks. As the gold mania subsided, the Orangemen commenced to unite again. All went on well until the ever memorable 12th of March, 1868, when the life of H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh was sought by the hand of the would-be assassin, O'Farrell. This event stimulated Orangemen to activity, the result was, that many hundreds testified their loyalty by enlisting under the standard of Orangeism. On the 12th of March, 1869, the Duke of Edinburgh Loyal Orange

Lodge, Balmain, was opened ; in 1880 it stood first in number of members, it was second last year ; this was not caused by the Lodge going back ; a second Lodge was formed, No. 176, next Balmain, of which I have the honour to be Worshipful Master. The R. W. G. Master of New South Wales now presides over 185 Lodges, and several thousand Orangemen. At present there are twenty-six members, true Orangemen, in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, and at our next General Election we expect to have twenty-six more. New South Wales is second to none for loyalty to God and the Queen.

The several addresses of the Delegates were listened to most attentively, and heartily applauded.

Moved by Bro. Rev. R. S. Horne, G.C.S., seconded by Bro. George McLeod, P.G.M.S., and

No. 6, *Resolved* :—"That this Imperial Council express their thanks to the Delegates from other parts of the world, for the very interesting statements which they have communicated, and their gratification that the principles of Orangeism are becoming more extended."

Moved by Bro. William Johnston, D.G.M.I., seconded by Bro. Major James Bennett, G.M.O.W., and

No. 7, *Resolved* :—"That Brothers Henry Merrick, James Bennett, David Marshall, Richard Jervis, George McLeod, D. H. Christie, William Cox, Richard Davis, and William Johnston, be a Committee to consider and report on the subject of the Assimilation of the Degrees of Orangeism throughout the World ; Bro. Johnston to be convener. That the Committee meet at four o'clock, and report to the Council to-morrow."

Moved by Bro. William Johnston, D.G.M.I., seconded by Bro. Rev. R. S. Horne, G.C.S., and

No. 8, *Resolved* :—"That Bro. Major Sanderson, formerly M. P. for Cavan, be permitted to address the Council."

Bro. Major Sanderson then referred to the state of Ireland, and urged the necessity and importance of defensive organizations amongst Orangemen and Protestants.

The subject having been spoken to by Brothers Wetherall, Jervis, Verner, Johnston, Christie, Miller, and Campbell, it

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No. 9, Resolved:—"That this Council recommend Bro.
Major Saunderson to bring the matter under the notice of the
Grand Lodge of Ireiand."

Moved by Bro. William Johnston, D.G.M.I., seconded by
Bro. Viscount Crichton, D.G.M.I., and

No. 10—Resolved, "That the fundamental principles of the
Orange order, being the maintenance and assertion of Protest-
antism, and upholding the integrity of the British Empire, this
Grand Council urges on all the members of the brotherhood
the importance of remaining steadfast to their principles, and
resisting every at home, or throughout the Colonial dominions
of the Queen, to injure the Protestant cause or destroy the
unity of the Empire."

In moving the following resolution, Brother Dr. Potter, G.
C. E., said that,

He was of opinion that life and action were what was want-
ed, in order to make Orangeism a united and consolidated
power. At present it was not the power that it should be.
Orangeism at home and in the Colonies too frequently con-
sidered the claims of political friends, who, when the crisis of
struggle came, bid for the Roman vote rather than stand upon
Orange principles, to which they were solemnly bound. In a
letter which he read, written by the late sagacious statesman
the Earl of Beaconsfield, he deplored the Ritualism and in-
differentism of society in England. The latter, he said, did
not exist twenty-five years ago, and was always auxiliary to
Romanism, and, in his, the Earl's opinion, Papal supremacy
was once more not an impossibility in England, and that only
by persistence, educating opinion, wisdom and prudence, could
this powerful foe be defeated. The reverend doctor then went
on to show the working of Jesuits in England, who were flood-
ing England at the present time; denouncing and decrying
the Orange Institution; detracting and libelling it in news-
papers and magazines. He also showed the combination be-
tween Ritualists and Romanists to re-introduce mediæval
Romanism into this country and in the Colonies. He said
all Masters, whether private or Pro-Grand, should seek to fol-
low Lord Beaconsfield's advice, viz., to educate public opinion

by encouraging and holding public meetings to expound the nature of Orangeism, and the obligations of Orangemen. These could not be too frequently or too urgently enforced.

Moved by Bro. Rev. S. G. Potter, D.D., G.C.E., seconded by Bro. Rev. R. S. Horne, G.C.S., and

No. 11—*Resolved*: "Considering the various dangers and difficulties with respect to the maintenance of the great Protestant and Constitutional principles of 1688, in the United Kingdom and its Colonies, this Council strongly recommend to the Grand Lodges throughout the world to take steps for the revival of said principles, and by every means to impress upon the leaders of Conservative parties the necessity for openly and vigorously supporting them; and, with this view, that brethren should use their utmost efforts to elect members of Parliament who will advocate these principles in their respective Houses; and that, in exercising their political functions, no compromise of those principles on which Orangeism is based should be in any way recognized.

The Council then adjourned till eleven o'clock on the following morning.

THURSDAY, JULY 20th, 1882.

The chair was taken at 11 o'clock, a.m., by the Right Honourable Lord Trevor, G.M.E., President, and the Vice-chair by Major James Bennett, G.M.O.W., Vice-President.

The Council was opened with prayer and the reading of a portion of Holy Scripture, by the Rev. S. G. Potter, D. D., Chaplain.

The report of Committee on the Assimilation of the Degrees of Orangeism throughout the world was read as follows, by Major James Bennett, Chairman.

MY LORD PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN,

The Committee appointed by this Imperial Council for the Assimilation of Degrees throughout the British Empire, beg leave to report as follows:

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desired will be fully obtained by making the Primary or Orange Degree universally the same.

2nd.—That this Committee, after mature consideration of the different modes and ways of giving the Lecture in the Orange or Primary Degree, are of the unanimous opinion that the Lecture and Degree as at present given under the jurisdiction of Great Britain and Ireland, would be most suitable for the Empire, and would therefore beg to recommend the adoption of the same by this Imperial Council.

3rd.—That in order to make the same uniform, this Imperial Council do instruct Brother Davis, the Secretary, to prepare the same for the different Grand Lodges of the Empire.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

JAMES BENNETT, Chairman.
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Moved by Bro. H. Merrick, G.M.B.A., seconded by Bro. D. H. Christie, P.G.M.M.I.N.Z., and

No. 12,—*Resolved* :—"That the report of the Committee on the assimilation of Degrees be received and adopted by this Council."

Moved by Bro. Wm. Johnston, D. G. M. I., seconded by Bro. Major James Bennett, G. M. O. W., and

No. 13—*Resolved*, "That in order to promote the interests of Orangism in New Zealand, it be a recommendation to the Grand Orange Lodge meeting in the North Island, that it henceforth bear the title of the 'Grand Orange Lodge of North Island, New Zealand;' and that the Grand Lodge of the Middle Island, being separate and independent, continue to bear the name 'Grand Orange Lodge, Middle Island, New Zealand,' as heretofore."

Moved by Bro. Professor Macklin, G. S. S., seconded by Bro. Rev John Campbell, G. C. S., and

No. 14 *Resolved*, "That this Imperial Council recommend the Grand Lodge of Scotland to adopt the Purple Ritual at present used in England and Ireland."

Moved by Bro. Wm. Johnston, D. G. M. I., seconded by Bro. H. Merrick, G. M. B. A., and

No. 15—*Resolved*, "That the Secretary be instructed to notify to the several Grand Lodges to furnish the sum of two pounds each for the purpose of paying the expenses of this Council, and at the same time to apply for any arrears that may be due."

Moved by Bro. Henry Merrick, G. M. B. A., seconded by Bro. William Johnston, D. G. M. I., and

No. 16—*Resolved*, "That the next meeting of the Imperial Council be held in Edinburgh, on the Wednesday nearest the 20th July, 1885, (viz., July 22nd) at 11 o'clock, a.m."

The following notice of motion was given by Bro. Rev. R. S. Horne, G. C. S.

"That a Grand Chaplain should be appointed from each of the countries from which representatives are sent to the Imperial Council."

The closing prayer was read by the Chaplain and the President declared the Council closed till July, 1885, then to be held in the City of Edinburgh, on the Wednesday nearest to the 20th day of July, at the hour of 11 o'clock, a.m.

TREVOR, President of the Council.

RICHARD DAVIS, Grand Secretary to the Council.

* * *Any communications on the subject of the IMPERIAL GRAND ORANGE COUNCIL may be addressed to Bro. RICHARD DAVIS, 20 Maddox Street, Regent Street, London, W., from whom copies of this Report may be obtained.*

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