



REPORT

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL

GRAND ORANGE LODGE

WESTERN ONTARIO,

OF

ST. JAMES' HALL, CITY OF HAMILTON, CO. WENTWORTH

TUESDAY, THE 15TH AND (BY ADJOURNMENT) ON WEDNES-DAY, THE 16TH DAYS OF FEBRUARY, 1876.

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The Grand Secretary begs to inform the Brethren that a new Edition of 20,000 copies of the Constitution of the Loyal Orange Association has just been printed, and is now ready for delivery. There is an Appendix to this Edition of the Constitution, containing the answers of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to Questions on Constitutional Practice, regularly indexed, the Constitution of Orange Young Britons, and the Report of the Grand Lodge upon the proper "Regalia" to be worn by Brethren.

The Grand Secretary requests the attention of Brethren writing for Warrants and Royal Scarlet dispensations to the fact that all applications must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, and must be countersigned by the District and County Masters in the case of Warrants, and for District Royal Scarlet Dispensations, by the County Master.

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OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND LODGE OF THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN ONTARIO, ASSEMBLED IN ST. JAMES' HALL, CITY OF HAMIL-TON, COUNTY OF WENTWORTH, ON TUESDAY, THE 15TH, AND (BY ADJOURNMENT) WEDNESDAY, THE 16TH DAYS OF FEBRUARY, 1876.

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PROCEEDINGS OF FIRST DAY.

ST. JAMES' HALL, HAMILTON, ONT., Tuesday, February 15th, 1876.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Master, Brother and Companion Sir William J. Parkhill, took the Chair at 2 o'clock p.m., and Brother and Companion James Bennett, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, took the Deputy Chair.

The R. W. appointed Companion Sir Robert Magness as Inside Herald, and Companion Sir John Noble as Outward Herald.

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Companions Sirs Thomas R. Brownlee, G. D.C., and John-Hoey, D. G. Lecturer B. A., tested the Companions, and the Deputy Master reported all correct.

Companion the Rev. Sir Hugh Cooper, Grand Chaplain, conducted the opening services of the Illustrious Degree of R. S., in a very impressive manner, after which the R. W. declared the R. W. Grand Chapter duly opened for the despatch of business.

Companions Sirs James McClure, Grand Lecturer, and John Hoey, D. G. L. B. A., repeated the Lecture of the Illustrious Degree.

Business connected with Royal Scarlet considered.

Moved by Companion Sir James McClure, Grand Lecturer, seconded by Companion Sir Robert Cade, C. M., and

Resolved,---That this R. W. Royal Scarlet Chapter be now reduced to the Orange Degree.

The R. W. Grand Chapter was accordingly reduced to the Orange, and the members of that Degree admitted.

The R. W. Grand Master then proceeded to deliver his Annual Address, which was well received.

ADDRESS:

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

DEAR BRETHREN,-Through the blessing of Divine Providence I am permitted to meet you once more in Grand Lodge, and congratulate you on the continued prosperity of our Order in this Province.

A great many new Lodges have been started within this Province for the past year, some in very remote parts of the country; therefore, you will see that our beloved Order is spreading all over the Dominion. It will not be necessary for me to say anything on this subject, as the report of your Grand Secretary will inform you on this matter.

But while we have some good reasons for congratulation on the prosperity of our Order, we cannot but be alarmed at the rapid strides Popery is making in our land. The stand taken by the priests in Montreal and elsewhere, show to us that Popery is the same to-day as it was in the days of our forefathers, therefore let us be more closely united than we have ever been before, that we may be enabled to stand firm for our Protestant principles.

Since our last meeting we have applied for an Act of Incorporation for this Grand Lodge, and have been again refused. I need not mention the names of those members who voted against it, as you have all seen the accounts of it in the various newspapers. I trust some action will be taken by this Grand Lodge to let those men know that we must have justice. We claim equal rights for our Order, and shall be satisfied with nothing less.

There is another matter I wish to bring before the notice of this Grand Lodge, and that is the destitute circumstances of the widow of our late Grand Master, Brother D'Arcy Boulton. Having occasion to visit her during the year, while attending the meetings of our County Council, I found her in very poor circumstances. If it had not been for some of the old friends in Barrie, who provided a home for her, I cannot say what would have been her lot. I trust some action will be taken by this Grand Lodge to provide for the widow of one who, when living, spent both time and means in advancing the principles of our beloved Order.

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In conclusion, I hope that the matters of importance which will come before you will receive proper consideration at your hands, and may all your deliberations be marked with peace and harmony.

Thanking you for that kindness I have ever received from you all, I remain,

Yours, fraternally,

WM. J. PARKHILL,

Grand Master Ontario West.

Hamilton, 15th February, 1876.

The R. W. then called on the R. W. Grand Secretary for his

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the R. W. the Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario, in Grand Lodge assembled :--

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

An All-wise Providence has again permitted your Grand Secretary to meet you in Annual Session,—being the first held in this beautiful city, the second in wealth and importance in the Province, and well deserving the title of the "Ambitious City."

Owing to illness last month and part of this, and a large press of urgent Orange business on my convalescence, I am unable to make an elaborate report, or in fact to do anything like justice to the subject, and therefore crave your kind indulgence.

Time will not permit me to even glance rapidly at the many occurrences affecting Protestantism, and our beloved Order during the year. In all directions the march is still onward. Trusting it may always continue to increase more rapidly until the whole earth is leavened with our glorious principles is the fervent desire of your Grand Secretary.

A number of letters and resolutions of condolence have been received on the great loss which the Association generally, and our own Province in particular, has sustained in the sudden death of our late lamented and beloved Grand Master, Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, Esq., M.P.P.

Your Grand Secretary regrets that again our Bills have been thrown out of the Ontario Legislature by a servile majority for fear of offending the Romish League, and thus denying us that justice accorded to other societies not near so numerous or more law-abiding.

This should teach us that "union is strength," and that all should stand shoulder to shoulder and insist on our rights, and let our cry be that of our Immortal sires, "No Surrender."

I fully concur in the spirit of the following resolutions of the County Lodge of South Hastings :

"That, inasmuch as the Parliament of Ontario have refused to incorporate by special Act the Protestant, Religious and Benevolent Society of Loyal Orangemen, whilst it has granted incorporation to several Roman Catholic Benevolent Associations, with the assent of the Orangemen,—

"Therefore, this Lodge declares that in its opinion the Loyal Orange Association should be incorporated, and the provisions of the general Acts of Ontario are not sufficient for its purposes.

"That Orangemen have a right to incorporation by special Act, and that they should demand such right, use every lawful means to obtain the same and not cease until obtained.

"That every member of Parliament who voted against such Acts, voted to refuse Orangemen their just rights, sought for Constitutionally and quietly, and ought not hereafter to receive the vote or support of any Orangeman.

"That until such incorporation be obtained, no candidate for Parliament, no matter what his politics may be, ought to receive the vote or influence of any Orangeman, unless he pledges himself to do all he can to procure Incorporation for our Loyal Society."

As well as that of many others received from our own Province. We should make justice to our beloved Order our politics, and support no person at the polls be his politics what they may, who will not support our Incorporation. We require a special Act and must have it, or "240,000 Orangemen will know the reason why."

Last year, your Grand Secretary called your attention to the number of Warrants issued to this Province or jurisdiction, and to the number which had not paid dues, etc. He would, therefore, urge that steps should be taken at this meeting to remedy this state of affairs. Your Grand Secretary prepared lists of all Warrants issued to each County in this Province, and forward-

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Although two Warrants less have been issued during this year than during the last, still our march is onward, as I find from the County reports that there is a steady increase in membership in most of the Lodges.

The following Warrants were issued during the year, viz. :

Nos.	866, 899, 918, and 927to th	e County of	North Grey
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No.	733		South Huron
"	933		Kent
	868		East Middlesex
"	811	1	West Middlesex
Nos.	738, 809, and 921		Muskoka
**	876 and 884	"	North Simcoe
"	463 and 888	44	South Simcoe
No.	929		Toronto
"	946		East Wellington

No. 111 instead of 1402 to Toronto, and No. 644 instead of 1144 to North Simcoe, No. 536 to East Lambton, and No. 898 to West Bruce, defaced.

Royal Scarlet Dispensations have been renewed to the District of Artemesia and County of East Lambton.

Seventeen Orange Young Briton Warrants have been issued, viz., to

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The following Dormant Warrants are now in my possession, viz., Nos. 414, 479, 622, 865, 965, 966, 971, 1018, 1019, 1024, 1029, 1037, 1040, 1044, 1058, 1086, 1100, 1107, 1117, 1132, 1157, 1162, 1185, 1197, 1221, 1335, 1361 and 1402, most of which have been so for years.

I herewith give a few extracts from returns, received :----

The W. M. of No. 29, York, Haldimand :

"We have had great success this year, about twenty new members, and have built a new Orange Hall."—(Since dedicated.)

District Master of Mulmur :

"Ten Lodges in District, all working well."

Co. Master Haldimand :

"Our Order is progressing steadily; we have completed three new Orange Halls this year in our County."

Co. Secretary South, Simcoe :

"Cannot say too much for the prosperity of our County, or the harmony that prevails generally amongst the brethren."

Co. Master of North Ontario :

"All our Lodges are now in a good, sound, healthy condition. I have been County Master for four years, and could never succeed till this year in securing a full return of all the Lodges. Our County meeting was very satisfactory; a large attendance; love and unity prevailed."

Co. Master of West York:

"Most of the Lodges in this County are doing well. We had a splendid turn-out of the Lodges on the Twelfth of July last. The largest, most orderly and creditable we ever had in the County. We have opened a new Lodge in Kleinburg, in the hands of first-class men. We have also erected a new Orange Hall for my own Lodge No. 28, in Woodbridge. It is a handsome structure, cost nearly two thousand dollars, and is nearly paid for, and will hold 500 persons. We had it dedicated on the 5th January, 1876, by Bro. Jas. Bennett, D.G.M., with all the ceremonies of the Order."

Co. Master of Brant:

"I am happy to say that our County is progressing, each Lodge increasing in numbers, and hope to have larger returns another year." Co. Master of South Grey :

"Eighty-nine qualified voters present, and about thirty visitors. Satisfactory reports from both District and Private Lodges. The greatest harmony prevailed."

Co. Master of South Ontario :

"The largest County meeting that I ever attended, there being six representatives from each Lodge. I think the rejection of our Orange Bills has endued the brethren with renewed energy; passed resolutions condemning the Government for the denial of equal rights. I think it will increase our strength in the County; would urge our brethren to be united, and no doubt we shall obtain that which our forefathers bled for."

Co. Master of North York :

"All in good working order, and slightly on increase."

Co. Master of Toronto:

"In the performance of a pleasant duty, I have the honour as County Master to enclose you the Annual Return from the County L.O.L. of Toronto, and would briefly state for your information, and that of the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario, that the cause we all have so much at heart is in a flourishing condition in this city. Since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge we have added one more Private Lodge, (viz., No. 929) to our already large roll, which now makes a total of 26 Private Lodges with a membership of 2215, or an average of over 85 members to each, and all, as I can vouch for from personal observation, in good working order. I have also pleasure in reporting that at our last meeting in 1875, this County Lodge was pleased to set apart three separate Districts instead of one as formerly, with boundaries conforming to the electoral divisions for the Dominion House of Parliament, said Districts to be henceforth known as the East, West and Central Districts of Toronto. I trust, and it is confidently expected, that this measure while removing some of the difficulties under which the old District labored, will foster a friendly rivalry that will induce to the benefit of our Order in this city in particular, and to the Orange Association generally, and really as well as nominally place the County Lodge of Toronto in a position of supremacy never before enjoyed, as you are aware that where there is only one District in a County, affairs are generally decided in the District, and are simply confirmed by the County Lodge. I cannot close without referring with extreme regret to the loss this County and the Orange Order has sustained in the death of our esteemed Grand Master, Bro. D'Arcy Boulton.

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Ever ready to advance the best interests of our Order, both in public and private, he has left a record that will not soon be effaced from the memories of the brethren, not only in Ontario, but throughout the Dominion."

The correspondence has been nearly one-third larger than any former year since I have held office, and presume has given satisfaction, as I have heard of no complaints.

Humbly beseeching the Divine blessing on your labors, and trusting that they may tend to the benefit of our beloved Order, is the fervent desire of Yours, fraternally,

THOMAS KEYES,

Grand Secretary.

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Hamilton, 15th February, 1876.

The R.W. then called on the R.W. Grand Treasurer to read his Annual Report (for which see Appendix).

The Grand Secretary presented and read the following letter from Mrs. D'Arcy Boulton, (widow of our late esteemed R.W. Grand Master) in reply to address presented to her on behalf of this R. W. Grand Lodge :

BARRIE, October 8th, 1875.

TO WM. J. PARKHILL, G. M. :

DEAR SIR,-May I trouble you to thank the members of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West, for the address they so kindly sent me and for their sympathy, but, above all, for the tribute to the memory of my dear husband. The Order, you kindly say, has sustained a great loss. Then, what must mine be? None but God can know; but I have much to thank him for. He has, in his loving mercy, given me kind friends in the Orangemen and in others who are not Orangemen. He is the God of the widow; in him I put my trust.

There is one thing I trust you will pardon me for suggesting, but it was an often expressed wish of my dear husband, and I would like to see it carried out; it is, that the Lodges raise a fund for the benefit of the widows of their brother Orangemen. I will only be too happy to give a little to it every year. I have mentioned it to other Lodges in writing to them. I hope you will not think I speak of it for self-interest, for I know it would not benefit me but for others.

Again thanking you all for your kindness to me, and praying

as my dear husband did with his almost dying breath, that God may prosper you all in your good work, and we may all dwell together in the blessed home where I trust he is, and assuring you I shall ever be happy, for the sake of my dear husband as well as for the interest I take in you all, to do anything I can for the Orange Society, believe me to be

Faithfully yours,

LOUISE A BOULTON.

The Grand Secretary also read a number of Appeals and Petitions.

Moved by Bro. J. T. Jones, P. 387, seconded by Bro. John Niblock, D. M., and

Resolved,—That the Address of the R.W. Grand Master and the Report of the R. W. the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Correspondence, and the Report of the R.W. Grand Treasurer to the Committee on Finance.

Moved by Bro, John Hoey, C. M., seconded by Bro. Robert Cade, C. M., and

Resolved,—That the following Brethren be the Committee on Credentials, viz., Thos. Bradley, C. M., Wm. Adamson, C. M., Henry Perkins, C. M., N. Clarke Wallace, C. M., and John S. Lynn, C. M.

Moved by Bro. N. Clarke Wallace, C. M., and seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Gregory, D. P., and

Resolved,—That Bros. Wm. Douglas, W. M., John Hoey, C. M., J. T. Jones, P., Robert Cade, C. M., and James Duncan, D. M., be the Committee on Correspondence.

Moved by Bro. Wm. Douglas, W. M., seconded by Bro. John . Carter, C. M., and

Resolved,—That Bros. Thomas C. McAvoy, C. M., J. W. Holmes, Dt.M., John D, McAvoy, Dt. M., James Bennett, D.G. M., and Thomas Plunkett, Dt. M., be the Committee on Finance.

The R. W. appointed Bros. Thomas R. Brownlee, G. D. C., and John J. Funston, Dt. M., to be the Committee on Audit.

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Moved by Bro. James Wilson, D. G. M., seconded by Bro. John Carter, C. M., and

Resolved,—That Bros. John Niblock, Dt. M., John Witter, C. M., Henry Welsh, W. M., Joseph Wallace, C. M., and A. C. Simmons, C. M., be the Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions.

Moved by Bro. John Niblock, Dt. M., seconded by Bro. John T. Jones, P., and

Resolved,—That Bros. David Dunn, Dt. M., William Boys, C. M., James McClure, G. L., and Henry McBride, Dt. M., be the Committee on Appeals.

Moved by Bro. William Wells. Dt. M., seconded by Bro. John Kelly, W. M., and

Resolved,—That it is desirable to form a Life Insurance Association in connection with this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and that the following Brethren be a Committee to take the same into consideration and report to-morrow:—Bros. James Wilson, D. G. M., Thomas Bradley, C. M., William Stephenson, W. M., Wm. O. Black, W. M., James McClure, G. L., William Boys, C. M., S. A. Eakins, Dt. M., Thomas Plunkett, Dt. M., John H. Pritchard, W. M., James Bennett, D. G. M., P. T. McCollum, W. M., and Wm. J. Montgomery. Dt. M.

Moved by Bro. John Carter, C. M., seconded by Bro. John Witter, C. M., and

Resolved,—That the several Petitions now before this R.W. Grand Lodge be referred to their respective Committees.

Moved by Bro. John Witter, C. M., seconded by Bro. William Douglas, W. M., and

Resolved,—That the members of this R. W. Grand Lodge do attend Divine Service to-morrow, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Moved by Bro. John Hoey, C. M., seconded by Bro. Thos. R. Brownlee, G. D. C., and

Resolved,-That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send

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Moved by Bro. J. S. Williams, W. M., seconded by Bro. J. J. Funston, Dt. M., and

Resolved,—That the ORANGE SENTINEL be the recognized medium of this Loyal Orange Association, and that this R. W. Grand Lodge of Western Ontario recommend the paper to the warmest support of the Orangemen under its jurisdiction.

Moved by Bro. William Douglas, W. M., seconded by Bro. Wm. J. Montgomery, Dt. M., and

Resolved, — That this R. W. Grand Lodge do now adjourn until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Master accordingly declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

I. Bro. James Bennett, D. G. M., gives notice that he will to-morrow move the following resolutions :

"That in the opinion of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge the time has arrived when the Orangemen of Canada, without reference to politics or political parties, must unite in one grand political phalanx in order to stop the encroachments of the Romish hierarchy upon the body politic of this country, and that the following platform be adopted :---

"1. Unswerving and untiring allegiance to the Mother Country and British Compexion.

"2. No grants of money from the public purse for sectarian purposes.

"3. No Seperate Schools, but free secular education for all.

"4. Taxation of all real property held by religious bodies upon its fair assessed value.

"5. The opening up of all public institutions in the land, religious or otherwise, to public inspection by officers appointed by the Government.

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"That it shall be the duty of the County Master in every Orange County, in the event of a General or other Election taking place, either for the Local or Dominion Parliament, to submit the above platform to the candidate or candidates, and to report the same to a County meeting called for that purpose, and the County Lodge shall decide who shall be the candidate, or, if necessary, bring out a new candidate, who shall be the nominee of the Orange body."

2. Bro. N. Clarke Wallace, C. M., gives notice that he will on to-morrow move :

"That this Grand Lodge cannot but regard with very strong aversion, and the gravest fears the present aspect of a large portion of the clergy of the English Church (which all true Protestants have been accustomed to regard as one of the strongest bulwarks of the Reformation) and we strongly deprecate any teaching—

"1st. That would either directly or by implication militate against the right of private judgment in the interpretation of the Holy Scriptures, or would set forth the claim of unqualified submission to the dicta of the Church.

"2nd. That would make our standing before God to be dependent upon the acts of our fellow-man, professing to exercise priestly authority, rather than alone in the exercise of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"3rd. That would, in however modified a form, set forth the Romish doctrine of the corporeal presence in the consecrated bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; and

"4th. That would in any way either inculcate or connive at the offering of prayers for the dead, such erroneous teaching being directly opposite not only to the doctrines of the Bible, but also to the writings of the Reformers and the Articles of the Church of England.

"And we further declare, that any one giving an uncertain sound on the above subjects is unworthy of our confidence as a religious teacher, and that if a member of our Order, is false to his most solemn obligations.

"That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward copies of the above resolution to the Secretaries of the dioceses of Western Ontario, expressing, at the same time, the gratification it would afford this Grand Lodge to be assured that their views accorded with the above expression of the principles of the Reformation; and that he be further directed to send a copy to

the Church Association, an organization which has done and is doing much to maintain the principles of sound, enlightened Protestantism."

3. Bro. William Boys, C. M., gives notice that he will on to-morrow move :

"That it is the duty of this Right Worshipful Lodge to make some suitable provision for the widow of our late lamented Grand Master Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, and that the annual sum of be granted by this Grand Lodge to Mrs. Boulton as an annuity during her life and widowhood."

4. Bro. J. Campton, W. M., gives notice that he will on to-morrow move:

"That this Grand Lodge do petition the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, B. N. A., to introduce the system of voting by ballot in election of officers and candidates for initiation."

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PROCEEDINGS OF SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

ST. JAMES' HALL, HAMILTON, ONT., Wednesday, February 16th, 1876.

The R. W. Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock a.m., the R. W. in the chair, the other R. W. Grand Officers being in their respective places. The R. W. requested the G. D. C. and Bro. John J. Funston, Dt. M., to test the Brethren. All being announced correct from the Deputy-Chair, the R. W. declared the Grand Lodge ready for the transaction of business, and called on the R. W. Grand Secretary to read the minutes of yesterday, which were read by Bro. Robert Gourley, D. Grand Secretary, and confirmed.

Bro. William Wells, District Master of Barton, presented and read an address of welcome to the R. W. the Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge, from the County Lodge of Wentworth, on this their first annual session in the city of Hamilon, which was received with much applause, and to which the R. W. Grand Master returned thanks in a very happy and felicitous manner on behalf of himself and the members of the Grand Lodge.

To Wm. Parkhill, Esq., the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario:

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,

It is with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction that I have been deputed, by the County Lodge of Wentworth, to offer to you, the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario now assembled on this the seventeenth Annual Meeting, a most hearty and cordial welcome to the city of Hamilton, and we do so more earnestly and feelingly as this is the f pleas We whole endea mann to you Ontai

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the first occasion that this County Lodge has ever had the pleasure and honor of receiving you in this city.

We can further assure you that not only our Lodge, but the whole Orange body of the county and city of Hamilton, are endeavoring to the utmost to receive and entertain you in a manner that will conduce to your comfort, and the respect due to your highly honorable position in the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario.

WM. WELLS,

County Secretary, on behalf of the Co. Lodge of Wentworth.

Bro. N. Clarke Wallace, C. M., Secretary of Committee on Credentials, presented their first report.

Moved by Bro. N. C. Wallace, C. M., seconded by Bro. Dr. Bradley, C. M., and

Resolved,-That the report on Credentials be now read.

Bro. N. C. Wallace then read the report.

Moved by Bro. N. C. Wallace, seconded by Bro. Dr. Bradley, and

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

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

Your Committee on Credentials beg respectfully to report that they have carefully examined the credentials of members claiming the right to sit and vote in this R. W. Grand Lodge, and find the brethren named on pages 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this report entitled to that privilege.

Also, that a number of Proxies have presented their credential papers without the necessary certificates attached. All of which is respectfully submitted.

> THOMAS BRADLEY, Chairman, N. C. WALLACE, Secretary, WM. ADAMSON, JOHN L. LYNN, HENRY PERKINS.

The Grand Secretary sent the following telegram of greeting to the Grand Lodges of Ontario East and Quebec :

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The Grand Lodge of Ontario West sends a fraternal greeting to your Grand Lodge. A large meeting. Beware of an imposter.

THOMAS KEYES, Grand Secretary.

The following telegram was received and read by the Grand Secretary :

Montreal, February 15th, 1876.

THOMAS KEYES,

Grand Secretary, Western Ontario.

The Grand Lodge of Quebec sends greeting to the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario wishing it a pleasant and prosperous session. The meeting here the most numerously attended of any former one. The Order progressing.

JOSHUA BREADNER, Grand Master, Province of Quebec.

Bro. Thomas C. McAvoy, Secretary of Committee on Finance, presented and read their first report.

Moved by Bro. William Douglas, W. M., seconded by Bro. Thomas McAvoy, C. M., and

Resolved,—That the first report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ontario West;

- Your Committee beg leave to report that after having carefully examined the financial condition of your Right Worshipful Grand J odge, it rejoices us to assure you that continued prosperity is still apparent.

At last meeting your Treasurer had a balance of\$ And by supplementary report your Grand Secretary had re- ceived for Warrants and renewals the sum of\$134 00 Disbursements of your G. Secretary for the <i>interim</i> . 116 42	589	49
Leaving a balance to be added of	17	58
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Your Committee recommend payment of the following amounts, viz. :

To	Grand Secretary	\$200	00	
**	Grand Treasurer	100		
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"	Protestant Orphan's Home, Toronto	50	00	
**	G. D. of Ceremonies	8	00	
"	Deputy Grand Secretary	12	00	

\$389 00 Your Committee further recommend the payment of a sum necessary for printing one thousand copies of the Annual Re port and such other printing as may be required.

Your Committee have much pleasure in bearing honorable mention to the clear and satisfactory exhibit shown in your Grand Treasurer's books.

Your Committee would further recommend, in order to make a complete settlement with all Private Lodges in every District and County in your jurisdiction, that their indebtedness be published in the Annual Report. And that all County and District Masters are hereby instructed to refuse to give the Annual to the Master of any Lodge which is in arrears.

And your Committee would further recommend that a Committee be appointed to settle the indebtedness in dispute of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Western Ontario, with the M. W. Grand Treasurer.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES BENNETT, Chairman. THOS. C. McAVOY, Secretary. J. W. HOLMES. THOMAS PLUNKETT, IOHN D. McAVOY.

Bro. John T. Jones, Secretary of Committee on Correspondence, presented and read their report.

Moved by Bro. John Hoey, C. M., seconded by Bro. John T. Jones, P.,

"That the report of the Committee on Correspondence be received and adopted."

Moved in amendment by Bro. John D. McAvoy, Dt. M., seconded by Bro. Wm. Douglas, W. M., and

Resolved,—That the Committee on Correspondence report be received. have l

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The report was under discussion when it was time to get ready for Church, in accordance with resolution passed yesterday.

The G. Director of Ceremonies, assisted by some of the brethren, formed the brethren into procession, and marched to the Church of Ascension, preceded by the Hamilton Orange Brass Band, and accompanied by a large number of visiting brethren.

The Rev. John Hebden, M. A., Incumbent, read the morning service, and the Rev. Bro. Hugh Cooper, R. W. Grand Chaplain, preached the following eloquent

SERMON.

"What is that in whine hand."-Exodus iv., 2.

What strange contrasts this earth of ours presents. It seems to be the middle spot between heaven and hell, and to partake of the character of both. Beings from both move over its surface and show their influence in the checkered scenes that are constantly transpiring upon it. The glory from one and the midnight shades from the other meet along its bosom, and the song of angels and the shriek of fiends go up from the same spot. Truth and falsehood walk side by side, and vice and virtue meet in deadly conflict. The present and the past, also present strange contrasts. The fierce battles for religious liberty are lulled for a while. The holy zeal that in times gone by burned brightly for the "faith once delivered to the saints" has grown dim. But the monuments of truth erected for us and cemented by the blood of other days, and handed down to us as the living representatives of the distant past, loom up through the indifference and error that surround us at the present. Like Egypt's massive pyramids towering above the tents pitched at their base, they overshadow our petty strifes and divisions, and offer a common ground upon which we all can meet. Yet we are allowing these privileges to go unimproved, and in our petty contentions allow these evils to work their way, which will assuredly prepare the future for scenes which we think are past forever. We glory in those deeds of thrilling eloquence and awful grandeur, which have given to us the privileges which

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have been so carefully handed down to us, but we think little of preparing ourselves for similar conflicts and like deeds, which the coming apostacy must assuredly call forth. We see the world grow worse year by year, and "scoffers walking after their own lusts" arise above the moral and religious horizon; but we make little or no attempt to stay the "mystery of lawlessness," which is heading up and manifesting itself in the false liberalism which sends its cry of licentiousness through our land. We remain inactive while the trumpet blasts of God's revelation calls us to the conflict, many of us are waiting for something startling to happen in the providence of God, or to have some great commission given to us before we will undertake anything at all. But if we attend to the past and its lessons, and to the teachings of our ceremonials, we will be prepared at all times. and in the commonest events which are occurring around us, to see the powers of darkness working, against which we should wield our influence on God's side. When He called men in times past to perform those mighty deeds of renown. He sanctified the instruments of the commonest calling to the work which He directed. When Moses, wandering along the slopes of Horeb, beheld a solitary bush burning from top to bottom unconsumed, every branch a fiery branch, and every leaf a leaf of fire, standing amazed and awe-struck at the sight, received his first commission from a voice with which he was yet to be familiar, refused to go without some token that the Lord was with him, he had not far to go for the demonstration : the rod or shepherd's staff with which he guarded his flock in the plains of Midian, a common stick cut from a thicket, one which he might any day have thrown away and got a better one, this was to be his evidence that God was with him. "What is that in thine hand?" Nothing more is required of us than to use the means which Providence has given us. So when young David was commissioned to defeat the giant, who defied the armies of God's people, although men would have provided other weapons, it was with the simple sling and stone, to which as a boy, he was accustomed when he watched those "few sheep in the wilderness." "What is that in thine hand?" my brother. The means may be simple, but God looks for their use in trust on Him. Should this question come to us to-day, what would be our reply? for we have many advantages, but how are we using them? or what are the lessons we should have learned ere this? The lesson that God taught His people in times past, was that the privileges which each possessed were all that was necessary for the work which He required of them. But the greatest of

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all lessons which He wished His people to realize was His presence with them; and while they looked to Him with confidence their success was certain : the same lesson which He wishes us to realize. This mighty truth, the real and effectual presence of God with His covenant people, is the bulwark of our illustrious Order, the one which we labour, more than any other, to keep alive. The star which guided the wise men of the east to the manger-cradle, where God was manifest in the flesh, was not more certain in its aim than the light which shines through the ceremonials of our Association, pointing us to the Divine presence in the great temple dedicated to God and erected to the leader of His people. The first preparation for which dates back to our baptism, which is the emblem of the covenant of grace-or the favour of that Divine presence and protection. If this were fully realized we would have no difficulty in overthrowing that false doctrine of Popery which limits God's presence to a corporeal substance, and makes His presence only a corporeal presence, and forms the basis of other errors. But while we remain as ignorant of the true facts as the Papists are, and speak and act without making a distinction between a *real* and a *corporeal* presence of Christ, or because we deny the corporeal presence on earth, think that we must also deny that He is really present at all, then we in fact acknowledge that this presence does depend upon the act of the priest, and the benefits of that presence depend upon man, or else we are worse than the Papists are; for we banish God from His own creation; we exclude Him entirely from human affairs, and shut the doors of His own institutions against Him. . But who, except the libertine, does not realize that presence, though unseen, as he reads the past of the world's history or rises to his high blessings in the present? Who with his Bible in his hand will deny that God was with Noah when he built the ark. and "shut him in" when its plans were completed? Who will deny that He was with Abraham and took care of him during his pilgrimage? Who that reads the history of Jacob can fail to recognize the "Angel that redeemed his life?" or when we trace the footsteps of Joseph, who can lose sight of the fact that "God was with him?" Surely He was with Moses when he turned Egypt's rivers and rills into blood; when he led Israel through the Red Sea, dividing and closing its waters with his rod. Was He not really (though not corporeally) present when he brought water out of the stony rock, to satisfy His people in the wilderness? When, under the direction of Joshua, the walls of Jericho fell down, and when the mightiest nations of Canaan were thrust

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out was it not His hand unseen that did it? Time would fail to speak of Gideon and others, who were strong by the presence of Jehovah ; but he must be dead to the mightiest facts of Bible truth who fails to realize the Divine presence with the prophet of Carmel, when the bullock smoked amidst the flood of water, and the startled multitude had acknowledged the sole sovereignty of Jehovah, and the royal worshipper of Baal had quailed before the manifested power of God? Was He not with David when he slew Goliath? Was He not with Daniel in the lion's den? Was He not with Shadrach, Mesheach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace? Has He not promised to be with His covenant people till the end of the world? And was this not a reality with the illustrious Prince of Orange when he rested his hope of success on the fact that God would fight for us and he be general under? And should not this be our confidence in these evil days? Think of it as we may, we will never fufill our high calling till we realize this and act in all our actions as under His guidance and direction. When called upon to act in the cause of religion or for the good of our country, let us be ready to answer the question; "What is that in thy hand?" and use it for the omnipresent one. We have the privilege of being co-workers together with Christ, not only in His Church, but also in assisting to carry out the Government and constitution of our country, in righteousness and truth-the birthright of a free people handed down to us by the heroic deeds of our forefathers. Some people may think that it is not the duty of a religious teacher to refer to these things; but when God Himself once condescended, amidst the thunders of Sinai, to interfere not only in the moral and religious ordinances but also. to regulate the civil government of His people, surely it is not a matter of so small importance that it should be overlooked by But how do we squander the power which has been placed us. in our hands? We allow partizan efforts and feelings to burst the bonds of our common cause. And when the disloyalty of Puritanism on the one flank, and Popery on the other, are each laboring for its own cause, in undivided rank, we allow them to split our ranks, and weaken our influence so that our voice and our wishes are unheeded in the councils of our country. If we used the privileges which are in our hand, and amidst the contending parties, which are alike hostile to our Constitution, presented one united phalanx, which we would allow no influence to weaken, then soon the balance of power which is held by our enemies, the Papists, would soon be in our hands, and others would not dare to act in the public services of our country

without our approval, which by our endeavours should be the approval of our God. As in the history of Israel of the past, whenever they forgot their duty and obedience to God, and the end for which they were separated from the other nations of the earth, and when they associated themselves with other nations and learned their religion, they were sure to be oppressed and humbled by the nation with whom they associated. So now when we forget our own principles and associate ourselves for party purposes with enemies to the camp of Israel, and when we, instead of looking to our own light, follow their religious cries, which are raised through hypocrisy and lies, for the very purpose of deceiving the ignorant, and leading away the unwary, and weakening the strength of the body, we will be sure to fall into their snares, who while they promise liberty, are themselves the servants of corruption. To me it does not appear to require much insight to see that we are to-day suffering from want of attention to our own principles and privileges. Some of us, at least, have allowed ourselves to be led by the false cry of Protestantism, which like the ignes fatui rise from the foul swamps and mislead the unthinking by their false glare. What has been the result? Because Protestantism will not give up the old paths, the old hopes, the old assurances, the old faith, and primitive ordinances, and come from behind the breast-works, which have been thrown up by the good, the great and the holy of all ages, and leave the light and truth handed down to us, hallowed by the blood of martyrs, and approved by the sanction of heaven. Because, I say, it will not yield these to follow what is called the popular opinion of the day and the vain imaginations of men. The Universalist, who denies the divinity of Christ, and, therefore, his omnipresence. The Puritan and Antinomian, who despise God's holy law, and refuse Him admission to the powers that are ordained of Him. These raise the cry of Ritualism, and a number, who ought to know better, but yet do not take the pains to investigate the subject, or by the advice of their leaders, throw the light of their own ceremonial upon it to direct them aright, blindly follow the cries that are raised, and yield themselves to factions, which are as averse to our Order as they are disloyal to our Queen, and permit themselves to be led into the camp of the enemy.

I could, had I time, show you that some who are loudest in crying "Ritualism" on certain points are either knowingly or ignorantly propagators of Papist ideas and falsehoods. We must not think that Popery is or ever was the only enemy of Protestantism. Puritan antinomianism always from its com-

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mencement has been and is now an enemy to our principles, aswell as to the Constitution, which it is our duty to defend. We have allowed the false cries of those who are not Protestant at all to deceive us with the Protestant cry; and now our enemies have their privileges increased at our expense, while we entreat "What is that in thine hand?" Let it be a demonin vain. stration to us, that God wishes us to deliver our brethren from the taskmasters. And what further? Fidelity to the religious obligations and duties which devolve upon us. Our duties to our Queen and our country are no doubt religious duties, but they are only the minor half of our religion. We must not forget the first object in the old motto, "My God, my Queen, my country." With regard to our obligations to Him, what light have we to guide us? "What is that in thine hand?" An open Bible, which we are privileged to read in the traditional light, handed down to us by the Fathers of Israel, who have gone to the call, "Come up higher." They have left an empty place, as they disappeared and retired from the firmament in regal splendour, and we stand beside the graves of our departed heroes at the call for other men to take the colors. But while we may imitate them in matters of loyalty and patriotism, it is a melancholy truth that many who hoist the same colors do not imitate them in holding forth to the world those religious principles, whose light sheds a halo around our institution. It is no uncommon thing to hear a man say, "I will not stand by and hear a man curse my Oueen." Yet these same men will stand by and listen to others blaspheme their God without showing any disapproval of it by word or action, and many do the same thing themselves. This should not be the case. Our experience coincides with the world's judgment in pronouncing that all Orangemen are not good men, but the fault is not in the obligations and principles of our Order. The same thing may be said of Christians that is said of Orangemen, all that bear the holy professions are not good Christians, yet the fault is not in the Christian system, and no one would think of condemning it on account of its bad members. And Orangeism being dedicated to the Gospel has a right to plead for the same tender treatment from those who are inclined to censure it on account of some unworthy members. There is a false apology sometimes made for bad members, it is said they injure no one but themselves; this is not correct, for any one who lives in society and fails to perform his part aright, in the station assigned to him, does all that in him lies to destroy the body politic.

So I have found in my experience, that it is those of our brethren who neglect their Christian duties, who turn their backs upon Christ's ordinances and refuse to use the light that shines around them, that are injuring the cause of Christ, not only by leaving unfulfilled their duties, but are also the loudest in taking up religious cries and finding fault with and condemning those of their brethren, who are endeavoring to use those means which God has placed in their hands for their growth in grace and increase in Godliness. If the Word of God is the true light to direct us, then we must pronounce that those men should not attempt to form an opinion upon the doctrines of God's Word, and in doing so they pervert the privileges with which God has blessed them. For we are told in the Gospel of Christ, that is the "man who will do His will shall know the doctrine." How dare the disobedient, who do not attempt to perform His will or live according to His ordinances, open their mouths upon important doctrines of His holy religion? Yet it is no uncommon thing to hear men who never frequent the Lord's table, in fact are never found there, attempting to define and determine what blessings, what amount, and in what manner, they are given to those who do obey, and are striving to walk in the "ordinances of the Lord blameless." I am persuaded that if we all attended to our duties more carefully and followed the light of Scripture, instead of human opinions and systems of theology, there would be less strife and envy, less devouring one another on account of minor differences which now keep Christians too far apart. Once more, in a religious sense, I ask, "What is that in thine hand?" and all with one accord respond "religious liberty." And here again I wish you to be careful to distinguish between religious liberty and religious license, for the latter is that which is many times intended in the claims for liberty which we so often hear from the freethinkers, the Antinomians and the lawless. Liberty does not mean the absence of law, it cannot mean that, for all freedom in nature or grace is harmony with law. Liberty is simply absence of restraint, it does not permit a man to do what he pleases, but gives pleasure and happiness in forming his actions in harmony with the laws of his being and destiny. A man who obeys the laws of his country is free from the condemnation of these laws. It is only when he violates them he is in their power; and patriotism is the principle which gives a man happiness in keeping those laws. So he who, realizing "the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus," "delights in the

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The usual collection was taken up in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home, which amounted to \$16 50. The Rev. Incumbent concluded the service, after which the G. Director of

Ceremonies and assistants re-formed the Brethren in procession order and returned to the Grand Lodge Room, and the R. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until two o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At two o'clock p.m., the R. W. Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment, the R. W. in the chair, and the other R. W. Grand Officers in their respective places. _

The G. D. C. and Bro. C. J. Clyne, W. M., tested the Brethren, and all being correct, the R. W. declared the Grand Lodge open for the despatch of business.

Bro. J. T. Jones again read report of Committee on Correspondence. After some discussion the report was amended by striking out the third paragraph, and substituting one proposed by Bro. William Boys, C. M.

Moved by Bro. J. T. Jones, P., seconded by Bro. William Douglas, W. M., and

Resolved,—That the report of Committee on Correspondence be now adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Right worshipful the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario in Grand Lodge assembled :

r. Your Committee have critically examined the voluminous and largely increased correspondence and books of the R. W. Grand Secretary, and have much pleasure in stating that his replies have been most satisfactory, as his decisions have in no case been appealed against. But your Committee regret exceedingly the late severe illness of the Grand Secretary, especially so as he has been debarred from giving his usual report and in consequence we have lost a literary treat ; your Committee cannot speak too highly of the valuable and efficient services of that Officer.

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very able and eloquent address of the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, and recommend the same to your serious considration and that it be printed in the Grand Lodge report.

3. That your Committee have had their attention called to the pecuniary circumstances of the widow of our late Grand Master, Bro. D'Arcy Boulton, and find that Mrs. Boulton has been left without any means of support, and we would recommend this Grand Lodge to cause a circular to be sent to each Private Lodge in Western Ontario, directing a subscription to be taken up towards a fund to produce an income for Mrs. Boulton, and that the amounts thus received be invested from time to time by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Treasurer as they may deem most advantageous, and the income derived therefrom be paid over by them to Mrs. Boulton halfyearly; but, in lieu of such income for the present year, that she be paid the sum of two hundred dollars from the funds of this lodge—one hundred dollars to be paid at the present time and the second hundred dollars in six months from this date.

4. Your Committee have had a letter on the Orange Incorporation Bills, from Bro. H. Merrick, M. P. P., laid before them, urging upon your Right Worshipful Grand Lodge the advisability and necessity of a memorial to the Local Legislature printed and scattered broadcast over the Province for signature by the Brethren and others in time for the next sitting of the House, and also suggesting the combined action of the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Ontario East. And your Committee have much pleasure in recommending the same to your immediate consideration, so that the enemies of the Order may be made aware of the strength, influence, and respectability of the privileges secured by their forefathers in the Revolution of 1688.

In conclusion, your Committee have great pleasure in congratulating your R. W. Grand Lodge on the steadily increasing prosperity of our beloved Order, not only in Canada, but all over the universe.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS. JOHN HOEY. JOHN T. JONES. ROBERT CADE. JAMES DUNCAN, JR.

Bro. N. Clarke Wallace, C. M., presented and read second report of Committee on Credentials.

Moved by Bro. John L. Lynn, C. M., seconded by Bro. William Adamson, C. M., and

Resolved,—That the second report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted. (Incorporated with first report.)

Moved by Bro. H. A. L. White, Dt. M., seconded by Bro. George Huston, P., and

Resolved,—That a collection be taken up for Brother Thomas Gordon, a blind and destitute brother.

The following telegram was received and read by the Grand Secretary :

Kingston, February 16th, 1876.

THOMAS KEYES,

A. J. VANINGEN,

Grand Secretary of the G. O. L. of Ontario West.

The Grand Lodge of Ontario East reciprocates your fraternal greeting. We have a large attendance and a most harmonious session. Thanks for information about impostor. Have resolved to ask for incorporation again, and to send petitions from all our Lodges, and also petitions for general circulation, to be forwarded to the next meeting of the Ontario Legislature.

> JOHN WHITE, Grand Master.

Bro. John Witters, C. M., presented and read report of Com-

mittee on Suspensions and Expulsions.

Moved by Bro. John Niblock, Dt. M., seconded by Bro. John Witters, C. M., and

Resolved,-That the report of Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions be received and adopted as now read.

(For report see Appendix.)

Grand Secretary.

Bro. J. J. Funston, Dt. M., presented and read the Auditors' Report.

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Moved by Bro. J. J. Funston, Dt. M., seconded by Bro. J. S. Williams, W. M., and

Resolved, — That the Report of the Auditors be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Western Ontario :

Your Audit Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's books and accounts, and find the following :

Received for Grand Lodge Dues, Warrants, &c " " Monument Fund Balance on hand as per last Audit	. 172	75
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Your Audit Committee cannot but express their gratification at the satisfactory manner in which the financial accounts of the Lodge have been kept, the admirable order and system of keeping vouchers rendering the duties of the Committee very light and pleasant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. FUNSTON, T. R. BROWNLEE, Auditors.

Grand Committee Rooms,

Hamilton, February 16, 1876.

Bro. William Boys, C. M., presented and read the report of the Committee on Appeals.

Moved by Bro. Wm. Boys, C. M., seconded by Bro. James McClure, G. Lecturer,

"That the report of the Committee on Appeals be received and adopted."

Moved in amendment by Bro. John Niblock, Dt. M., seconded by Bro. William Benson, W. M., and

Resolved,—That the report of Committee on Appeals be considered clause by clause.

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Bro. Boys read first clause, which was adopted. He then read the second clause, and after considerable discussion it was

Moved by Bro. John Hoey, C. M., seconded by Bro. N. C. Wallace, C. M.,

" That the previous question be now put to this Grand Lodge." —Lost.

Moved by Bro. William Boys, C. M., seconded by Bro. James McClure, G. L.,

"That the report of the Committee on Appeals just received be adopted."

Moved in amendment by Bro. James Wilson, D. G. M., seconded by Bro. John Fortune, C. M.,

"That the report of the Committee on Appeals be altered, so that five years be substituted for two."

Moved in amendment to the amendment by Bro. Thomas C. McAvoy, C. M., seconded by Bro. John Witter, C. M., and

Resolved.—That Bro. E. T. Essery be suspended for ten years instead of two as in report.

The third, fourth and fifth clauses were read and adopted. Moved by Bro. William Hill, W. M., seconded by Bro. John Irwin, W. M.,

"That the report be adopted."

A lively discussion took place, when it was moved by Bro. William Magness, C. M., seconded by Bro. Thomas Robinson, C. M., and

Resolved,-That the previous question, be now put.

The report was adopted as amended.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS. To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario: The Committee on Appeals beg leave to report, that they

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have had seven cases before them, and with regard to each' they would recommend as follows :

In the case of Bro. Robert Glockling, of L. O. L. No. 657, charged with having married a Roman Catholic, we find that at the time of the marriage the lady was a Protestant, and we recommend the decisions of the District and County Lodges, acquitting Bro. Glockling, be confirmed.

Against Bro. Essery, of London, three charges were preferred before your Committee,—rst. Causing the Lodge minutes and private records to be produced in a court of law in a manner that might have been avoided; and. For administering the obligation with a portion thereof purposely omitted; and 3rd. For recommending a new warrant to be issued to brethren who were still in connection with another Lodge.

As to the first charge, the Committee believe Bro. Essery could have avoided the scandal of having two brothers brought into court disputing over Lodge property and of exposing the private minutes and proceedings of the Lodge in open court, and we find Bro. Essery guilty of this charge.

With regard to the second charge, we find that Bro. Essery did administer the obligation to Bro. Nelson with that portion left out which states that the party was not married to a Roman Catholic. This was done because Bro. Nelson stated he was married to a Roman Catholic. Your Committee, therefore, . find Bro. Essery guilty of this charge also, but under extenuating circumstances, as Bro. Nelson appears to have already been made an Orangeman, and, in the belief of Bro. Essery to have joined two Canadian Lodges since he came to this country, and Bro. Essery probably administered the obligation more as a check on the identity of Bro. Nelson than for any other purpose.

On the third charge, we find Bro. Essery recommended certain brethren should be granted a new warrant before they had received their certificates from the Lodge they belonged to, but this was done after the brethren had applied for their certificates and the applications had been granted, and although your Committee find that the recommendation for a new warrant should not have been given before these certificates were actually issued, still we consider Bro. Essery did not err in the matter wilfully, and we acquit the brother of this charge.

As a punishment for the offences mentioned in charges one and two, we would recommend that Bro. Essery be suspended for the period of two years from this date.

In the cases of Brothers Sheppard and England, accused of

disorderly conduct of a gross character in open Lodge, and the sentences upon whom were reduced by the Dictrict Lodge and the reduction confirmed by the County Lodge, we would recommend that the action of the District and County Lodges be confirmed; but, at the same time, we cannot help stating that if the District Lodge had seen proper to inflict a more severe punishment, we should have more willingly concurred in their judgment.

We find in Bro. G. Nelson's case that he was accused of taking the obligation in an incomplete form, as referred to in the charges preferred against Bro. Essery, and that he was suspended for five years by the County Lodge. We do not consider this irregularity a breach of any portion of the Constitution, and we recommend that Brother Nelson be acquitted of the charge and the sentence of the County Lodge set aside.

In the case of appeal from L. O. L. No. 464 against the decision of the District Lodge of Hamilton, and confirmed by the County Lodge, refusing the Lodge the right to vote in the District Lodge on the ground that Lodge 464 was in arrears for a sum levied on the Lodge by the District for band purposes, we recommend that the action of the District and County Lodges be confirmed, at the same time we would suggest the advisability of the District Lodge discontinuing the levy for band purposes on Lodge 464, as a repetition of the levy must only lead to further trouble and unbrotherly feeling.

In the case of Bro. Geo. F. Gow the appeal is not before us in a proper shape, as it does not appear to have been brought before the County Lodge, and we feel we cannot deal with the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. BOYS, Chairman. JAMES McCLURE. DAVID DUNN. H. McBRIDE.

Committee Rooms,

Hamilton, February 16th, 1876.

Bro. Thomas. C. McAvoy, C. M., presented and read second report of Committee on Finance.

Moved by Bro. Thos. C. McAvoy, C. M., seconded by Bro. Wm. Wicks, Dt. M., and

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Resolved,-That the second report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted.

SECOND REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario :

Your Committee beg leave to recommend that the sum of \$200 be granted to the widow of our late Right Worshipful Grand Master, D'Arcy Boulton; and that the sum of \$5 be paid to the Rev. Bro. Rump, Deputy Grand Chaplain.

Your Committee have had a petition from the District of Hamilton, for a sum of money for the Band fund, but they cannot recommend any funds for that purpose, as, in their opinion, it would be setting a bad precedent.

Your Committee have also had a petition before them from the Institut Canadien, asking for an amount of money to help them to defray the expenses connected with the Guibord affair. However much your Committee may sympathize with the Institut in combatting with the Church of Rome, they cannot recommend any funds to be given for purposes of that kind.

Your Committee further recommends that two dollars be paid to the caretaker of the Church of Ascension.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES BENNETT, Chairman. T. C. MCAVOY, THOS. PLUNKETT, JOHN D. MCAVOY, J. W. HOLMES.

Bro. James Bennett, D. G. M., presented and read the report of the Committee on Monument Fund.

Moved by Bro. Thomas Keyes, G. Sec., seconded by Bro. James Bennett, D. G. M., and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Monument Fund be received and adopted.

REPORT OF MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario :

The Committee appointed by this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge in Clinton, in 1875, to erect a suitable monument to our late lamented Grand Master, D'Arcy Boulton, beg leave to report : That in their opinion the best monument that can

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be erected, under the encumstances, is to hand over the money at present collected, viz., \$172.75 to the widow, who is in very distressed circumstances.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. PARKHILL, G. M., W. O. J. BENNETT, D. G. M., W. O. THOS. KEYES, G. S., W. O. T

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Committee Rooms, Hamilton, 16th Feb., 1876.

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Bro. John H. Pritchard, W. M., presented and read the report of the Committee on Mutual Life Insurance.

Moved by Bro. W. J. Montgomery, Dt. M., seconded by Bro. J. H. Pritchard, W. M., and

Resolved,-That the report be received.

Moved by Bro. John H. Pritchard, W. M., seconded by Bro. H. A. L. White, D. M., and

Resolved,-That the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Bro. J. T. Jones, P., seconded by Bro. John Hoev, C. M.,

"That the report of Committee on Insurance be referred to the officers named therein, with the addition of Bro. William Boys, C. M., of Simcoe, to take steps as to the forming of an Insurance and Accident Company on a sure foundation, and to take legal opinion if necessary, and report to next R. W. Grand Lodge."

Moved by Bro. Thomas Bradley, C. M., seconded by Bro. John L. Lynn, C. M., and

Resolved,-That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn until 7 o'clock p.m.

The R. W. accordingly declared the Grand Lodge adjourned.

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EVENING SESSION.

The R. W. G. Lodge assembled at seven o'clock p. m., in pursuance of adjournment, the R. W. in the Chair, and all the R. W. Grand Officers in their respective places.

Bros. John Hoey, D. G. L. B. A., and Thomas Plunkett, D. M., tested the Brethren, and the R. W. declared the Grand Lodge ready for the despatch of business.

Bro. J. T. Jones' amendment was lost and the report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSUR-ANCE ASSOCIATION.

To the R. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Western Ontario :

Your Committee beg leave respectfully to report as follows on the scheme of a Mutual Benefit Assurance Association in connection with the Loyal Orange Association of this Province, and would recommend the scheme to the favourable consideration of the Orange body.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following By-Laws for the government of the Association. :---

ARTICLE I.—That said Life Association be composed of members of the Loyal Orange Association, in connexion with and in good standing in some Private Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE 2.—That the following brethren be a Provisional Board of Ditectors of said Life Association until a Permanent Board be elected, as hereinafter provided in Article 8 :—Bros. Thomas Keyes, Grand Secretary; W. J. Parkhill, P. G. M.; Rev. J. H. Harris, Orillia ; James Wilson, C. M., Wentworth ; Robert Bell, M.P.P., L. O. L. 387; W. J. Montgomery, Dt. M. Toronto West; Thomas Plunkett, D. M., Orillia ; Wm. Stephenson, W. M., Oshawa; A. Harron, D. C. M., Hamilton ; S. Parke, C. M., North Grey ; James Bennett, D. G. M.; Dr. Bradley, C. M., West Bruce ; Wm. Kerns, C.M., Halton ; A. C. Simmons, C. M., South Huron ; William Boys, C.M., North Simcoe.

ARTICLE 3.-That said Provisional Board of Directors do

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at their earliest convenience cause to be printed forms of application for membership, and transmit the same with all necessary information to the County Masters, who shall distribute them to the Private Lodges within their respective Counties. Such Private Lodge to furnish intending applicants for membership with a copy when required. whi

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ARTICLE 4.—All applicants for membership shall submit to a medical examination (at his own expense) by some licensed medical man. The applicant shall state, besides medical certificate, his age, occupation, residence and post office address, with the number of the Private Lodge, District and County to which he belongs. Said application to be considered at the next session of the Private Lodge of which he is a member, when, if approved by the Lodge, the Master, Deputy-Master and Secretary shall certify to the fact on the application, when the application shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Life Association, together with the necessary sum of money to be hereinafter provided in Article 5, on receipt of which the Secretary shall without delay submit said application to the Executive Committee of the Provisional Board of Directors for their approval, who shall order a policy to be issued to the brother applying, if they approve of the same.

ARTICLE 5.—And the policy so issued shall state the terms on which it shall be granted, which shall be as follows:—Ist. That each member of this Life Association shall pay as an entrance fee according to his age, viz., from eighteen to thirty, \$4; from thirty to forty, \$8; from forty to fifty, \$ro; from fifty to sixty, \$ra; from sixty to seventy, \$r5; together with the death assessment, which will not be less than one dollar until the membership of the Association reach 1,000. 2nd. And on the death of a member, a call shall be made for an additional dollar, so that the money may be ready for the next call. 3rd. Any member of this Life Association who may be expelled from the Loyal Orange Association in the usual constitutional way, shall forfielt his membership and all claims on this Association.

ARTICLE 6.—On the death of a member of this Life Association, an application shall be made on a printed form provided for the purpose, which application shall be certified by the medical man in attendance, if any, and by the officers of the private lodge, and the District and County Masters, and any Grand Officer who may reside in the County, when the money shall be paid to the parties who may be entitled to receive it,

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which shall be at the rate of one dollar each per member up to the time the application was received—provided the members do not exceed one thousand.

ARTICLE 7.—When the membership increases to 1,000, the death assessment shall remain 1 until the membership reaches 1,500, when the death assessment shall be reduced to 75 cents, and from 1,500 to 2,000, it shall remain at 75 cents; but when the membership reaches 2,000, then the death assessment shall be reduced to 50 cents, and a reduction made in proportion to the membership until it reaches 4,000, when it shall remain at 25 cents each death.

ARTICLE 8.—Permanent Board how formed : In each County where there are twenty or more members of this Life Association, they shall elect from amongst themselves a Director who shall attend the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, and elect from amongst themselves an Executive Committee or any other officers they may think necessary, and do anything they may think requisite for the proper working of this Life Association.

ARTICLE 9.—Delegates how elected : On or before the 1st of January, 1877, the County officers shall submit the names of three members of this Life Association to the members of the Life Association in their Private or District Lodges, who shall vote for them by paper ballot. The result shall be certified by the Master and Secretary to the County Secretary, who shall report to the County Lodge when credentials shall be furnished by the County officers certifying to his election.

ARTICLE 10.—That the representatives thus appointed, shall meet on the evening of the first day of the Annual Session of this R. W. Lodge at 7.30 p. m., and make any changes and improvements that, from their experience they may think necessary, subject to the approval of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE 11—That in case any member shall have been a member of this Loyal Orange Mutual Assurance Association for thirty years, and also in good standing in some Private Orange Lodge, he shall have the benefits of the said Association at the piration of that time.

And your Committee recommend that the Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge be requested to place the sum of \$100 to the credit of the Provisional Directors to pay the expenses

of printing in connection with this scheme of Life Association, said printing account to be audited in the usual way.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES WILSON. WILLIAM STEPHENSON, W.M. 686. W. J. MONTGOMERY, D.M. Toronto West. WM. O. BLACK, W. M. 296. P. T. McCOLLUM, W.M. THOMAS PLUNKETT, D. M., Orillia, JAMES McCLURE, Grand Lecturer. JOHN H. PRITCHARD, W. M. 212.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 16th, 1876.

Moved by Bro. Thomas Bradley, C. M., seconded by Bro. William Adamson, C. M., and

Resolved,—That the petition of Bro. William Clendinning, asking to be reinstated be approved. The petition having been approved by the Private, District and Obunty Lodges, from which he belonged, and that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge be respectfully requested to reinstate Bro. William Clendinning.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Moved by Bro. John Hoey, C. M., seconded by Bro. Wm. Boys, C. M., and

Resolved,-That Bro. William J. Parkhill be re-elected R. W. Grand Master.

Moved by Bro. Nathaniel Steen, Dt. M., seconded by Bro. Thomas McCracken, W. M., and

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

Moved by Bro. William Wells, Dt. M., seconded by Bro. Andrew Harron, D. C. M., and

Resolved,-That Bro. James Wilson be re-elected Associate R. W. D. G. Master. Re Gran Mc Bro. Re. Granc Mo McAv Res Deput

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Moved by Bro. James Duncan, Dt. M., seconded by Bro. W. J. Montgomery, Dt. M., and

Resolved,—That Bro., the Rev. Hugh Cooper be re-elected R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Moved by Bro. J. L. Lynn, C. M., seconded by Bro. Robert Cade, C. M., and

Resolved,—That Bro. James H. Bessey be re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Moved by Bro. Thomas C. McAvoy, C. M., seconded by Bro. R. S. Webster, C. M., and

Resolved,-That Bro. Thomas Keyes be re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

Moved by Bro. J. T. Jones, P., seconded by Bro. T. C. McAvoy, C. M., and

Resolved,-That Bro. Robert Gourley, be re-elected R. W. Deputy Grand Secretary.

Moved by Bro. John Hoey, C. M., seconded by Bro. J. T. Jones, P., and

Resolved,-That Bro. James McClure be re-elected R. W. Grand Lecturer.

Moved by Bro. John L. Lynn, C. M., seconded by Bro. Robert Cade, C. M., and

Resolved,—That Bro. Thomas R. Brownlee be re-elected R. W. Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The following Reverend Brothers were elected R. W. D. Grand Chaplains — Rev. Bro. Thomas Rump, St. Catharines; Rev. Bro. Alexander Sanson, M. A., Toronto; Rev. Bro. J. H. Harris, Orillia; Rev. Bro. A. H. R. Mulholland, R. D., Owen Sound; Rev. Bro. T. J. Hodgkin, M. D., Woodbridge; Rev. Bro. James Campbell, Georgetown; Rev. Bro. Charles E. Perry, Hanover; Rev. Bro. T. Watson, Bayfield; Rev. Bro. Duncan McDonald, M. A., Creemore.

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Moved by Bro. Thomas Keyes, G. S., seconded by Bro. Wm. Boys, C. M., and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Brother, the Rev. Hugh Cooper, R. W. Grand Chaplain, for the very able and eloquent sermon delivered to the Brethren in the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton, this day, and that this R.W. Grand Lodge desires that it be printed in the regular annual report of the proceedings.

Moved by Bro. Alfred Medcalf, W. M., seconded by Bro. J. Campton, W. M., and

Resolved,—That the sermon preached by our respected Grand Chaplain be handed to the proprietor of the ORANGE SENTINEL, and that he be requested to publish the same in said paper.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The following places were severally proposed as the place of holding the next Annual Meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, viz., Oshawa, Orillia, Guelph, Strathroy, Owen Sound, Stratford, Toronto, Brantford, Simcoe, Goderich and Dunnville.

Upon the seventh division, Orillia had the largest number of votes. The yeas and nays were demanded, and resulted as follows, between Orillia and Guelph :---

ORILLIA.—Wm. J. Parkhill, Rev. Hugh Cooper, Thos. Keyes, Jas. McClure, R. Gourley, J. L. Lynn, John Witter, A. Makeague, Wm. McMahen, John Hoey, Simon Parke, N. C. Wallace, Thos. Robinson, Wm. Magness, Wm. Boys, T. C. McAvoy, R. S. Webster, John Carter, Wm. Wicks, Wm. Wells, David Dunn, Jas. Duncan, Henry McBride, John Niblock, J. W. Holmes, Wm. J. Montgomery, Thos. Plunkett, J. D. McAvoy, N. Steen, W. A. Poole, Jas. Cumberland, J. S. Williams, Joseph Beck, R. Montgomery, A. Merrigold, J. H. Boyle, Thos. McCracken, John Jones, W. O. Black, W. Douglas, J. Campton, E. Furry, G. Steward, H. Welsh, H. Coleman, R. Marshall, W. Stephenson, W. Hill, C. J. Clyne, D. Sleeth, J. McDougall, C. Y. Loughead, W. J. Wilson, E. A. Gregory, G. Gamble, G. Duncan, Thos. Walker, C. Somers, A. Medcalf, Wm. Robson, J. B. Smyth, C. S. Powley, O. H. Lutz.—63. H. F W. C Brad R. F Ward R. Jc Watsa J. Sc Horn Plum Geach Knox

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Therefore, the next Annual Meeting of the R. W. Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario, will be held in Orillia, on the third Tuesday in February, 1877, at the hour of two o'clock, p. m.

Moved by Bro. R. S. Webster, C. M., seconded by Bro Wm. Stephenson, W. M., and

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to draft a proper petition to the House of Assembly for the Province of Ontario, asking for a special Act of Incorporation, to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West; and that a sufficient number of copies of said petition be printed to distribute through each Private Lodge in the Province of Ontario West; and that copies of said petition be sent as soon as possible to the W. M. of each Private Lodge, and that the Masters and Secretaries of each Private Lodge be instructed to obtain the names, as far as practicable, of all friends of Orangeism throughout the Province, and that said petitions be presented at the regular session of the House of Assembly for said Province of Ontario.

Moved by Bro. R. S. Webster, C. M., seconded by Bro. Thos. C. McAvoy, C. M., and

Resolved,—That Bros. Wm. Boys, C. M., Wm. J. Parkhill, G. M., James Bennett, D. G. M., Thos. Keyes, G. S., F. H. Medcalf, P. G. M., and J. T. Jones be a committee to draft an Incorporation Bill to present to the Legislative Assembly of

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Ontario, and to decide the proper time to present the same to the House.

Moved by Bro. William Magness, C. M., seconded by Bro. Thomas Robinson, C. M.,

"That whereas, the financial standing of the M. W. Grand Lodge of B. A. has caused the energies of the Order to be cramped and its usefulness curtailed, therefore be it resolved, that this R. W. Grand Lodge do petition the M. W. Grand Lodge to alter the Constitution to provide that the dues of Private Lodges be collected by a *per capita* tax in the place of a lump sum of \$2.00 as at present, with the intention of securing from large Lodges an increased revenue."

Moved by Bro. H. A. L. White, Dt. M., seconded by Bro. John Robinson, C. M., and

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge desires to express its abhorrence of the conduct of the Roman Catholic Church in the pulling down of the Church of the Protestant Indians at Oka, Province of Quebec, and we also desire to convey our hearty sympathy for said Indians at Oka, in the persecutions they have had to endure from said Church.

And further be it resolved,—That this Grand Lodge recommends all Lodges under its jurisdicion to contribute to the fund being raised to test the right which the Seminary of St. Sulpice asserts to the lands of the said Indians.

/ Moved by Bro. William Magness, C. M., seconded by Bro. Wm. J. Montgomery, Dt. M., and

Resolved,—That the proprietors of the ONTARIO WORKMAN, Bros. Williams, Sleeth & MacMillan, be authorized to do the printing of this Grand Lodge, under the same conditions, and at the same price as they did it last year.

Moved by Bro. Thomas Keyes, G. S., seconded by Bro. Thomas Bradley, C. M.,

"That Bro. John E. Cuff of the daily JOURNAL, St. Catharines be the Grand Lodge printer for the current year."

Moved by Bro. N. Clarke Wallace, C. M., seconded by Bro. John Fortune, C. M., and Resu re-cons

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Resolved,—That the decision in the case of H. A. Wilson be re-considered by this Grand Lodge.

Moved by Bro. N. C. Wallace, C. M., seconded by Bro. William A Gregory, Dt. P., and

Resolved,-That the previons question be now put.

Moved by Bro. James Wilson, D. G. M., seconded by Bro. Andrew Harron, D. C. M.,

"That Bro. H. A. Wilson be admitted to explain the facts connected with his certificate."

Moved in amendment by Bro. J. L. Lynn, C. M., seconded by Bro. Dr. Bradley, C. M., and

Resolved,—That the case of H. A. Wilson be referred back to his Private Lodge.

Moved by Bro. James Bennett, D. G. M., seconded by Bro. James McClure, G. L., and

Resolved,—That in the opinion of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge the time has arrived when the Orangemen of Canada, without reference to politics or political parties, must unite in one grand political phalanx in order to stop the encroachments of the Romish hierarchy upon the body politic of this country, and that the following platform be adopted :—

1. Unswerving and untiring allegiance to the Mother Country and British Connexion.

2. No grants of money from the public purse for sectarian purposes.

3. No Separate Schools, but free secular education for all.

4. Taxation of all real property held by religious bodies upon its fair assessed value.

5. The opening up of all public institutions in the land, religious or otherwise, to public inspection by Government officers.

That it shall be the duty of the County Master in every Orange County, in the event of a general or other election taking place either for the Local or Dominion Parliament to submit this platform to the candidate or candidates, and to ascertain if

they will support them or not, and then to call a County meeting before the day of polling; and if neither of the candidates will support the said platform, then it shall be the duty of the County Lodge to bring out a candidate.

Moved by Bro. N. C. Wallace, C. M., seconded by Bro. James Duncan, Dt. M.,

"That the last clause of the resolution be struck out."

Moved by Bro. N. Clarke Wallace, C. M. West York, seconded by Bro. J. C. McAvoy, C. M., South Ontario,

"That this Grand Lodge cannot but regard with very strong aversion and the gravest fears, the present aspect of a portion of the clergy of the English Church (which all true Protestants have been accustomed to regard as one of the strongest bulwarks of the Reformation), and we strongly deprecate any teaching,—

"1st. That would either directly or by implication militate against the right of private judgment in the interpretation of the Holy Scriptures, or would set forth the claim of unqualified submission to the dicta of the Church.

"2nd. That would make our standing before God to be dependent upon the acts of our fellow-man, professing to exercise priestly influence, rather than alone in the exercise of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"3rd. That would, in however modified a form, set forth the Romish doctrine of the corporeal presence in the consecrated bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; and/

"4th. That would in any way either inculcate or connive at the offering of prayers for the dead, such erroneous teaching being directly opposite not only to the doctrines of the Bible, but also to the writings of the Reformers and the Articles of the Church of England.

"And we further declare, that any one giving an uncertain sound on the above subjects is unworthy of our confidence as a religious teacher, and that if a member of our Order, is false to his most solemn obligations.

"That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward copies of the above resolution to the Secretaries of the dioceses of Western Ontario, expressing, at the same time, the gratification it would afford this Grand Lodge to be assured that their views accore Refor the C is doin Protes Mo James Res cousid Bro sented to the Mo Poole, Resc Bro. third r Mov Bro. I. Reso receive To the

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accorded with the above expression of the principles of the Reformation; and that he be further directed to send a copy to the Church Association, an organization which has done and is doing much to maintain the principles of sound, enlightened Protestantism."

Moved by Bro. James Wilson, D. G. M., seconded by Bro. James Bennett, D. G. M., and

Resolved,—That the resolutions before the Grand Lodge be cousidered this day six months.

Bro. John Jones, W. M. of L. O. L. No. 215, E. York presented a petition, praying that said Lodge may be attached to to the District of East Toronto.

Moved by Bro. John Jones, W. M., seconded by Bro. W. A. Poole, Dt. M., and

Resolved, — That the petition of L. O. L. No. 215 be granted.

Bro. Thomas C. McAvoy, C. M., presented and read the third report of the Finance Committee.

Moved by Bro. Thomas C. McAvoy, C. M., seconded by Bro. J. W. Holmes, Dt. M., and

Resolved,—That the third report of Committee on Finance be received and adopted.

THIRD REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Western Ontario:

Your Committee beg leave to report upon the petition of Bro. John Fortune, that we would be establishing a wrong precedent in striking off back dues of any Private Lodge. We would recommend that this R. W. G. L. do not pass the same. Which is respectfully submitted.

J. BENNETT, T. C. MCAVOY, J. W. HOLMES.

Moved by Bro. John L. Lynn, C. M., seconded by Bro Robert Cade, C. M., and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be tendered to the Brethren of Hamilton, for their kind attention to

the Delegates attending the meeting of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

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Moved by Bro. J. S. Williams, W. M., seconded by Bro. J. Campton, W. M.

"That this Grand Lodge do petition the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, B. A., to allow the system of voting by ballot in election of officers and initiation of candidates for membership."

Moved by Bro. N. C. Wallace, C. M., seconded by Bro. John Niblock Dt. M.

"That the figures in Grand Lodge reports for L. O. L. No. 1007, for 1870, '71, '72, and relating to No. 826, for 1874, be accepted as correct."

Moved by Bro. the Rev. Hugh Cooper, G. C., seconded by Bro. J. H. Boyle, W. M., and

Resolved,—That the warrant of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 932 be re-issued and be attached to North instead of South Huron.

Moved by Bro. James Wilson, D. G. M., seconded by Bro. Jas. H. Boyle, W. M., and

Resolved,-That this R. W. Grand Lodge be now raised to the Royal Scarlet degree.

Companions John Hoey, D. G. L. B. A., and John Niblock, Dt. M., tested the Companions in the Illustrious Degree, and declared all correct. The R. W. therefore declared the Grand Lodge accordingly raised.

Moved by Comp. A. C. Simmons, C. M., seconded by Comp. Joseph Beck, W. M., and

Resolved,—That the Grand Treasurer make out a report of all Lodges now in arrears for Grand Lodge dues, and not paid up according to the financial report of 1874, as they should do, and send the same to the different County Masters in Ontario West; and that the District Masters should not give the Annual until the proper receipts are produced.

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Resolved,-That the lectures be now repeated.

Comp. John Niblock and Comp. William Hastings repeated the lectures in the several degrees.

Moved by Comp. Thomas Keyes, G. Secretary, seconded by Comp. Dr. Bradley, C. M., and

Resolved,—That the R. W. Grand Master, Bro. William J. Parkhill be, and he is hereby appointed a Delegate to represent this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge at the Grand Orange Council, to be held in Londonderry, Ireland, on the 18th July, 1876.

Moved by Comp. Robert Cade, C. M., seconded by Comp. John Scarlet, W. M., and

Resolved,—That each Lodge in Ontario West pay One Dollar as Delegate dues.

Minutes of day's session read and approved.

Moved by Comp. James Brodie, Dt. M., seconded by Comp. N. Clarke Wallace, C. M., and

Resolved,-That the Grand Lodge do now close.

The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, Rev. Comp. Hugh Cooper, read the closing prayers, and the R. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge duly closed.

> WM. J. PARKHILL, Grand Master.

THOMAS KEYES, Grand Secretary.

Hamilton, Ont., February 17th, 1876.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.

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

Your Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions beg leave to report :

1. That your Committee have carefully examined the returns of Suspensions and Expulsions laid before them by your Grand Secretary, and as there were no appeals, your Committee recommend that the said returns be confirmed and published with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

2. That your Committee would draw the attention of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge to the returns from North Simcoe with regard to Suspensions, where there are nine brethren suspended without any names given, and would recommend this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge to refer the said Suspensions back to said County, and send proper returns.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. NIBLOCK. JOHN WITTER. HENRY WELSH. JOSEPH WALLACE. A. C. SIMMONS.

Committee Rooms,

Hamilton, February 16th, 1876.

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SUSPENSIONS.

Unless where it is otherwise stated, the offence for which these Suspensions and Expulsions have been inflicted are — For Non-Attendance, Non-Payment of Dues, Contempt of Summons, and Violation of Obligation.

COUNTY OF BRANT.

No. 197-Joseph Hunt, George Tanernd, and John B. Morrison, until dues are paid.

COUNTY OF EAST BRUCE.

No. 734-David Sparrow.

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COUNTY OF ESSEX.

No. 552—John O'Neal, one year, November, 1875. " 1198—Collins Chase, 5 years, June 5th, 1875.

COUNTY OF NORTH GREY.

No. 1092—John Ewing and George Jones, until dues are paid. " 1247—James White, until dues are paid.

" 1302-Samuel Redfern, three years.

COUNTY OF SOUTH GREY.

No. 737-John McAuley, five years, June 18th, 1875.

COUNTY OF NORTH HURON.

No. 513-William Loughead, one year, from 11th October, 1875.

COUNTY OF SOUTH HURON.

No. 182-Godwin Campaigne, B. Armstrong, Jno. A. May, David Armstrong, R. C. Black, James Hyslop, James McLean, E. Woodcock, An. Coig, October 26th, 1875, until dues are paid.

813-Thomas Miller, four years, drunkenness and abuse.

COUNTY OF KENT.

No. 638-Geo. Wilson, one year, and Timothy Findley, two years.

COUNTY OF EAST LAMBTON.

No. 998-John Lackey, until July 12th, 1876.

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COUNTY OF WEST LAMBTON.

No. 671-John Irwin, one year from June 30th, 1875.

" 1230-Thomas McCondon and Samuel Simpson.

" 1237-F. Booth, until dues are paid.

COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

No. 77-J. G. Henrie, until dues are paid.

" 117-M. Cline, C. Cline, C. H. Holcomb, and Eph. Kratz, until dues are paid.

" 844-P. Phelps, until dues are paid.

" 1333-Geo. Tufford, until dues are paid.

COUNTY OF WEST MIDDLESEX.

No. 981-D. McIntyre, until dues are paid.

COUNTY OF MONCK.

No. 161-H. H. House and Robert Smith, November 4th, 1875, one year; William Vivian, until dues are paid.

" 283-Raymond Smith, until dues are paid.

" 441-S. Augustine.

" 1102-Samuel Robins, until dues are paid.

" 1172—Jerome Faar, — Vasbinder, Aaron Lymburner, J. Foster and Charles Elliott, until dues are paid.

" 1267-S. McPherson and J. S. Taylor.

COUNTY OF MUSKOKA.

No. 218—Wm. Kennedy, H. Wise, James Cooper, Roderick Stenaw, S. G. Higmon, J. G. Richards, R. W. Clifford, P. Davidson, Wm. Jackson, Frank Vincent and Jas. Watson, until dues are paid.

" 262-M. Markle, J. Kay, and A. Becket.

COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

No. 351-Isaac Mills and Edward Axford, until dues are paid.

" 556-Lewis Vincent and W. M. Pettit, until dues are paid.

" 926-S. S. Simpson and George Husted, Jr., until dues are paid.

COUNTY OF NORTH ONTARIO.

No. 572-Amos Crawford, three months, from 1st January, 1876.

" 583-Noble Lawrence, until dues are paid.

COUNTY OF SOUTH ONTARIO.

No. 686--D. Brown, two years ; J. L. Wood, one year ; Edwin Conolly, Joseph Griffin, W. Shaw, and Luke Lapham.

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COUNTY OF OXFORD.

No. 254—Henry Boughner, four years, from 14th October, 1875; James McRoberts, David Elliott, David Kelso, John W. Furney, and Job Hockey, for one year, from 14th Oct., 1875; Wm. Tapsall, Charles James, F. B. Gibert, Morgan James, Francis Lily, Geo. Bouser, Marten Buchart, Walter Hall, F. Stroud, and Wm. Hall, until dues are paid.

COUNTY OF NORTH PERTH.

COUNTY OF SOUTH PERTH.

No. 345-Thomas Steele, Nevins Thompson, William Counter, Alex. McCulloch, and James White.

COUNTY OF NORTH SIMCOE.

No. 193-Geo. Townshend.

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COUNTY OF SOUTH SIMCOE.

No. 355-Hugh Gallaugher, 21 years, from 3rd May, 1875.

" 1246—James Wren, until dues are paid ; Willoughby Fletcher, 2 years, 12th August, 1875.

COUNTY OF TORONTO.

- No. 4—Henry Mansell, Ar. Tiffin, Robt. Prittie, Wm. Simpson, R. C. Lean, Wm. Lovelock, W. J. Shaw, Geo. Colwell, December, 1875, until dues are paid.
 - 127-A. Pride, H. Gilchrist, George Knight, R. Anderson, W. J. Bull, and C. J. Harris, until dues are paid
 - 136—Wm. Girvin, Jno. Faulkner, Jno. Rawlins, Robt. Moore, Wm. West, Stewart Hunter, Wm. Robertson, Jas. Robertson, Jas. V. Atkins, Wm. Dean, Robt, Serson, Jno. Douglass, Richard Knox, Jno. Morrison, Jas. Dale, 'Sam'l Longford, George Wallace, W. F. Davis, Jno. Patterson, Alfred Paine, William Daniels, John Murray, Armour Peel, George Brocmer and Thomas Stevenson, April, 1875, until dues are paid.
 - 140—Benjamin Cook, Andrew Craig, Geo. E. Evens, Robert Evens, Robert Foster, G. Graspy, D. Hoozack, Eli Hussey, Wm. Holland, John Hulliburton, John A. Harper, Isaiah Leslie, James Moir, Henry Allan, William Diamond, W. J. Adams, H. Brown, Chas. Brown, R. Blakeley, Geo. McFarland, Jas. McGee, Jas. McClinchy, Wm. Pike, J. A. Pittis, E. G. McAuley, Alexander Sutherland, John Simpson, Charles Sparks, Charles Worsdell, and John Somers, until dues are paid.
 - 212—John Fallon, Jos. Kirkland, John Coulter, S. R. Richardson, Henry Thompson, Nathaniel Mills, Francis Brien, William Hewlett, Samuel Lowry, and Randolph Driefel, August 10th, 1875, until dues are paid.

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No. 275-Thos. Bell, Wm. Dawson, John Carleton, Jas. W. Melross, Chas. Arno, H. Jackman, John Mathers, F. M. Hackett, W. J. Emmerton, Jas. Moore, and R. J. Hunter, until dues are paid.

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 328-R. H. Rennie, W. Forsyth, W. A. West, T. Robinson, W. J. Taylor, Jas. Lugsden, R. A. Lock, E. Olliver, T. Sergent, F. A. Verner, B. Rennie, W. Baker, W. H. Jeffry, W. Holton, E. Slack, J. C. McWaters, T. Rowlands, J. Williamson, J. McBedson, T. D. Gunn, J. Atkey, W. Huston, J. Little, W. J. Armstroug, Wm. Wright, J. J. Ramsay, W. J. Stevenson, G. Wallers, A. Hirst, A. Stew-art, J, Wilson, and W. R. Watson, Nov. 9th, 1875, until dues are naid. dues are paid.
- 375-John Thompson, John Stewart, Senr., Robt. Seymore, Chas. An Inompson, John Stewart, Sehr., Robt. Seymore, Chas. Rule, Thomas Reid, Thomas Potters, Thomas Lacey, Chas. Kennedy, John Jocelyn, John Jeffry, Samuel Hacket, George Griffith, George Gaspe, Robt. Duffin, D. C. A. Del-hoiste, George T. Davis, John Carniger, Samuel Crute, James Crapper, James Cattle, and George Brown, Decem-ter (dor. weild down weid ber 16th, 1875, until dues are paid.
- 396-Mark Ramsay, December 2nd, 1875, two years, drunkenness, non-attendance, and non-payment of dues.
 - 404—Benjamin Hazlehirst, Richard Duplex, Walter, Davis, Chas. Tipping, Wm. Smith, Thos. Roberts, James Crane, Wm. Cooper, S. Marshall, Wm. Richardson, Atcheson Moore, Wm. Fry, Wm. Blair, Louis Hammer, Ed. Saunders, Peter M. Fry, Wm. Blair, David Theorem Dill. William Construction (1997) 1998 (1997) 199 Moffatt, John Douthwaite, Thomas Dill, Walter Gray, and Jos. Livingston, until dues are paid.
- 551-John Douglass, and Robt Jenkinson, until dues are paid.
 - 21—Charles A. Brown, J. W. Carroll, John Armstarong, John Prat-tis, H. Arnold, Wm. Pitken, Adam Beatty, Jas. McCaus-land, Geo. H. Flint, John Cročkett, Wm. Lemon, Isaac Richards, W. H. Flint, Thomas Sinclair, R. Hutchinson, R. B. Bowall and Andrew Parker, January 9th, 1875, until dues are paid; Wm. Loughead, Dec. 12th, 1875, to 12th July, 1876 durphenages and acts unphenoming an Occurrence. 1876, drunkenness and acts unbecoming an Orangeman.
- 657-Robt. Johnston, Jas Lackey, P. Glockling, and J. Robertson, December, 1875, until dues are paid.
- ... 675-J. Marsh, and T. Noble, until dues are paid.
- 781-J. Pullman, S. Phillips, J. Mitchell, Robt. Cope, A. Vale, J. Hague, A. Clairfield, Nov. 3rd, 1875, until dues are paid. .46
- 821—John T. Thompson, Nov. 23rd, 1875, until dues and other money owed the Lodge are paid; W. Palmer, H. Caldwell, W. Mack, W. Harrison, R. Marshall, until dues are paid; J. Renton, J. Cook, W. Williams, Nov. 23rd, 1875, 99 years, .46 for contempt of summons and non-payment of dues.

COUNTY OF WELLAND.

No. 519-George Horning, until dues are paid.

" 894-Jessie Burkins, five years, from 1st of February, 1876.

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COUNTY OF WENTWORFH.

71—Wm. Moncely, Thos. Milligan, Jos. Tearsley, Philip Hastings, Jas. Wilson, E. Creech, John Day, H. Dunett, James Miller, Thomas Cook, R. R. Gage, Wm. Cummings, W. Blair, D. Creighton, D. McDonald and W. Debris, until dues are paid. No.

312—Jas. Hughson, Wm. Harper, James Gibson, Jas. Dunlop, Alex. McKay, Robt. Leslie, Jas. Bassett, Jas. Dodson, H. John-son, Thos. Bateman, Geo. Lancfield, E. Warren, James McCort, Thomas Cane, James Amor, and Samuel C. Lane, until dues are paid.

.. 554-Jacob Day, retaining Lodge funds.

- 731-James Gross, Edmund Carpenter and Z. Lewis, until dues are paid.
 - 779-John McNeal, H. Turner,) Thos. Fisher, E. Stediford, John Stediford, and John Philips, until dues are paid.

COUNTY OF EAST YORK.

No. 215-John Hamilton.

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COUNTY OF NORTH YORK.

No. 643-George Shrigley, Henry Garret, John Gile, John Grainger, James Bell, Richard McGinnis and John Bell, until dues are paid.

EXPULSIONS.

COUNTY OF BRANT.

No. 197-Thomas Applgot, and Andrew Veril.

COUNTY OF EAST BRUCE.

No. 735-John Cross and Thomas Cross.

" 818--Allan McLean, bad conduct ; James Johnson and Archer Mc Donald.

COUNTY OF WEST BRUCE.

No. 170-Henry Whalen, drunkenness and general bad conduct, and abuse of the W. M. on the 12th July, 1875.

COUNTY OF ELGIN.

No. 257-Jessie Throw and Willoughby Clarke.

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No. 563-William Martin, disorderly conduct. ... 860-Brock Couse and Andrew Cellock.

COUNTY OF ESSEX.

No. 552-Maden Durham.

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" 1140-Joseph Lamarsh.

" 1218-John Walker.

COUNTY OF NORTH GREY.

No. 1073-George Vicary, defrauding the Lodge.

" 1092-George Green.

COUNTY OF SOUTH GREY.

No. 666-Martin Hodgson, defrauding a brother and general bad conduct. " 1163-Richard Nichol.

COUNTY OF HALTON.

No. 1184-Thomas Cook.

COUNTY OF HALDIMAND.

No. 843-John Lemon.

⁴⁴ 874-Geo. Eddie, Jonathan Reid, T. Hines, Robert Wilde, John S. Wilde and John McConnell.

COUNTY OF NORTH HURON.

- No. 631-Thomas Smaldon.
- " 791-Alexander Dodds.

" 835-John Bryden.

COUNTY OF SOUTH HURON.

No. 526-William Stewart.

" 710-Hetley Fitzsimmons.

COUNTY OF KENT.

No. 1041-S. D. Radley, D. W. Lamont, Wm. Wemp, D. McNaughton. " 1055-Christopher Herman, Geo. Kemp, Geo. Scott, J. A. Thomas, and R. E. Bayley.

COUNTY OF EAST LAMBTON.

No. 536-James Simpson.

" 830-Israel Molton and Henry Spiker.

COUNTY OF WEST LAMBTON.

No 514-Thomas Earnest for slander ; Andrew Clemie, Hugh Whitford, and Thomas Whitford.

988-J. Brown.

No. 1230-William Maitland and William Klump; Frederick Myers and S. McBride, for drunkenness.

" 1237-S. Workman, falsely accusing a Brother.

" 1372-W. McKay, marrying a Papist.

COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

- No. 117-E. Sanderson and R. Seeper, marrying a Papist.
- " 720-Henry Hudson.

" 844-Elijah Phelps and Wm. Heaslip.

" 1347-Wm. Townsend, Ino. McDougall, and J. T. Jackson.

COUNTY OF WEST MIDDLESEX.

No. 763 Isaac Ellis divalging secrets of Order. " 981-Wm. McArthur and Angus McArthur.

COUNTY OF MONCK.

No. 283-James Watson.

" 1267-William Book and Jacob Stewart ; Francis O. Burch, for theft.

COUNTY OF MUSKOKA.

No. 538—James Hyden, improper remarks against a Brother. " 1229—Wm. Morley, Wm. Buchurfield, and John Bellisley.

COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

No. 287—Arthur McCall, T. C. Anderson, Alfred Williams, Geo. H. Brown, David Duncan, Albert Terhune, Jun., Levi Walker, Oscar Secord, James Mabee, George Ryerson, Daniel Jackson, Walter Winters, William Scarth, James Henry McCall, Caleb Davis, Senr., O. Mabee and Wm. Laurence/

COUNTY OF NORTH ONTARIO.

No. 570-Peter Switzer, Henry Smith and Wm. Lawton. "812-James Spears.

COUNTY OF SOUTH ONTARIO.

No. 686—George Cameron, James Hamilton, F. C. Dake, F. C. Fowler, Thos. J. Taylor, Jas. B. Russell, and Andrew Thompson.

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

No. 648-R. Bolton.

COUNTY OF PEEL.

No. 157-C. Kaine, attempt to shoot a Brother.

COUNTY OF SOUTH PERTH.

No. 759-J. Luzeland, marrying a Papist.

" 908-Robert Jones and Josiah Morphy.

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COUNTY OF NORTH SIMCOE.

No. 649-Wm. Dwindle, John Dwindle, Thomas Swann and Thomas McGrath.

" 704-John West and Samuel Walden.

" 1119-Alfred Monck.

COUNTY OF SOUTH SIMCOE.

No. 104-Wm. Fleming.

" 355-John Siminton, forgery.

" 694-Lewis Armstrong, defrauding the Lodge.

" 1246-William Brodrick.

COUNTY OF TORONTO.

No. 136-Edward Quinn and John Larkin, April 8th, 1875, non-payment of dues and contempt of summons.

" 328-J. McMillan, W. K. Hamilton, R. J. Trotter, W. D. Murray, T. Longbottom, and T. Lee, continued contempt of summons.

" 396—Wm. Gee and Wm. McMullin, marrying a Papist ; John Innis, non-attendance, non-payment of dues and contempt of summons.

- " 551-Peter Lester, marrying a Papist.
- " 621-Robt. Johns, J. M. Haskett, M. Willoughby, Wm. Turner, Jas. Richards, F. Meagher, F. Thompson, John Ridley, Alex. Grant, H. Sherman, John Pope, and Jasper Taylor, Jan. 9th, 1875, non-payment of dues.
- 657—Bell Bellmont and Frederick Beaver, violation of obligation, contempt of summons and non-payment of dues.

" 711-George Ellsworth, for life, being found guilty of larceny; John Orr, violation of obligation and beating a brother.

COUNTY OF WELLAND.

No. 264-Theodore Schumack, marrying a Papist.

COUNTY OF WEST WELLINGTON.

No. 761-Samuel McLean, robbery.

COUNTY OF WENTWORTH.

- No. 286-Wm. Marshall, marrying a Papist; Thomas Connelly, drunk on 12th July, and Robert Montgomery.
- " 464-R. F. Drake and J. Mills.

" 731-Alex. McKenzie, Andrew Young, Russell Patruff.

" 1179-George Waller.

COUNTY OF NORTH YORK.

- No. 590-James Harris.
- " 1382-William Kay, using profane language, &c.

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COUNTY OF WEST YORK.

No. 216—James Smith, marrying a Papist; John Little, seduction of a brother's daughter.

N. B.—The Grand Secretary would still request Officers to be more particular in making out their annual returns. Some of those received are worthy of great commendation for the full, clear and neat manner in which they are made out, whilst others are so very defective and illegible as to be of very little use, and affording but little information. The W. Masters of Private Lodges should see that their returns are properly made out and sent to the District Secretary in accordance with the Constitution, and the District likewise to the County and Provincial Grand Secretary. County Masters should send their returns to the Grand Secretary previous to Grand Lodge meeting, and all Suspensions and Expulsions should be properly entered on the annual County return, and the names should be given in full, and legibly written, so as to avoid mistakes.

The Grand Secretary has received County returns from all but the Counties of North Grey, East Middlesex and South Wellington.

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GRAND LODGE DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 1875.

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	604, 696, 708, 1020, 1027, 1174, 1181 for 1875	16 00	
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COUNTY OF	NORTH PERTH :		
Nos Er	1 617 627 655 656 802 070		
·· 45	1, 617, 627, 655, 656, 892, 970, 1019for 1874 5, 429, 467, 531, 540, 617, 627,	\$16 00	
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COUNTY OF	SOUTH PERTH :	4. (2012)	•
Nos. 90 " 31	8for 1875 13, 346, 384, 466, 492 518, 591, 592, 707, 759, 768, 1176for 1876		
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	NORTH SIMCOE :		
Nos. 94	3for 1871 39, 644, 651, 985, 1119for 1875	\$ 2 00	
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	355, 426, 432, 449, 450, 452, 465, 472, 553, 605, 676, 694, 702, 829, 877, 878, 885, 1053, 1082, 1083, 1196, 1236, 1246,		
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	TORONTO :		
Nos. 30	6,657	\$ 4 00	4
" 1	37, 396	4 00	
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	588, 621, 657, 675, 711, 1402for 1875	28 00	
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COUNTY OF WATERLOO :			
Nos. 23, 363, 430, 544for 1875	\$ 8 00		
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COUNTY OF WELLAND :		16	00
Nos. 894for 1875	\$ 2 00		
¹¹⁰⁵ 264, 519, 750, 894, 1299, 1334, 1348,	+		
1386 for 1876	16 00	199	
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COUNTY OF EAST WELLINGTON :			
Nos: 635for 1872	\$ 2 co		
" 22, 566, 635 for 1873	6 00		
" 22, 124, 635for 1874	6 00		
" 22, 320, 330, 345, 635, 1099for 1875	12 00		
" 427, 1277 for 1876	4 00		
COUNTY OF SOUTH WELLINGTON :		30	00
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Nos. 112, 414, 603, 661, 1331for 1875	\$10 00	10	~
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Nos. 530, 681, 787, 1023for 1874.	\$ 8 00		
" 530, 608, 615, 681, 787, 976for 1875	12 00		
COUNTY OF WENIWORTH :	•	20	00
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Nos. 19 for 1870	\$ 2 00		
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19, 11/9	4 00		
19	2 00		
19	2 00		
19, 11, 312, 554, 11/9	10 00		
" 469, 554for 1876	4 00	28	~
COUNTY OF EAST YORK :	-	40	
Nos. 91, 164, 215, 228, 548, 778for 1876	\$12 00		•
COUNTY OF NORTH YORK :		12	00
Nos. 415, 585, 590, 643, 682, 736, 930for 1876	\$14 00		
COUNTY OF WEST YORK :		14	00
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Nos. 28, 135, 191, 216, 269, 506, 672, 703	\$16 00		
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Brant-1274, \$1\$	00000000000	00
Essex—1106, \$5	5	00
North Grey-176, \$2; 198, \$4; 1203, \$10; 1240, \$3.50; 1248,		
\$2	21	50
Huron-George Ruddell, \$1; N. 766, \$6; S. 493, \$5	12	00
West Middlesex-543, \$3; 517, \$2	5	00
Muskoka-752, \$1	I	00
Norfolk-339, \$4; 287, \$4	8	00
Peel-105, \$5; 157. \$2	7	00
South Perth-384. \$1 ; 518, \$1 ; 313. \$5 ; 346, \$1	8	00
North Simcoe-IIIQ. \$4	4	00
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355, \$1; 60, \$2; 86, \$4	25	00
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North York—736, \$4		00
Leeds-26, \$3; 27, \$3		00
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Balance on hand as per last audit	509	49
Total Receipts\$	2007	82
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JAMES H. BESSEY,

Grand Treasurer of Western Ontario.

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To	balar	ace on hand as per last audit\$	589	49
To	cash,	Bro. Keyes, G. S., per last audit	17	58
**	**	Monument Fund.	172	75
66	**	Grand Lodge dues	1100	00
**	"	Delegate dues	6	00
**	66	19 Warrants at \$6 each, and 4 renewals at		Chilling Street
		\$2 each	122	00
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By	cash to	Bro. Anderson, Grand Lodge Dues \$	275	00
		Bro. Brownlee, G. Director	12	00
61	• ••	Bro. Gourley, Dep. G. Sec.	12	00
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6	6 66	Bros, Brown and Jones, Tylers	9	00
		Bro. Carrey. Protestants Orphans' Home	50	00
	6 66	Bro. J. H. Bessey, G. Treasurer	100	00
		Bro. Thos. Keyes, G. Secretary	200	00
61		Bro. H. Merrick, M.P.P., Incorporation Bill.	60	00
		Printing and Advertising	185	07
		Postage and Express		23
6		Stationary and Engraving		28
		for Seal and - Press		00
61		Grand Lodge for Warrants	61	00
		Expenses at Meeting in Toronto		00
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We have examined the foregoing accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the past year, and find them correct.

J. J. FUNSTON, T. R. BROWNLEE,

Auditors.

Hamilton Feb. 15, 1876.

GRAND LODGE DUES RECEIVED AFTER THE BOOKS WERE AUDITED AT HAMILTON, FOR THE YEAR 1875, WHICH WILL APPEAR IN NEXT REPORT.

COUNTY OF EAST BRUCE :

Nos. 872for 1872 460, 547, 669, 734, 872, 1093for 1875	\$ 2 00 12 00 \$	
COUNTY OF WEST BRUCE :	φ	14 00
Nos. 1122, 1374for 1875 170, 498for 1876	\$ 4 00 4 00	8 00
COUNTY OF ESSEX :	,	8 00
Nos. 1268for 1873 " 1106, 1218for 1876	\$ 2 00 4 00	City int
COUNTY OF NORTH GREY :	1000	6 00
Nos. 1143	2 00	6 00
COUNTY OF HALDIMAND:	La randa -	0.00
No. 960for 1876	\$ 2 00	2 00
COUNTY OF NORTH HURON :		
Nos, 499, 560for 1876	\$ 4 00	4 00
COUNTY OF SOUTH HURON :		4
Nos. 610, 826for 1875 " 145, 182, 219, 493, 662, 710, 813, 826,	\$ 4 00	
890, 924, 1210, 1343for 1876	24 00	28 00
COUNTY OF EAST LAMBTON :	8	20 00
Nos. 505, 516, 536, 626, 746, 819, 830, 911, 998for 1876	\$18 00	18 00
COUNTY OF WEST LAMBTON :		13 00
No. 1372for 1876	\$ 2 00	2 00
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COUNTY OF WEST WELLINGTON :	
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" 1258for 1874	2 00 .
" 587, 645for 1875	4 00
" 587, 996for 1876	4 00
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COUNTY OF WENTWORTH :	
No. 464for 1876	\$ 2 00
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COUNTY OF WEST YORK :	
No. 191 for 1876	\$ 2 00
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JAMES H. BESSEY, Grand Treasurer of Western Ontario.