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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE,
 OF THE
LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION
 OF
 BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,

At its Annual Meeting held in the TOWN OF PETERBORO', on Tuesday, the 17th
 Day of June, 1856, and by Adjournment on the Two succeeding Days.

GRAND LODGE ROOM,
 Peterboro', June 17th, 1856.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of British North America
 met at the Town Hall, Peterboro', this day, at half past 12 o'clock, P. M.

In the absence of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Bro.
 M. BOWELL, as Senior Grand Officer present, took the Chair. The Lodge
 was opened in the usual manner with prayer.

Present:--Grand Officers.

MCKENZIE BOWELL, ESQUIRE,.....*Grand Treasurer.*
 JAMES AGNEW, ESQUIRE,.....*Grand Secretary.*
 GEORGE BENJAMIN, ESQUIRE,.....*Past Grand Master.*

Members of Grand Committee.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON,.....80	GEORGE JOHNSTON, .....80.
WILLIAM VANINGEN,.....52	JOHN SALSURY,.....52

County Officers.

FRANCIS REYNOLDS,.....	County Master,.....	Haldymand.
DANIEL HOPKINS,.....	" "	Peterboro'.
A. J. VANINGEN,.....	" "	Northumberland.
JOHN H. MCCAUL,.....	" "	Norfolk.
THOMAS MCCAMMON,.....	" "	Frontenac.
M. BOWELL,.....	" "	Hastings.
EDWIN POOLE,.....	Deputy County Master,.....	Peterboro'.
JAMES GROVES,.....	" "	Wentworth.
W. S. K. CALCUTT,.....	Past " "	Northumberland.
W. B. REID,.....	County Secretary,.....	Peterboro'.

District Officers.

GEORGE JOHNSTON,.....	District Master,.....	Peterboro'.
WILLIAM THOMPSON,.....	" "	Hope.
AUGUSTIN FRENCH,.....	" "	Hamilton.
WILLIAM RAY,.....	Deputy District Master,.....	Norwood.
ALEXANDER BARR,.....	" "	Cobourg.
JAMES ROBINSON,.....	" "	Hope.
WILLIAM RAHAEL,.....	" "	Peterboro'.
SAMUEL JAMIESON,.....	" "	Cavan.
JOHN KENNEDY,.....	" "	.....

Masters of Lodges.

Thomas McCammon,.....	352	Patrick Leinster,.....	284
S. B. Mories,.....	419	Douglass Shearer,.....	494
William Sheppard,.....	387	William Eastland,.....	484
William Rahael,.....	457	Alexander Barr,.....	52
Edwin Poole,.....	180	Joseph Wardle,.....	75
James McCreary,.....	261	John H. McCaul,.....	287
Augustin French,.....	531	E. S. Barnham,.....	376
James Groves,.....	19	Daniel Hopkins,.....	80
Francis Reynolds,.....	382	William Nugent,.....	421
Robert Burleigh,.....	482	James Armstrong,.....	49
Absalom Briggs,.....	495	Samuel Nelson,.....	122

Proxies.

Daniel Simmons,.....	108	Andrew Fleming,.....	507
Peter Post,.....	274	William Stevens,.....	162
David Marshall,.....	300		

Visitors.

John Graham,.....	122	William Lannan,.....	180
James Barnham,.....	326	Charles Vizard, Dep. M.,.....	484
Robert Graham,.....	180	John Wilson,.....	261

A. H. Goddard
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Visitors--Continued.

A. H. Goddard, Dep. M.,376	James Noble,434
John Armstrong, 49	D. G. Hutton, Sec.180
William Baxter,	....180	Charles Fairhand, Jr.	....182
William Deer,	....189	John English, Dep. M.,	....180
John Erskine,	.... 49	Thomas Simpson,	....494
Andrew Shearer,	....494	Daniel McDonald, Jr.,	....457
Samuel Wright,	....180	William Hewitt,	....457

The Grand Lodge having been duly opened in the Royal Scarlet Order, proceeded to transact the following business :

It was moved by Br. A. J. VANINGEN, seconded by Br. D. MARSHALL, and Resolved,

“That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge do go in Procession to Church to-morrow at half-past 10 A. M., the Rev. J. SNORR, having kindly consented to preach to the Brethren.”—*Carried.*

The following Committees were then appointed by the Grand Master, *pro. tem.* by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge :

Correspondence.

Brothers G. Benjamin, E. S. Barnham, and A. J. VanIngen.

Accounts.

Brothers D. Marshall, Briggs, and Eastland.

Annual Password.

Brothers Fleming, Benjamin, and Hopkins.

The Lecture was repeated by Br. BENJAMIN, at the request of the Brethren.

It was moved by Br. BENJAMIN, seconded by Bro. A. S. VANINGEN, “That this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge do now adjourn until to-morrow at 9 A. M., to be then opened in the Orange Order.”—*Carried.*

The Lodge adjourned accordingly.

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SECOND DAY.

GRAND LODGE ROOM,
Peterboro', June 18th, 1856.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, Br. M. BOYELL in the Chair.

Minutes read and adopted.

The following Brethren, not present yesterday, reported themselves to the Grand Secretary:—

Members of Grand Committee.

DAWSON KERR, 119 | JOHN HOLMES, 325

County Officers.

WILLIAM WEIR, County Proxy, .. 49
 RODERICK ROSS, " " Carlton, .. 119
 JAMES RANTON, Deputy C. M., Frontenac, .. 325
 JAMES FALLIS, JR., County Treasurer, .. Durham.

District Officers.

JOHN SHIELDS, ... District Master, .. Ottawa.
 R. W. SMART, ... " " .. Port Hope.
 JOHN NIXON, ... " " .. Cobourg.
 JAMES FALLIS, JR., ... " " .. Cavan.
 JAMES J. DORLAND, ... " " .. Percy.
 JAMES RANTON, ... Dep. " " .. Frontenac.

Masters of Lodges.

Lewis Lewis, 469 | O. Walsh, 316
 Thomas Goggin, 282 | James Ranton, 325
 John Goggin, 133 | John Gibson, 44
 David Morton, 199 | James Johnston, 35
 John Armstrong, 445 | James Robb, 277
 George Weir, 434 | James Stewart, 65
 John Foster, 141 | Robert Pluncett, 549
 Robert James, 547

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Robert Jeffery,
 John H. Marsh,
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 Daniel McDona,
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 Thos. Robinson,
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 James Mitchell,
 George Emerso,
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 David Carson,
 William Denno,
 Daniel Hagarty,
 James Griffith,
 John Perry,
 W. Winters,
 James McGill,
 James Breakey,
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Visitors.

Robert Jeffery,	180	Robert Weir,	49
John H. Marshall,	457	R. McDonald, Dep. M.,	457
Martin Dumsford,	80	H. G. Baker,	484
William Logan,	484	Robert Rowe,	484
Daniel McDonald,	457	James Fairbairn,	457
Thomas A. Vent,	141	John Button,	80
Thos. Robinson, Dep. M.,	141	Robert Bryants,	180
James Weir,	49	James Jeffery,	180
Eliel Winters,	376	William Toole,	80
James Mitchell,	180	Robert Stott,	180
George Emerson,	49	Joseph Cobb,	80
Robert Johnston,	49	David Brounbe,	457
David Carson,	309	Thomas Moore,	180
William Dennes,	457	Archibald Liddle,	180
Daniel Hagarty,	180	John M. Tremouth,	484
James Griffith,	80	John Hamilton, Dep. M.,	133
John Perry,	357	James McCombe,	80
W. Winters,	44	Israel Blacketmis,	484
James McGill,	80	John Kincaid,	180
James Breakey, Dep. M.,	44	Samuel S. Peck,	180
John Wright,	50	Joseph Nelson,	122
H. W. Benson,	325	William McGregor,	457
Andrew Stott,	484	Thomas Lloyd,	457
A. Sawyers,	484	Robert Wright,	457
Elijah Bowie,	49	Edward Bowie,	49
James Kennedy,	180	William Wethrall,	457
William Kennedy,	484	James Ferguson,	457

The Grand Lodge was informed from the Chair, that a Telegraph Despatch from Br. Ward, at Brockville had been received, stating that a Committee had been appointed by the Lodge there assembled, to confer with the Committee of this Grand Lodge.

Br. BENJAMIN, from the Committee on Correspondence, brought up the first Report of that Committee, as follows :

“To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge.

“The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to Report that have had under consideration several Communications, upon which they beg leave to make the following Report:

1. “They most respectfully recommend that the prayer of the Petition of

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the United Counties of Lennox and Addington, asking that Lennox may be separated from Addington, be granted.

2. "That the copy of the Correspondence carried on as well by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, as by the Worshipful Grand Secretary, with different Members of the Order, has been submitted, and they recommend that it be filed with the Records of the Grand Lodge.

3. "That the Report of the Committee of Lodge No. 122, suspending two Brethren, be referred to the Lodge for its action.

4. "That the suspension of Thomas Curry for one year, and John Young, Sr., for three years, both of Lodge No. 44, be confirmed.

5. "That the expulsion of Henry Dumble, William Moore, and William Downing, be confirmed.

"Your Committee have had also before them several letters received by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and the Worshipful Grand Secretary, to which prompt answers have been sent, and which do not require any further notice.

"All of which is most respectfully submitted.

"(Signed)

"Peterboro', 17th June, 1856."

G. BENJAMIN, *Chairman*.

On motion of Br. Benjamin, seconded by Br. A. Fleming, the Report was adopted.

In the matter of the suspension of Geo. Robbs, of L. O. L. 316, Br. McCammon, C. M. Frontenac having explained that Br. Robbs had appealed from the decision of the Private Lodge to the District Lodge; that upon the appeal coming up, there was nothing in the matter appeared, or was presented on the part of the Lodge, and its decision was accordingly reversed for default; the Committee on Correspondence could not therefore, take action, on the notification of the Secretary of the Private Lodge.

A question arose as to whether a candidate could be initiated into a Lodge after he had already been rejected, where it is afterwards found that he had been rejected improperly, when it was moved by Br. Benjamin, seconded by Br. Stevenson,

"That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that where and when candidates for admission into the Order are rejected, that the private lodge at which said party was rejected, may rescind the first motion by a majority equal at least, to that which voted the original rejection, that is, that if no greater number vote against re-consideration than voted for the rejection, the motion to rescind shall be deemed adopted, and in such case it shall be held, that no rejection had ever taken place."—*Carried*.

The Grand Master, Br. J. FLANIGAN, here entered, and was conducted to the Chair amidst warm manifestations of the Brethren.

The Grand Master having explained that he had been prevented from

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being in his place yesterday, in consequence of having missed the boat, which had left Kingston sooner than was expected.

The business proceeded. On motion of Br. Eastland, seconded by Br. Wm. Rehill.

Resolved, "That in addition to their numbers, the following Lodges be known, and designated as follows, viz.

L. O. L. No. 108, Victoria.

L. O. L. No. 457, Wellington.

L. O. L. No. 484, Caledonian.

And that the Provincial Grand Secretary do enter the same on the Books of the Grand Lodge, in accordance with the foregoing resolution."

The Grand Lodge now formed in procession, and proceeded to attend Divine Service, pursuant to arrangement.

Having after service returned to their Lodge Room, the Grand Lodge resumed business. On motion of Br. R. Ross, seconded by Br. D. Kerr.

Resolved, "That all Brethren in actual connexion with this Grand Lodge or the adverse Grand Lodge, be admitted as visitors."

The Address of the Grand Master was then read, when the Grand Lodge adjourned until 3 P. M.

At 3 P. M. the Grand Lodge resumed.

On motion of Br. Wm. VanIngen, seconded by Br. Nicholls.

Resolved, "That the Grand Secretary be instructed to convey to the Rev. J. Shorts, the sincere thanks of the R. W. the Grand Lodge, for the able and truly Protestant discourse delivered to them this day in the Episcopal Church, and to the Rev. Mr. Clementu, for his kind assistance in performing the service, and at the same time convey the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the Choir."

A communication was read from Br. Whitehead, P. G. M. respecting a certain claim made by Br. McAndrew of Woodstock on the Grand Lodge, for the printing of certain pamphlets.

On motion of Br. Fleming, seconded by Br. Johnston.

Resolved, "That the communication just read from the late Worshipful Grand Master, (Br. Whitehead) be referred to a Committee, composed of Bro's. Barr, Marshall and Hopkins."

The Grand Secretary here handed in his report, from which it appeared that during the past year 27 new warrants were issued and 4 renewed.

On motion of Br. Bowell, seconded by Br. W. Thompson.

Resolved, That the election of Grand Officers be postponed until eight o'clock this evening."

The Grand Lodge adjourned until eight o'clock P. M. to allow time for the receipt of intelligence from our Committee at Brockville, several despatches having been received and replied to during the day.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sitting at eight o'clock P. M. the R. W. Grand Master in the Chair.

Br. Benjamin from the Committee on Correspondence, brought up their second report as follows:—

"The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to hand in their second report:

"With reference to the resolution of the County Lodge of Halton, your Committee find that their late County Master, George Windrem, received the dues from the Lodges for two years, but he does not appear to have paid them over to the Grand Lodge, yet your Committee cannot recommend the expulsion of the Brother without further investigation, as no statement accompanies the Report, your Committee therefore recommend, that the matter be referred back to the County, with instructions to obtain testimony of the facts, and report to this Grand Lodge. They further report,

John Morrison, of L. O. L. 29, James Jenkins, of L. O. L. 29,
James Lather, of L. O. L. 262, and Thomas Hughes, of L. O. L. 361,
be expelled as reported, and that James Suth of 361, be suspended for five years as reported, all of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) G. BENJAMIN, *Chairman*.

On motion the Report was adopted.

Br. EASTLAND from the Committee on Finance and Accounts, brought up the Report of that day as follows:—

"COMMITTEE ROOM,
June, 18th, 1856."

The Committee on Finance beg leave to Report, that they have examined the Treasurer's Books, which shewed the following results, viz:

Balance in Treasurer's hand at the publication of last year's Report,.....	£ 31 7 3½
Received for Grand Lodge dues since, up to seven o'clock, 18th June,.....	59 0 0
" 25 New Warrants,.....	25 0 0
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" Grand Committee last year,.....	1 0 0
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PAYMENTS.

Paid Bro. Dartnell, per order of Grand Lodge, £	14	2	1	
" Bro. Newman, per Grand Master's order, for fitting up Grand Lodge Room, June 1855,	2	5	0	
" John Ellis, for Warrants,.....	4	13	9	
" Blank Book,.....	0	3	0	
" Postages, Grand Treasurer,.....	0	12	0	
" Grand Secretary's amount for expenses, postage, stationery and telegraph,.....	7	17	6	
" Grand Master's account for postage, telegraph, &c,.....	5	0	0	
				34 13 4
				£83 8 11½

Shewing a balance at this date in your Treasurer's hands, of £83 8 11½, 7 o'clock, P. M., 18th June, 1856, previous to Evening Session.

Your Committee would recommend the payment of the following accounts, viz:—

No. 1. Henry Jones Ruttan, for advertising in Cobourg Star, Meeting of Grand Lodge, 1854,.....	£ 1	4	8
No. 2. <i>British Standard</i> , Newspaper, for advertising Meeting of the Grand Lodge,.....	£3	17	2
Less Grand Lodge dues, received by Bro. Thomas Cairns,.....	1	10	0
No. 3. Bro. Dawson Kerr, for printing 800 Grand Lodge Reports of the Annual Meeting, 1855,.....	12	10	0
No. 4. Thompson & Co., for advertising Annual Grand Lodge Meeting, 1854,.....	2	8	4
No. 5 C. J. Hynes, for advertising Proclamation, May 17th '56,.....	1	0	0
No. 6. John Rowlands, for advertising for the years 1854, 1855 and 1856, to 31st May,.....	13	11	4
No. 7. Bro. Dawson Kerr, advertising to 15th June, 1856,....	2	15	11

Your Committee would also recommend, that in future, all moneys received by any Officer of this Institution, be transmitted immediately to the Grand Treasurer, to enable him to have his Books ready for the audit at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee beg most respectfully to state, that Br. Mackenzie Bowell, Grand Treasurer, has discharged the duties of his office in a manner highly creditable to himself, as well as this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

W. EASTLAND
DAVID MARSHALL, } Committee.
A. BRIGGS." }

On motion the Report was adopted.

Br. MARSHALL from the Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Br. WHITEHEAD, in reference to Br. McANDREW's claim brought up the Report of that Committee as follows:—

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"To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Institution of B. N. A., and the Brethern in Grand Lodge assembled :

"The Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the late Grand Master, Br. WHITEHEAD, and also the petition of Br. McANDREW of Woodstock, requesting the payment of a claim advanced by Br. McANDREW, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the said letter and petition, that your Committee do not think that this Grand Lodge is either legally or morally responsible for the debt incurred in the publication of the pamphlets referred to in the said letter and petition, that while your committee regret that any Brother should suffer any loss, from any real or imaginary benefit conferred on the Institution, they at the same time cannot recommend the payment of the amount claimed; your Committee would further state, that Br. McANDREW appeared in person at the last Annual Meeting at Kingston, and there advanced his claim, when the whole matter, was gone into, and the claim was then rejected; your committee therefore, cannot recommend the rescinding of the vote then taken.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

ALEX. BARR, *Chairman*,
DANIEL HOPKINS,
DAVID MARSHALL."

COMMITTEE ROOM:

Peterboro', June 18th, 1856.

On motion the Report was adopted.

Return of Dues since Publication of last Report.

1855.		
Bro. A. J. VanIngen,	for Nos.	65, 186, 202, 261, 434, 514, 376,
		419.
" John McCaul,	"	287, 449, 461, 472.
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" M. Bowell,	"	240, 2ys; 253, 285, 321, 437, 517,
		169, 179, 486, 115, 3, 446, 99,
		251, 242, 172, 102, 295, 488, 300,
		537, 425, 274.
" James Agnew,	"	111, 254, 508.
" A. Briggs,	"	495.
" Thos. McCammon,	"	352, 451, 496, 316, 6, 504, 559,
" Robt. Burleigh,	"	482.
" Francis Roynolds,	"	29, 51, 128, 161, 171, 262, 283,
		361, 382, 428.
" James Groves,	"	19.
" A. French,	"	71, 286, 312, 531.
" John Shields,	"	214, 497, 506.
" W. Sheppard,	"	387.
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" A. J. VanIngen,	for Nos.	52, 261, 65, 202, 376, 434, 514,
" C. Campbell,	"	419, 36, 108, 523.
" D. Hopkins,	"	291.
" S. Jemieson,	"	49, 80, 180, 199, 122, 284, 445,
" John H. McCaul,	"	457, 484, 494, 522, 34, 277, 281,
" James Fallis,	"	549, 121.
" S. Jemieson,	"	50.
" John H. McCaul,	"	281, 461, 491, 555.
" James Fallis,	"	35, 40, 43, 2y; 64, 75, 79,
" R. W. Smart,	"	83, 133, 276, 279, 282, 378, 388,
" Robert Jones,	"	408, 420, 421, 456, 309, 162, 516.
" D. Kerr,	"	141, 44.
" Robert Jones,	"	93, 329, 547.
" D. Kerr,	"	119, 126, 121, 227, 47, 447, 54,
" Geo. B. Mills,	"	246, 134, 85, 268, 385, and for 2
" A. Astleford,	"	Lodges in Clarence and Cumberland
		Front, numbers not given.
		327, 452, 358, 490, 532, 524, 431,
		485, 368, 528, and for Spencer Mills
		Lodge, number not given.
		12, 278, 299, 305, 340, 390, 436,
		470, 474, 480, 483, 501, 502, 503,
		530, 543.

M. BOWELL,
 Grand Treasurer.

Grand Committeemen.

George Benjamin,	C. G. LeVesconte,
George Boswell,	John Salisbury,
H. Hallis,	William VanIngen,
John Kennedy,	Robert Graham,
David Marshall,	John Graham,
George Johnston,	William Johnston,
James Agnew,	John Flanigan,
H. W. Benson,	M. W. Strange.

On motion of Br. BENJAMIN, seconded by Br. ROSS,
Resolved, " That the election of Officers, for this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, be further postponed until nine o'clock a. m. to-morrow."

On motion of Br. JOHN SHIELDS, seconded by Br. WM. REHILL,
Resolved, " That the section of country in this Province, known as the County of Prescott, be set apart as an Orange County, and the Secretary be instructed to record this on the Books of this Grand Lodge."

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until nine o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

GRAND LODGE ROOM,
Peterboro, June 19th, 1856.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment at 9 A. M. The R. W. the Grand Master, in the Chair. Br. BENJAMIN, from the Committee on Correspondence, brought up the third Report of that Committee.

"The Committee of Correspondence beg leave to hand in their third report. Certain Brethren residing in Peterboro, have been suspended by a County meeting for a certain period.

These Brethren appeal to the R. W. the Grand Lodge, and say the County Meeting had no right to try them, that they did not do so according to the Rules, and the Brethren accused contend, that they cannot be tried by any other power than that set forth in the Rules.

The Brethren are charged with violating Rule 18, of Private Lodges, and Rule 15 of Grand Lodge.

By referring to Rule 18, on page 27, it will be found that it applies to parties using the Institution for political purposes without the sanction of the authority of the Institution which your Committee take to be the Grand Lodge, or pending its non-session the Grand Master, and therefore the punishment to be awarded for any such offence, is to be determined by the Grand Lodge. But no Lodge, County, District, or Private, has power to impose a penalty, and the case must be enquired into, and only the facts, without any Judgement, must be reported to the Grand Officer, for him to enquire into, and then submit to the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee further report, that the second charge under Rule 15, of the Grand Lodge, pages 11 and 12 being involved in, and inseparable from that upon which your Committee have reported, they do not feel called upon to offer any comment, merely remarking that the rule in question, refers to business that may be transacted in open Lodge and to circulating reports injurious to the character of the officers of the Institution.

Your Committee suppose that it will be understood, that as Rule 18 in question is a Rule for governing Private Lodges, the enquiry referred to in this Report, must be made by the Private Lodge, and by no other.

In matters of suspension or expulsion, your Committee feel that they are bound to go according to the strict Rules of the Order, for frequently, inadvertency and non-intention of violating Rules and Orders, may place a Brother in a false position, and he then has the right, and the Brethren in question claim this right of being protected by the letter of the Rule.

Your Committee, finding themselves in this position, studiously avoid, for the sake of peace and harmony, from comment, and avoid any expression of opinion as to the facts of the case, but only hope that, should the Brethren again be divided in opinion, upon any matter, which your Committee hopes never will be the case, that they will not allow their feelings to get the upper hand of their judgements, and in all they do, they will never forget the bonds of Brotherhood.

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Your Committee therefore report that they are compelled to abstain from reporting upon the merits of the case, and recommend that the question, unless amicably settled, be referred to the Private Lodges of the members to be investigated, and the evidence reported to this R. W. Grand Lodge, without Judgement.

G. BENJAMIN. *Chairman.*
A. J. VANINGEN,
E. S. BARNHAM.

Peterboro, 19th June, 1856.

On motion the Report was adopted,

On motion of Br. JAMES MCCREARY, seconded by Br. GEORGE WEIR,
Resolved, "That before closing this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, it be transferred to the Royal Arch Degree for information on that Degree."

The Grand Lodge, having closed on the Orange Degree, opened on the Royal Arch Degree, accordingly, and the following Resolution was the result of a conversation that ensued.

On motion of Br. BENJAMIN, seconded by Br. WILLIAM STEVENSON,

Resolved, "That it having been brought under the notice of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge, that a practice has been followed by certain Lodges in conferring Degrees and more especially the R. A. M., of omitting a portion of the Obligation, this Grand Lodge declares the Brethren wilfully guilty of such offences chargeable with a violation of their obligations, and in future, it will be the duty of every Officer and Brother in connection, to have such offenders brought to punishment."

A Communication from the Committee at Brockville, stating the election of Br. G. L. ALLAN as Grand Master, received the previous evening, was read, when it was moved by Br. R. W. SMART, and seconded by Br. WM. SHEPPARD,

"That this Grand Lodge do answer Br. Geo. C. Ward's despatch, concurring with the delegation in their choice of Br. G. L. Allan as Grand Master, and also expressing to them our entire confidence in their mission."

After some conversation, the mover consented to allow the Resolution to lie over until an answer had been received to the last despatch to the Committee, which was momentarily expected.

After some time, a despatch was received from Br. WARD, announcing the election of the other Grand Officers at Brockville.

Br. SHEPPARD declined to second Br. SMART's Resolution.

It was then moved by Br. SMART, seconded by Br. A. J. VANINGEN,
 "That this Grand Lodge do concur in the appointment of G. L. Allan as
 Grand Master; Br. Dempsey, D. G. M.; Br. Rosseaux, Jr. D. G. M.; Br.
 Thos. Armstrong, G. Tr.; Br. H. Gowan, G. S.; and Br. Crawford, P. G. C."

It was moved in amendment by Br. BOWELL, seconded by Br. FLEMING,
 "That the Committee in acceding to the election of all officers, by the Grand
 Lodge working under O. R. Gowan, have compromised the dignity of this
 Grand Lodge, and should not, therefore, be confirmed."—*Lost.*

It was further moved in amendment, by Br. FLEMING, seconded by Br.
 HOPKINS,

"That this Grand Lodge do not concur in the arrangements made by the
 committee at Brockville, nor will this Grand Lodge consent to work under
 the Grand Lodge as constituted at Brockville, on any other condition than
 that we have the choice of at least two of the Junior Grand Officers."—*Lost.*

It was further moved in amendment, by Br. KERR, seconded by Br.
 JOHNSTON,

"That for the sake of effecting a union of the Orangemen of British North
 America, this Grand Lodge do now accede to the terms agreed upon by the
 committee chosen by this Lodge to effect such union, and therefore cheerfully
 join in brotherhood, by electing the following Brethren as Grand Officers
 of the Orange Institution of British North America:—

G. L. ALLAN, G. M.,
 R. DEMPSEY, D. G. M.,
 — ROSSEAUX, JR. D. G. M.,
 H. GOWAN, G. S.,
 THOS. ARMSTRONG, G. Tr.,
 — CRAWFORD, P. G. C."

The last amendment was carried unanimously, and the Committee advised
 accordingly.

It was ordered that Br. BOWELL pay all accounts from the funds in his
 hands, certified by Br. J. FLANIGAN.

Br. FLANIGAN here left the Chair, and Br. MARSHALL took it, when it
 was moved by Br. Ross, seconded by Br. A. J. VANINGEN,

Resolved, "That the best thanks of the members of this Right Worshipful
 Grand Lodge now assembled, be, and are hereby tendered to the Right Wor-
 shipful Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers, and also to Br. Benjamin
 for his valuable service during the present Session."

The Lodge was then duly closed.

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APPENDIX.

THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS AND BRETHREN:—You are again assembled for the discharge of those important duties, which as members of this Grand Lodge, you are called upon to perform, duties which are at all times onerous, but which are more so in the present position of our affairs, as an Institution; having for its object, the maintenance of Protestantism; duties, the gravity of which, demands, that they should be approached by you with a full conviction of their importance, and an humble trust in God, that you will be enabled to discharge them with prudence and wisdom.

The events daily occurring around us, are such as to cause the most indifferent to pause, and look with misgiving and alarm, at the insidious progress of the enemies of Protestantism; which, if not checked, may lead to a state of things which all good men will contemplate with sorrow, for it is unreasonable to suppose, that Protestants can sit still with arms folded, and look quietly on, while one by one the outworks of their faith are assailed by the enemy, who too often receives aid from quarters little expected.

Year after year you have been warned from this Chair, in language more powerful and eloquent than I can command, of the growth and spread of Romanism, its rapid and gigantic strides throughout this Province and elsewhere, and its increasing influence and power; you have been warned to place your watchmen on the watch tower, by day and by night, and prepare for the approaching struggle (for a struggle you were told was coming,) between freedom and bondage, between truth and error, between light and darkness.

COMPANIONS AND BRETHREN:—If these warnings were then necessary, how much more so are they now, for you will all agree with me, that at no period in the history of Canada since its conquest, has the ascendancy of Romish influence increased to such a degree, and been so openly, and unblushingly exercised to the prejudice of the dearest rights of Protestants, as at the present. This demands your most serious attention, and it should be your duty, calmly and earnestly to enquire how much, if any blame, lies at our own door. If we have by our conduct, or the careless or undue exercise of our privileges, as members of the body politic, or the non-exercise of those privileges; if we have by our supineness, disunion, disaffection, indifference or mawkish liberality, contributed to the existence of this humiliating state of things?

COMPANIONS AND BRETHREN: You have an able adversary to contend with, one who never rests, and one well versed in such contests. The policy of the Church of Rome never changes—that Church is not content with the freedom which satisfies other religious communities—she never loses sight of her great aim of universal dominion—she acts according to circumstances. Is she powerful? She becomes a persecutor, an aggressor. Is she weak? A supplicant. She is united because obedient—powerful because united. I do not intend to say Brethren, that Orangemen should be intolerant, but they should be watchful and vigilant. Intolerance is no part of the creed of an Orangeman. He must be, and is, charitable towards the opinions of others, always willing to grant them as much liberty as he claims for himself, he should be "slow to take offence, and offer none;" but I do deem it my duty to state, that there should be bounds and limits to what is called liberality, a

term which is only another name for indifferentism. Many of those who preach liberality have no religion but self, and their liberality is easily assumed, and generally for a purpose. They hold us up as bigots. Let not such men deter you from pursuing that course, which as Orangemen you are bound to follow. It is one thing to be consistently liberal, and another to be culpably indifferent. There are some amongst us who have a dread lest they should be considered going to extremes, as they call it, and so excuse the want of vigor which generally characterized their conduct. They should recollect, that in steadfastly upholding and maintaining the cause of truth, they go to no extremes. That in ceasing to encourage Romanism they go to no extremes, and that if they fall short of doing this, they fail in their duty, and leave their motives open to question.

But to return. Our great adversary is one of whom we might with advantage learn a lesson, in the matter of unity of action and purpose, and the concentration of moral force, and I would here say, Companions and Brethren, that there can be no effective power in union, without an accompanying obedience and deference on our part, to the opinions and directions of those placed by us in office, whose duty it is to guide our strength and influence, and direct our effort in such a manner, as best to obtain the objects of our Association. It is essential, Companions and Brethren, that the utmost unanimity should prevail amongst us, and govern all our actions, and this cannot exist, if every one were permitted to prescribe a course for himself to follow, and thus defeat the strength and power to be looked for in union.

The self sacrifice (if indeed there be any) which the observance of this rule of obedience would impose, would be very slight, and more than recompensed by the benefit it would confer on the Association at large, and it will be for our permanent advantage as a society, to cultivate this sentiment, and I trust that we will do so. It is not an unthinking obedience that is required, but that obedience which by pursuing the course indicated by the weight of opinion, secures a harmony in our actions and conduct, which will cause our Order to be respected, and our influence to be felt in proportion to our numbers and standing, and will dispoint the shafts of our enemies.

I have thus drawn your attention briefly and imperfectly, to a subject which interests us deeply, namely, the increasing influence and power of Rome in this country, and I would suggest, that in view of this, a Committee be appointed to enquire into, and to recommend such improvement in our Constitution and government as may be necessary, more effectually to make our moral strength available in the defence of our rights and liberties, and the maintenance of Protestantism, and more surely to prevent our strengthening the bonds of our opponents, by supporting men, who betray the confidence placed in them, or assisting such men to power. For Companions and Brethren, I fear we have more enemies to contend with than the Church of Rome. She, in opposing us, is only pursuing her accustomed policy, but do we not find some of those who have received our public confidence, secretly aiding her in carrying out that policy, and assisting her to bring it to a successful termination? Do we not find that in too many instances, those from whom at least, we deserve no injury, are obsequiously pandering to the desires of our enemies. These things we have seen, and it becomes us in self defence, to prevent as much as possible in future their recurrence constitutionally, for although it be true that our Association is purely a religious one, to support and maintain the great doctrines of the Reformation. Yet it must be evident to us all, that many matters in themselves merely secular, arise to

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effect us as a body, for good or for evil, and it is our duty to deal with such matters as a *united organization*, in the manner that may be deemed proper, keeping always in view our glorious watchword, "The Altar and the Throne." I think you will excuse me, if I here quote a portion of Br. Benjamin's speech to this Grand Lodge in 1853. He says: "and I warn you my Brethren, and not only you, but I warn those who have a stake in our country, or a deep interest of any kind in its welfare, that it is a most revolutionary error, to countenance, support, or by any means perpetuate Romanism. It is my duty to give you this warning; it is my duty to approach the vital point and with boldness to strike at the spot where the danger lies, and I say to you again, as I have said before, while you tolerate freely and fully, hesitate before you are found co-operating with, and supporting the intrigues of Romanism; no matter who may be the adviser, he is to be regarded with suspicion who advises you to encamp under the enemy's tent, and you may rely upon the fact, that those with protestations of freedom and toleration on their lips, and persecution in their hearts, those too, who professing a desire to see the principles of Protestantism flourish, yet dare not come forward in defence of those principles except to gain an object—an end—are the truest causes of all evil felt and experienced, not only by Orangemen, but by Protestants in general."

I again say that harmonious action must prevail amongst us, and if it does, we shall see the Orangemen of British North America have that standing and influence which is their just due, and to which they are entitled.

COMPANIONS AND BRETHREN:—You are aware that a Bill was introduced into Parliament during the present Session, to incorporate Orangemen. Having learned it was intended to include only the Brethren now unhappily separated from us, and by constituting them the only *legitimate* Orangemen, we would be unrecognized by Law, and otherwise prejudiced, I called a Grand Council to consult with me as to the best course to be pursued under the circumstances, many could not attend owing to the season, but I had the benefit of their advice, and the result was, that I forwarded a petition to all the branches of the Legislature, praying that the Bill be not passed until such time as a union be effected, or if passed, that we should be duly recognized in it. The Bill has not become law, and it seems to be the opinion of many, that powers of Incorporation were not required, and I am rather inclined to that opinion myself, though it is not now necessary to decide the question.

COMPANIONS AND BRETHREN, I regret that I cannot at present announce to you a union of the Brethren throughout British North America, but I am happy to be able to state, that the feeling in favor of a union is so strong amongst the separated Brethren, that I have well founded hope that the means we have adopted to bring about a union will be crowned with success. God grant it may be so.

Our separated Brethren see as well as we do, the necessity of a union. They see that the usefulness of the Orange Institution is sadly limited, if not wholly paralyzed, by our disunion, and that so long as it remains, so long may we all expect our enemies to triumph. Union is absolutely necessary to impart to us that strength and vigor which will command respect, and give us that just influence and power which our numbers and respectability demand. Those who keep us apart are playing into the hands of the enemy, and have much to answer for.

It occurs to me that as union was so desirable, nothing should be left undone on our part to bring it about, and I called together a Special Meeting at Kingston on the 5th instant, to concert such measures as might be deemed most advisable to effect the object in view, and I have to state to you, that it was then decided to appoint a Committee to proceed to Brockville, where the other Grand Lodge

meets, to make such arrangements as may be necessary to bring us together again, consistent with the dignity of this Grand Lodge, and the brethren appointed are a sufficient guarantee that any arrangement which may be made, this Grand Lodge shall not be compromised. This is the second effort we have made to effect the same object, and if again unsuccessful, (which I trust not) no blame will attach to us for perpetuating a state of things, which is most unnatural and subversive of all good, which would otherwise flow from our Association, and it will then be our duty to follow our own destiny with renewed vigor and determination, strengthened in the belief that we have acted the part of true Orangemen, with respect to the existing misunderstanding and schism.

COMPANIONS AND BRETHREN, I am happy to be able to state, that notwithstanding the many difficulties to be surmounted, our beloved Order is steadily progressing and the seeds of Orangism are being sown far and wide, and not the least remarkable feature of the times is, that many Protestants, hitherto estranged from us, and who had probably for political reason, fraternized with Roman Catholics, and who regarded us with distrust and aversion, have by the occurrences of the last twelve months had their eyes opened to the necessity of such an organization as our association presents.

I would also call your attention to suggestions contained in the address of the last past Grand Master, Br. Whitehead, which arrived too late for action to be taken last year. You will find the address printed in the report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for last year.

There is a matter of some moment, to which I think it my duty to direct your attention. I allude to that part of our Constitution establishing a Grand Committee, and the privileges conferred on its members of sitting and voting in the Grand Lodge. I am persuaded that to the existence of the Grand Committee, may be attributed in some measure, some of the difficulties under which we labor. This is owing to its members being apparently unlimited, and the facility with which brethren may become members, and thus, without being called upon to perform any particular duty, (the Grand Committee being scarcely ever summoned together) secure privileges and power equal to those of the Master representing 60 to 100 men, the District Master representing 200 to 300 men, the County Master representing 500 or 600 men, and it is feared that it is liable to be improperly used, as a means of influencing the deliberations of the Grand Lodge. I throw out the suggestion, whether it should be continued in a modified shape, or abolished altogether, remarking that there can be no doubt, if the privilege of being a member of the Grand Lodge were confined to the heads of Lodges, Districts and Counties, a greater emulation would exist among the Brethren to qualify themselves for these offices, and thus a good effect produced; besides, would not greater weight be attached to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge itself?

I would remark Brethren, that considerable inconvenience arises in consequence of County Masters delaying sending in their returns to the Grand Secretary, and the payment of dues to the Grand Treasurer until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, by which the time of these officers is taken from their ordinary duties in session, and the business of the Grand Lodge in some measure interrupted.

In conclusion, Companions and Brethren, I charge you to be steadfast and vigilant, true to your principles. Let no personal consideration incline you from the path of duty. Let neither favor nor flattery cause you to swerve from it for an instant, or forget your high calling, as the defenders of Protestantism; and let no private feeling interfere with your public duty. Let your walk and conversation in life be such as may defy the traducer, and be ye wise and prudent, so that you may avoid the snares with which we are surrounded. Remember you have a subtle foe to deal with, and it is thus, alone, we may hope to successfully baffle her.

You will now proceed with the business before you, and let us fondly hope that the Great Jehovah will bless our proceedings, for our good and his glory.