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FOR 1854,

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UPPER CANADA,

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PRESENT.

Grand Officers.

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JOHN WALKER, 541.....	Mariposa.
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JOHN McMAHON, 216	Weston.
AARON GRAVELLEY, Special Proxy from 349.....	Quebec.
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DAVID CALDWELL, 128.....	Marysburgh.
ROBERT MONTEITH, 160	Sidney.
GERRARD RENNICK, 164	York.
R. G. BLACKHAM, 37	Grenville.
JOHN FARRELL, 250	Chinguacousey.
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WILLIAM DALTON, 386.....	Ancaster.
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WILLIAM BELL, 185	Caledon.
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JAMES A. GLOVER, 181.....	Cornwall.
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JAMES BLACKWELL, 25	Osnabruck.
MATTHEW McCALLUM, 458.....	Osnabruck.
THOMAS THRAFFIE, 247.....	Oxford.
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HUTCHISON R. NASH, 516.....	Warwick.
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ALFRED W. RICH, 5	Toronto.
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ALEX. JACQUES, 269	Louth.
C. HETHERINGTON, 370	Portland.
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ROBERT CORNER, 384	Downie.
THOMAS HORNIBROOK, 326	Kingston.

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County Masters, do	23
District Masters, do.....	25
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Proxies, do.....	53
Visitors, do.....	27
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Total present.....	240

The Right Worshipful the Grand Master rose, and announced to the Brethren, his intention to open the Grand Lodge in the Illustrious Order of Royal Scarlet, and afterwards to reduce it down to the lowest Degree in the Order—that of Orange; his object being, to allow no Brother to be deprived of the honor, or the advantage, of witnessing all their proceedings, and of judging for himself, upon all matters that might come before them.

Brother John Wilson, Co. Master of York, objected to the course which the Grand Master stated it to be his intention to pursue. But, on appeal to the Brethren present, the Grand Master was sustained, with but two dissentients.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in the Royal Scarlet, and the Knights Companions took their seats, according to seniority, each Knight being robed in a scarlet cloak, with the other insignia of the Order.

After some time spent in discussion, the Chapter was adjourned till to-morrow morning ; and the Grand Lodge proceeded to business in the Orange Degree.

Brother John Wilson, Co. Master of York, brought under the notice of the Grand Lodge, certain proceedings which he stated to be irregular. The further consideration of which was postponed till to-morrow ; when the Grand Master rose, and addressed the Brethren to the following effect :—

Worthy Knights Commanders ! Knights Companions ! and Brethren !

Though for some time past suffering under severe indisposition, from the effects of which I am still weak and feeble, I am happy to have another opportunity of meeting you in Grand Lodge, and of offering to you, my felicitations on the happy and prosperous condition of our noble and Loyal Association, on our meeting in this, its Grand Annual Assembly for the current year. Many have been the changes, and important the events which have occurred, since the Orangemen of British North America last assembled in the supreme legislative capacity of the Order. Amongst those events none are more important, none more momentous, than the change from profound peace, which our glorious Empire has so long enjoyed, to the horrors and calamities of a bold and vigorous war. “ Wars ! horrid wars ! ” are ever to be deplored ; but when right and justice call to arms, it is as sacred an act of duty, and as incumbent upon all men to enter upon it, as it is to protect the pocket of the weary traveller from the hand of the stealthy footpad, or the throat of the innocent victim from the knife of the ruthless assassin. If we are not bound to assist the weak against the aggressions of the more powerful, then indeed would all moral duties cease, and, instead of the Christian world being one great neighborhood of love and duty, and truth and right, each man (for States and Kingdoms are but the assemblies of men,) might despoil his neighbor with impunity, and aggression march on in an undisturbed career of aggrandisement and tyranny, until the most crafty, the most cruel, and the most wicked, would rule the world, and Liberty and Religion would be left to pine beneath the hoof of the Despot, or to seek an asylum in the broken accents, the heart of the oppressed might feel, but dared not to utter ! But the world, I trust, is not again destined to behold so great a calamity. The God of our Fathers will still be with His people ; and the sacred breezes of Liberty which wafted the immortal Prince of Orange to the shores of

England—the sacred flame of valor which animated the hearts of his followers at the Boyne—will again and again be called forth, whenever needed, to protect the right, to crush oppression, and to secure to all, that freedom which is the gift of the Creator, and therefore the birthright of all His intelligent Creatures. Orangemen have ever been distinguished for their loyalty to the Sovereign, and their devotion to the Constitution. Now, when professions of loyalty are fashionable; and when mere professions without practice, are not only fashionable, but profitable also; it is no wonder to find many who, when faith and loyalty were needed, shrunk from fidelity to the Sovereign, coming forward to avow their attachment to British connexion, and their love for British freedom. But it is not in the days of smiling and of sunshine, but in those of bitter adversity, that true loyalty is shown. *We* know what it is to be loyal; for, unfortunately, we cannot forget the days when loyalty was held to be a crime, and when persecution and proscription, were the sure rewards of the loyal. I need not then urge upon you, the necessity of loyalty to your Sovereign, and fidelity to the unity and integrity of the Empire in the present crisis, because these duties you have never ceased to perform. In every moment of perplexity and difficulty you have been true to them. In prosperity and in adversity, in sunshine and in storm, you have stood by them; and now, when occasion may again call forth their exercise, I feel confident the Orangemen of British North America, “true as the Dial to the Sun,” will be found worthy of the Sires from whom they have descended; and will prove, should the necessity arise, that what their ancestors effected by their blood and courage, will not be forfeited by the traitorous conduct, the heartless folly, or the timorous policy of those who are proud to be called their children and descendants.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, certain parties who were then *with* us, but not *of* us, finding themselves in a minority, went out from us, and had the daring temerity to organize what they called a Grand Lodge, elect what they called Grand Officers, promulgate an Annual Password, and actually to issue Warrants authorising the opening of new Lodges! This course of conduct was so unorange, so monstrous a violation of decency, and so directly opposed to the solemn oaths they had taken, that they at first pretended to defend it, upon the plea of writing home to the Noble Grand Master of Great Britain; from whom, as many of them then declared, they would shortly receive a Warrant to authorise their proceedings.

Disappointed in this, they had recourse to the disgraceful expedient of stealing what they then declared to be the Grand Warrant—a crime which no man who valued character would be guilty of: and which, had

it been followed up, would probably have sent the perpetrators of it to the Provincial Penitentiary. I have pleasure, however, in being able to inform you that, instead of stealing the Grand Warrant, they merely obtained the possession of a wooden case, with a printed form, and that I am now enabled to place before you the original Grand Warrant, as issued to me, under the Great Seals of the Grand Lodge of Great Britain and Ireland, and bearing the sign Manual of the Royal and Illustrious Grand Master of the Empire—a document which has never, at any time, been out of my possession, except when presented at the meetings of the Grand Lodge at which I was present, and which proves, beyond dispute the authority under which WE act.

[Here the Grand Master took from the envelope in which it was forwarded to him from London, England, the original Grand Warrant; which he placed upon the table of the Grand Lodge, where it was examined by many of the Brethren, and where it remained each day throughout the session.]

The malcontents, disappointed in their hopes of defeating us, and of obtaining authority for themselves, next had recourse to the infamy of fabricating charges against me individually! Thus endeavoring, (to use the language of Mr. Benjamin,) “by aiming a blow at the head of the Institution, to bring the Body itself into contempt and disrepute.”

It is not now necessary that I should enter into any detail respecting the infamous charges alluded to. Had they laid the foundation of them in this country, you could yourselves have refuted them. But, having nothing here, after a residence of a quarter of a century, upon which to breath a charge against me, they are driven to the necessity of going back to circumstances alleged to have occurred when I was yet a lad in the land (which I must confess to you, I still call the dear and loved land,) of my nativity, in order, if possible, to trump up something to my dishonor. But, as good fortune would have it, I am even now, at this place, and at this distant day, enabled to prove to the demonstration of the plainest, as well as the most learned man, in this vast assembly, that every charge advanced, are as far from the truth as Widdin is from Woodstock, or Bagdad from Brantford! In order to do this, I will ask the County Masters here present to come up to me, to examine the leading charges made, and to compare them with the originals, upon which they profess to be founded.

[After this, the Grand Master proceeded as follows:—]

But, admitting for argument's sake, that all their charges were true—admitting that I was the vile and degraded and expelled member, thirty years ago in Ireland, which they have represented me to have been, what is to be thought of the men who, after all this had occurred—who,

knowing it all—having seen it published in the papers—who suffered me to bring the publishers to trial for Libel, at Brockville, at Kingston, and at Toronto—who, after suffering those publishers to be punished, and others of them to apologise, in order to avoid punishment—who, after being present at full and unreserved investigations of them in the Grand Lodge—who, after themselves moving to expel, and voting for the expulsion of the man who promulgated them; now, after the lapse of nearly thirty years, revives them afresh, and promulgates them with renewed vigor and malevolence! Nay, more, what is to be thought of these men, who, knowing all these transactions, elected me year after year, for seventeen successive years, their Grand Master, eulogising my conduct to the skies—lauding me yearly in addresses, resolutions, and speeches, in letters and at dinners, and, finally, on my retiring from the office of Grand Master, proposed the additional compliment of a service of plate, for my lengthened fidelity to the cause, and my successful exertions in promoting it.

To show what were the opinions of these men, I will here read to you the resolutions, passed in the Grand Lodge meeting at Belleville, on my retiring from office in 1846. You will find them on page 14 of the Annual Report for that year. They are as follows:—

“Brother James Cameron submitted the following resolutions to the Grand Lodge, which were adopted by acclamation:—

“*Resolved.* That the Grand Lodge of British North America, desire to convey to the late Right Worshipful Grand Master, Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., some token of their respect for his zealous and valuable services to the cause of Protestantism in British America; and though no longer receiving the advantages of his experience, as the presiding officer of the Institution; yet, the members of the Grand Lodge would assure him that his past services will ever hold a high place in their esteem and consideration.

“*Resolved.* That in order to carry out the expression of feeling in the foregoing resolution, and as a token to be kept by him and his family, in commemoration of this expression of feeling, a Piece of Plate of the value of Fifty Pounds, to be raised by voluntary subscription, be presented to Ogle R. Gowan, Esq.

“*Resolved.* That these resolutions be laid before every Lodge in British America, and that returns, with the amount subscribed, be made to the Grand Treasurer immediately after the September monthly meetings.

“*Resolved.* That Brothers Angus Bethune, John Armstrong, George L. Allen, George Mills Goodeve, and Thomas Chambers, be a Committee to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.”

Such were the sentiments that inspired the minds of the Bethunes, the Goodeves, and the Chambers, on my retiring from office. And to show you how far their Grand Master, Mr. Benjamin, participated in them, I will read you an extract from his letter to me, after the close of the Grand Lodge meeting. It bears the Belleville post mark, of the 15th of June, 1846, and is as follows :—

“BELLEVILLE, *June 11th*, 1846.

“MY DEAR SIR,—

“We closed our Parliament on Wednesday night, and one of labor it was, I assure you. The Society has adopted an entire new code of Laws, to come into operation as soon as they can be printed. A more working meeting I never attended. It is the most pleasing portion of my duty to convey to you in this letter, not officially (that will be done hereafter,) the mark of approbation of the Grand Lodge for your services. It is not in the amount, but in the manner; and they have ordered that a Service of Plate shall be presented to you, as a token of their esteem. I think I need not say that I was fully gratified with this, and I hope that it may please Divine Providence to enable you to enjoy its sight, in the midst of your family, for many years.

“Having passed the code of Rules and Regulations, the Brethren, by their vote, have seen fit to place me in that situation, to see to their being carried out; and fully confident as I am of my determination to do my best; yet I cannot forget, that I am the successor of one, who founded our Institution here upon so solid a foundation, and who for so many years, has laboured so efficiently and successfully to promote it.”

“With respect, truly yours,

“G. BENJAMIN.”

“OGLE R. GOWAN, Esq., M. P.,

“House of Assembly, Montreal.”

And now these very men actually turn about, to try and blacken the character they had so long represented as purity itself, and that, too, for crimes alleged to have been committed long antecedent to all their honors and to all their compliments! “Oh generation of Hypocrites;” well and truly may it be said, that “it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of Judgment than for thee!” Perhaps no stronger reproof can be administered to these vile slanderers, than is contained in the Report of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, adopted at its very last meeting, and which I will have the honor to lay before you. “In considering the force of such objections (say our Irish Brethren,) it becomes important to observe how the Orange Body in America had previously dealt with them. In 1840, the same objections to Brother

“Gowan were brought forward, and yet we find he was re-elected to the office of Grand Master, and continued in it up to 1844, when he resigned. Still it appears the confidence of the Brethren in him was so great, that he was subsequently appointed Grand Master.” The pain and sorrow felt by the Right Honorable and Noble Grand Master of Ireland, and by the Grand Lodge over which he presides, is well expressed in the following extract, which I will read to you, from the same report. “Our hearts and our prayers are with the beloved and unforgotten Brethren of the Colonies. We see the traitorous publications of the Empire daring to prophesy her dismemberment, and the future ascendancy of Popery and Despotism. But our spirits are ever refreshed, when we turn our eyes to the gallant, the intelligent, the devoted, and united Orangemen of the Colonies; many of whom have shared our counsels, knelt with us in the same Lodge Room, and marched at our side in old times, under the flag that never knew defeat or dishonor.” Though slandered and reviled and persecuted here, it is pleasurable to us to know, that we who have had the honor to share in their counsels, and to kneel in the same Lodge Room with them, are unforgotten by those revered and venerable Brothers, and their Noble Grand Master, whose examples of patience and suffering, of faith and fidelity, of love, and faith and honor, we should be proud to imitate.

But it is not alone what is thought, or what may be thought, of the men who have made those vile charges—even if the charges were true—against me; but the question will naturally present itself to every mind, what such charges have to do, whether true or false, with the question at issue? The only question is, who were, or who were not, the legally elected Grand Officers? It is not denied by any party, that the Grand Lodge then meeting at Kingston, was the Supreme Head of the Order in British America. Neither is it denied that the meeting was properly convened; nor that it was the time appointed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers. The supreme right to legislate and to elect Grand Officers being admitted, and the hour and the place being undisputed, what can the alleged bad conduct of any of the parties elected, (even if true,) have to say to the legality of the choice made? Is it not worse than absurd—is it not a palpable design to cheat us out of our very senses, while we are yet in the full possession of them—to rob us of our hearing while our ears are wide open, and of our sight while our eyes are unblemished, thus to bring up such matters, to overturn our acts, and to justify their perjury?

Finding that their nefarious schemes met with no response from the Grand Lodge of Ireland—finding no “crumb of comfort to fall from the table” of our beloved Fathers and Brothers in Great Britain or Ireland;

and finding that our Brethren here—that is, in British North America—were in every quarter getting their eyes opened, and as light spread and truth prevailed, all were deserting their ranks, and flocking to our standards, they have, as a last shift, had recourse to the alternative of forming what they termed a Committee of Reconciliation, to try, if possible, to again gain admission into the Orange fold. But, as if to prove the truth of the old adage, that Providence first blinds those He intends to destroy; so these men had the madness to place upon this so called Committee of Reconciliation, not only as a member thereof, but actually to appoint as its Chairman, Mr. Edward Taylor Dartnell, the man who, above all other men, was the most abominated—a man believed by many to be a Jesuit in disguise—an expelled, degraded outcast from our ranks, and one whom, under no circumstances whatever, would any one of the Grand Officers recognize or hold intercourse with. Perhaps to this circumstance are we, in some measure, indebted for the marked and happy unanimity that has distinguished all our proceedings for the last twelve months; for, had a less objectionable character been used as a medium of communication, some weak-minded Brethren might possibly have been seduced from their allegiance to truth and right—the germ of division might have found its way amongst us; and instead of marching upward and onward, in one grand army of Protestant Britons, as we this day are, we might be found “halting between two opinions,” a divided and disunited party, some wheeling to the “right,” others to the “left;” some, perhaps, “marking time,” or, it may be, come to a dead “halt,” in what is now a “quick march,” to the Great Camp of Protestant Truth and British Freedom. (*Loud Cries of hear, hear.*)

It has been asserted that I resigned my position in the Orange Society, to accept office from the Government. The assertion is not only untrue, but it is directly contrary to the truth. When offered office by His Excellency Sir George Arthur, upon condition of my resigning my post as Grand Master, I declined to do so; and when again and again pressed by his Prime Minister, the Hon. R. B. Sullivan, I again and again refused the tempting offer. And I now assert, that I never either directly or indirectly, resigned, or attempted to resign my office as Grand Master, at the instance of any Government, or for any honour, office, or emolument, in the power of any Government to bestow. Having thus flatly contradicted the rumours circulated to my injury, let me now ask, if the party under whose auspices such rumours have been put into circulation, did not himself pursue the dishonorable course he attributes to me; and whether, in fact, his false allegations against me, have not been got up merely to justify his own tergiversation and abandonment of fidelity to the Order? He has been the Registrar of the County of Hastings, (an

office which my influence was used to procure for him,) let us see how he acted upon that occasion. I will read to you an extract from his letter to me, which I now hold in my hand—

“ 8th August, 1846, }
On board Steamer *Canada*. }

“ MY DEAR SIR :

“ Not knowing whether I may see you or not, I draw up the following memorandum.

“ On the 23rd I was notified of my appointment.

“ On the 30th, Murney received a letter from * * * (*private*) informing him that my appointment was confirmed, and for him to use his influence to induce me to retire from my high post in the Orange Institution.

“ Finding that the Government had thus acted, and finding also that I could not devote as much time to the Society as I should have done, I determined to resign, and did resign, my office of Grand Master on the 3rd inst. But fearing that there might be something wrong, Murney and I went to Montreal, saw the Governor (Lord Cathcart,) explained how matters stood, and my commission at once issued.

“ But it appears that a letter was written to Dougall, in answer to one he had written, in which it was stated, that the appointment could not be confirmed to me, in consequence of my being G. M., which certainly shows a faithlessness somewhere.

“ This, of course, places the government in an extraordinary position.

“ I was Grand Master when I was appointed, and my resignation as such, was because I had been appointed Registrar; and yet there is Dougall's letter.

* * * is an honest man; the honestest of the Council; I will not say what I think of * *. In all probability my appointment will be gazetted to-day; and you can, in copying it into the *Statesman*, say that, after I had been appointed, I resigned the office of G. M. finding my time would be required in the office of Registrar. This is the tenor of my resignation, which I handed to my Council of Advice, which they accepted.

“ And now allow me to return you my sincere thanks, for your exertions in my favor.

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“ Yours truly.

“ G. BENJAMIN.”

“ Ogle R. Gowan, Esq.,

“ Brockville.”

In the *Globe* newspaper of the 20th, and in the *British Canadian* of the 22nd April last, appeared a letter, signed "G. Nichols." In this letter, the writer states that he tendered £25 to a friend of mine in this place, (Mr. H. Peatman,) if I should prove that certain alleged proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, published by him fifteen years ago, were fabrications. This would certainly be a novelty in the way of proof! How I could prove a negative is more than I know. Until now I always supposed the rule and the practice to be, that the party making the charge was bound to the proof of his assertion; but it seems that all the world have hitherto labored under a delusion, and that henceforward, instead of a man being held innocent until proved guilty, a man is to be held guilty of every crime with which he may be charged, until he first establishes his innocence!

Alluding to this man Nichols, and seeing his name flourishing away in the columns of the *Globe*, the *British Canadian*, the *soi distant Orange Lily*, and similar prints, I trust I may be pardoned for a short period, while I lay before you a short sketch of his career. When first known to me, he was a member of a Lodge in Toronto, and was working at his trade, as a tailor, in that city. From certain circumstances which had come to my knowledge, I felt it to be my duty, to warn Alderman Armstrong, the late Grand Treasurer, Mr. Taylor, the then Deputy Grand Secretary, and certain other Brethren of the city, to be cautious of the man. Parliament being shortly after prorogued, I left Toronto, to return to my house at Brockville. While at the latter place, this Nichols published against me, in the Toronto *Patriot* newspaper, then owned and edited by the late Thomas Dalton, Esq., some of the grossest and foulest libels that could well be invented against any man, and those purported to emanate from the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Instead of exercising my authority as Grand Master, and suspending the man till the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, I immediately called a meeting of that body at Toronto, (at which place the slanderer himself then resided,) and then, in the face of the assembled Brotherhood, called upon him, to prove the truth of the charges he had so boldly and so publicly advanced. The meeting was numerously attended, and continued in session two entire days. The first day's deliberations were presided over by Major Elliott, then Representative in Parliament for the County of Durham; and the second by Professor Gwynne, of the University of King's College, Toronto. Nichols was present, and occupied a great part of the time of both days; adduced all the proof and all the accusations he could muster. The result will be told, when I read to you the resolution *unanimously* come to by the Grand Lodge, after the fullest and most searching investigation.

“ Moved by George Benjamin, Esq., District Master of Belleville, seconded by Captain Graham of the Royal Navy, Grand Master of the County of Oxford—Whereas sundry charges of a serious nature have been brought against the character of Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., Grand Master of the Orange Lodge of British North America, by Brother George Nichols of the City of Toronto, and which charges were published by Brother Nichols in several numbers of the *Toronto Patriot* newspaper; and this Lodge having gone into evidence produced by Brother Nichols, and by the said Right Worshipful the Grand Master, have, after mature deliberation,

“ *Unanimously Resolved*, that in no one point has Brother George Nichols sustained the charges preferred against Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., but that the said Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., has, to the entire satisfaction of this Lodge, fully rebutted the said charges, to his entire exculpation, even from all suspicion; and that this Grand Lodge declares that the charges preferred were not even based upon reputable testimony, but have proved to be the mere fabrications of the enemies of the Institution, who, in aiming a blow at the head, have sought to bring it into contempt and disrepute. That the charges having been fully gone into and disposed of, they be, henceforward and forever, set at rest. That Brother George Nichols having failed to establish the charges preferred, and having therefore basely vilified and traduced the character of Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., Grand Master of this Institution, and having, during the investigation of the charges, so conducted himself, as to set at defiance the resolutions, orders, and obligations of the Institution, refusing to acknowledge the head, the said George Nichols be expelled from the Institution, never again to be admitted a member: That, in vindicating the Worshipful the Grand Master, from malignant aspersions, this Lodge consider they are vindicating the character of the Institution: That the charges preferred against the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, having been published in the public journals, it is but an act of common justice, that the verdict of this Lodge upon the investigation, should also be published, and that means be taken to make these resolutions public; and that every Editor in the Province be requested to give them one insertion in his paper.”
(*Carried nem. con.*)

“ Moved by Captain Thornhill, of the Grand Committee, seconded by the Rev. Richard Athill, Grand Chaplain of the County of Peterborough, and

Resolved,—“ That the proceedings in the matter of accusation, preferred by the late Brother, George Nichols, against the Grand Master,

“Ogle R. Gowan, Esquire, be communicated to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. (Carried nem. con.)”

Such were the proceedings unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge, upon Nichols' charges; and amongst the many high and distinguished members of the Order, who took part in the investigation, and who fully concurred in the verdict, were the following:—

Major Elliott, M. P. Gd. M. Co. Durham, Professor Gwynne, Master 210, Toronto. Alderman Armstrong, late Grand Treasurer. Rev. Richard Athill, A. B. Gd. Chaplain Co. of Colborne. Capt. Graham, R. N. Gd. M. Co. of Oxford. H. R. O'Reilly, Esq., Gd. M. Co. of Wentworth. Col. O'Brien, Gd. M. Co. of Simcoe. Captain Steers and Captain Thornhill, both of the Grand Committee. S. F. Robertson, Esq., Barrister at Law, of Woodstock. Judge Gowan of Barrie, Captain Armstrong, Lloydtown. Henry John Jones, Esq., of Chatham. Thomas Galt, Esq., the eminent Lawyer. Mr. Ashfield, the present Grand Secretary of Mr. Benjamin's Grand Lodge. Mr. George Walsh of this town, (whom I see now present.) Mr. John Brown, the Grand Secretary for the County of York. Mr. Duggan, the present Recorder of the City of Toronto. And though last, not least, Mr. George Benjamin himself! Such were some of the men who investigated all Mr. George Nichols' charges—who sat as a Jury Sworn to try—and who pronounced the verdict I have already read to you; and which you will find recorded in full, with all the proceedings in detail, on pages 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, of the Grand Lodge Report for February, 1840, printed by Rogers & Thompson, Church Street, Toronto.

And now what must be thought of such of those men, as after a lapse of nearly 15 years, permit this abandoned and worthless character, to repeat his old slanders, and promulgate the identical old falsehoods and inventions, which they, acting under the most solemn obligations of an oath, declared to be “mere inventions, not even based upon reputable testimony?” If it were possible that a sense of shame could reach the hearts, or that the pale hand of self-degradation, could render cold and palid the cheeks of such men, it might reasonably be anticipated, that they would shrink from the public gaze, never again to be mixed up with any public matter. But they seem lost to all sense of shame; utterly regardless of personal consistency and self-respect—like the “pig wallowing in his mire,” they seem to “glory in their shame,” and to exhibit publicly features of greater boldness, as they sink deeper in the vortex of iniquity and self-degradation!

This Nichols finding his schemes frustrated and exposed by the investigations of the Grand Lodge, went to Brockville some time after, and, to prove the truth of the words of one of our best English authors,

“That if not Victory he would have Revenge.”

went before a Magistrate of that place, and actually swore an affidavit, that I had attempted to assassinate him, while driving in a Buggy-Wagon on the public road ! As it so happened that I was out in a fishing boat on the River St. Lawrence, in company with two other Gentlemen, when this alleged attempt at assasination was said to have occurred, I had no difficulty in having Nichols presented for perjury by the Grand Jury, and having a Bench Warrant issued for his apprehension ; but before it could be served upon him, he absconded to the United States, from which country it appears he returned but a short time previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

To the members of the Order, or indeed to the public, I need scarcely say that he has spent his time, since his arrival in this Province, in travelling up and down, "to and fro," from "Dan to Beersheba," from London to Quebec, in abusing me, in repeating all his slanders : not in proving them of course, (for that he could not do,) but in reiterating them, and calling upon me to refute them. He has, however, lately gone a step further ; he has, as I am informed, sworn an affidavit before a Magistrate, that he initiated my oldest son, the Revd. Nassau Chetwood Gowan, (who is here present,) into the Orange Order, in Lodge No. 1, at Brockville. Now the man might, with as much truth, have sworn that "the moon was made of green cheese !" The truth is, that my Son was not only not made an Orangeman at Brockville, but neither he nor Nichol ever were, at any time, inside an Orange Lodge in that Town. The Lodge Records show no such name as my son Nassau's upon them ; and the only persons who have been Masters, except myself, were, Arthur McClean, James B. Powell, Hiram Fulford and Robert Stewart, all of whom are still living and residing at Brockville, (and Brother Stewart, the present master, is here now present,) and can attest the truth of what I state, as can 50 others, who have been acquainted with the members of the Lodge for the last twenty years—long before he was old enough to be admitted a member.

Since my last arrival here, this man Nichol has been pensioned upon the country by the present Government, at the rate of £20 per annum for life ; but why or for what particular service, it would be difficult to conjecture. What may be his means of living, or how his expenses have been borne, it might be difficult for me to imagine, or for the public to discover. The last I heard of him was at Brockville, about a month or six weeks ago, when he stated he was on his way to Ireland ; at whose expense, or for what object or purpose, time may perhaps disclose. While at Brockville, he had a conversation with the Master of No. 1, Brother Robert Stewart, (whom I am happy to see here to-day,) to whom he stated he had initiated my Son Nassau. The master replied that

could not be, as my oldest Son was not a member of the Institution while at Bröckville. For a time he persisted in asserting the truth of his statement; but finding Brother Stewart firm in maintaining the truth, and that he had the Lodge Records and the members at large to bear testimony against him, he at length admitted he was mistaken, and that it must have been my second Son, Harcourt, instead of my oldest Son, Nassau, that he had initiated. But in this statement, Brother Stewart told him, he was equally wrong, as he, (Brother Stewart,) was present when my second Son was admitted a member, the ceremony of initiation being performed by his Father. Defeated at all points, he withdrew in an angry blustering tone, stating that he could stop no longer, as he was then on his way to Ireland. And so I part with him, hoping no harm may befall him, while on his journey; at least not before he repents of the crimes he has committed.

Certain Newspapers have, since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, been unsparing in their falsehoods, and without number in the multiplicity of the misrepresentations with which they have abounded. The most conspicuous in this unenviable group, have been the *Orange Lily* of Bytown, the *Standard* of Simcoe, the *Spectator* of Hamilton, the *Globe* of Toronto, and the *Courier* published in this town. I need scarcely remind you, that the *Canadian* and the *Courier* are edited by men who have been degraded in, and expelled from, our Institution, and that, therefore, their antipathies and their misrepresentations were not unlooked for. The *Spectator* has ever been the deadly foe of Orangeism. Its editor never was a member, but has steadily and perseveringly opposed the Order. His hostility, then, and his abuse are not to be wondered at, however much they may be deplored. The conductor of the *Globe*, like the Editor of the last named paper, has never been an Orangeman. In the darkest and bitterest hours of our persecution, he was our deadliest foe. When the neck of our Society was protected from the iron heel of despotism by the heroic firmness of that great and good man, the late Lord Metcalfe, (whose memory should be ever revered), the Editor of the *Globe* was our bitterest, darkest, and deadliest foe; would not permit an Orangeman to sit on a jury; nor even the common privilege of a Militia Commission; or the less than ordinary rank—if less can be—of being a Pound Keeper, or an Overseer of the public highways! Against such men Orangemen should be guarded, for from such men they have nothing but hostility to expect, however much that hostility may be cloaked. The Editor of the *Orange Lilly* has been before strongly censured by the Grand Lodge for impropriety of conduct, and the Editor of the Simcoe *Standard* is too well known to most of you, to need any remarks from me. But passing over altogether individual conduct, I may remark as a general principle, that it is generally to be regretted, that

the conductors of newspapers, purporting to be Loyal and Protestant in their predilections and designs, could not find more befitting themes, upon which to employ whatever talents nature may have endowed them with, than the coining of falsehoods, the mistatement of facts, and the slander of those whose lives have been devoted to the cause, and whose past services best attest the depth and sincerity of that devotion, which they have ever professed to entertain. It is no part of the Christian character, nor should it form any part of the duty of a good Orangeman, to "return railing for railing." If we are assailed by calumny, we are not to calumniate in return. Nor can the character of our acts, nor the motives by which they may have been, or may be, directed, be rendered more pure, or good, or holy, by blackening the characters of those unnatural assailants, the shafts of whose malevolence have been so unceasingly directed against us. But while I discourage retaliation, I am of opinion redress can be best obtained; or rather (perhaps I should have said) injury prevented, by avoiding all unnecessary intercourse with our assailants. If you read not, and see not their slang, your minds are not disturbed by their falsehoods, and you avoid the collisions and unpleasantness, which their irritating and unfounded statements, are so well calculated to provoke. My advice, then, upon this head, is, to pass them by quietly; to "come out" from among the corroding errors with which they abound; and to compose your own minds, and the minds of the Brethren within the sphere of your influence, by keeping as strictly as possible to yourselves; and by avoiding them and their publications wherever you can do so with propriety and the duties and amenities inculcated by self-respect. The subject of the slanders of these vile Newspapers is very ably, as well as very affectionately touched upon, in an able and elaborate Report, issued by the special committee of the Grand Lodge, of Ireland, approved by the Noble Grand Master of the United Kingdom, and to which I have already referred.

In all the Colonies, Settlements, and Dependencies of our great Empire on this Continent, and in the Islands attached, with, perhaps, the solitary exception of Nova Scotia, the Society is prospering beyond all former precedent. I regret, however, to have to state, that in the loyal Colony of Nova Scotia, the internal divisions and dissensions, which have reigned there for some years past, have well nigh ruined the Society in that Province. I will have the honor of laying before you a large mass of correspondence in relation to the State of the Institution therein; which, doubtless, will engage your serious consideration. If some deputy or delegate could be sent there—a man of discretion and ability—we might reasonably look forward to the happiest results flowing from his visit. In the meantime, however, I think it but a duty you owe to the good of the cause either to reunite Nova Scotia to the adjoining Pro-

vince of new Brunswick, or to adopt it into the great family of Orangeism, by re-incorporating it into the Supreme Grand Lodge of British America, upon the same equal footing with our Brethren in Lower Canada. Without adopting one or other of those courses, I do not see any good results likely to be effected, by mere temporary expedients.

Prince Edward's Island has been hitherto attached to Nova Scotia, and will of course, share in whatever fate may await the larger Dependency. I have had some correspondence with the Brethren of this Island. They appear to be a fine resolute set of fellows, loyal hearts and true; willing to maintain the right, and determined not to be misled by the artful sophistries and misrepresentations of those who would sow divisions amongst us, if they could. Upon reference to the correspondence itself you will see that the Brethren of Prince Edward desire to be attached to the Grand Lodge of British North America; and, indeed, similar views pervade the greater part of the correspondence from Nova Scotia.

New Brunswick was the pioneer of Orangeism in the Eastern Provinces. As it was the first, so it continues to be the best and strongest hold of the Order, on that part of the Continent. During the administration of my predecessor, some angry correspondence took place, and a disruption of the bonds that connected them with the Grand Lodge of British North America, had all but occurred. I have much pleasure now, in being able to inform you, that our fraternal relations are again restored, and that entire unanimity and harmony dwells in all the borders of the Society in that truly loyal Colony of the Empire.

The re-union of the Eastern portion of Canada, to the Grand Lodge of British North America, which was resolved upon at the last Semi-Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge, has been attended with the happiest results. Through the indefatigable exertions of our zealous and faithful Brother Lindsay, the District Master of Quebec, (whom I am happy this day to see amongst us,) the whole of that District is now, and has been for some time past, in union with the Grand Lodge of British North America; not one Lodge within its entire limits, turning to the right or to the left, in the straightforward path of duty.

The Montreal district is somewhat differently situated. In that City we have many and zealous Brothers, whose devotion to, and sacrifices for, the cause, and whose unwearied exertions to promote it, are far beyond any praise which my feeble tongue could bestow upon them. Brothers Bedwell and Isaacson, have been eminently conspicuous in this good work, and have left nothing undone which honor, zeal, and self-denying energy could effect, to uphold the Order and promote its interests in Montreal. But as that City is the residence of the late Grand Chaplain for Canada East; of the Grand Lecturer, and of some others, who,

no doubt, feel their pride wounded, by being deprived of the honors which attached to their names, under the late *regime*; so have they made the City in which they reside the focus and head quarters of a ceaseless opposition. For many of the persons, whom the force of circumstances have thrown into connection with the persons named, I entertain much respect. Some of them are personal friends, who hold in my estimation a high position; and I therefore regret the more deeply that circumstances have, up to the present time, kept them estranged from us. Light is however spreading—the scales of prejudice are fast falling from their eyes—our Lodges in that City are rapidly prospering—and I think I may fairly congratulate you upon the near arrival of that period, when the whole Orange Body of Montreal, like their Brothers in Quebec and Toronto, will be all of one mind, united in the bonds of Loyalty, Truth and Brotherhood.

To Upper Canada, it is needless I should refer. You are here assembled from almost every County within its limits, and can therefore speak best of the prosperous state of the Institution in this, the Noblest Colony of our Great Empire. I may, however, state to you, that notwithstanding the ceaseless fire kept up for the last twelve months, by a few discontented spirits, who would, if they could, lead the people to believe, that there really was division amongst us, that at no former period of the Order was it in so prosperous a condition. You will find by reference to the records that during the last twelve months no one week has elapsed without a new Warrant being granted, and a New Lodge opened; and in some weeks they ran up to two, three, and even four; and those are wholly irrespective of the dormant Warrants renewed, and the old Lodges revived. In truth, I think I am within the bounds when I say that more Warrants have been issued, and more Orangemen enrolled, within the last twelve months in Upper Canada, than were issued, opened and enrolled, in any three years during the period our affairs were presided over by the late Grand Master. During the last ten months fifty-six new Lodges have been opened, and if we assume, (which I think we may fairly do,) that, at least, an equal number of old ones have been revived, we shall then have one hundred and twelve Lodges formed in ten months; which, if we give forty members to each, will amount to 4,480. Add to these, say ten members for each of the 400 old Lodges, that have continued in good working order during the year; it will amount to four thousand additional; and which added to the number enrolled under the authority of the new Warrants and of the old ones revived, will give a gross aggregate of 8,680 new members, added to the Order within the year. This is an increase beyond all precedent; which the goodness and purity of our cause alone could warrant, and for which we can never feel too grateful to the Great Disposer of events, by whose good-

ness and mercy the hearts of men have been opened to the truth, and thousands, hitherto hostile or indifferent, brought to view our Association with respect and affection. I may add, that four applications for new Warrants, are now before me. I am the more particular on this subject, because I have seen in certain publications suggestions for changes of the most sweeping kind—changes which show that their authors had not only the presumption and the insolence, to imply a total overthrow of the present Grand Officers, and to dictate to you, who you shall choose as their successors, but actually to level the whole Constitution of the Society in the dust—divide Upper Canada into two distinct Provinces, Ontario and Ottawa—distract our Councils by separating them—increase our expenditure—divide our efforts—hamper us by increased machinery—and introduce novelties, to which we have hitherto been, and I trust will ever continue to be, strangers.

The old phrase says, “let well alone.” We are going on most prosperously, and take good care, that no new-fangled notions possess you, that the hand of no ruthless invader shall tear up the old foundations, upon which that prosperity has sprung up; lest the new ones that may succeed them, may not be found equally stable, and equally prolific of good. Orangemen have ever been the enemies of violent, ill-considered revolutions. Shall it be said of us, that we are now a changed Body, and that we commenced the revolutionary doctrines, by revolutionizing our own Order? I trust I may not live to see the day, when it may be so said! Rather let the Institution die an honorable death, than that it should struggle out a few years of miserable existence, stripped of its original features, and guided by the agrarians and revolutionists, who would raise the unhallowed hand of the innovator, to strike down the time-honored Constitution, and to bury with it the whole Body of those Grand Officers, the value of whose services I can appreciate, and whose lives have been spent in uprearing the superstructure, and protecting the Citadel of Orangeism against every foe. “NO SURRENDER” floated over our immortal Sires, in the most trying hours of their perils and their difficulties; and to those who now call upon us to change a course which has brought with it so much prosperity; to tear up our old Constitution; and to dishonor and insult our old Friends; my reply, and I trust yours also, will be found inscribed upon the old banner, “NO SURRENDER!” (*Great Cheering.*)

In the general prosperity, with which Providence has been pleased to bless us during the past year, there have been some features of so pleasing, and, to me, so gratifying a nature, that I cannot leave the subject without more particularly alluding to them. One of these is the erection of Halls, or Houses of Assembly, for the sole use of the Order. Those Halls seem springing up in almost every part of the Province; they

indicate not alone a high state of prosperity; but, what is more, the exercise of intelligence and wisdom, in procuring suitable and permanent places, that will prove alike beneficial and creditable. The erection of these buildings prove very clearly, the necessity that exists for an Act of Incorporation, to enable the Society to hold real property, which, it is to be hoped, the next Parliament will not refuse to grant us. For, surely, when acts of Incorporation are being granted, year after year, to National Societies; to Trading, Manufacturing, and Commercial communities; to Religious, Ecclesiastical, and Charitable Bodies; to Literary, Educational, and to avowedly Romish Associations; in fact, to almost all Societies and Bodies who please to ask for them; it is not to be apprehended that the request will be refused to so Loyal and so Charitable a Body as the Orangemen of Canada. Amongst the new Halls, now in contemplation, or in course of construction, none so much demand attention as the one contemplated in the City of Toronto. This City, which is undoubtedly destined to be the greatest and wealthiest, as it now is, the most truly Loyal and Protestant in the Anglo-American dominions, should possess an Orange Hall of such splendor and magnificence as would be worthy of the Order, and an honor to the great City it is destined to adorn. Every exertion must be made to give strength and importance, and to consolidate the power and influence of the Order upon the most solid foundations, in the City of Toronto, which is the seat of nearly all the Universities, and the other learned and scientific Bodies, in which the youth of the country are trained and educated, and which is a sort of Provincial radius, directly communicating with all parts of the Country, and constantly sending forth the rays of intelligence and of enlightened public opinion, to every County and almost to every Township. I have the honor to be the Chairman of the Select Committee appointed by the Toronto District, for the erection of the Orange Hall in that city. We contemplate raising £2,000 towards the object, within the City of Toronto, and trust to be aided by the liberality of our Brethren from all parts, for the noble object we have in view. The immense correspondence which the growing importance and rapid extension of the Society require, and the necessity of having a General Registry Alphabetically arranged, of the names of all the members of the Order; their places of birth; their age; their occupations or pursuits in life; their residences and addresses, and the Lodges to which they respectively belong; all conduce to render the Hall a desideratum to the Order; and the opening of an Office, with suitable rooms attached, a necessity which cannot be much longer delayed.

Another pleasing feature which I have observed in the onward march of our Order, is the spread of more temperate habits amongst the mem-

bers generally, and the increase in the number of Temperance Lodges. By having a greater regard paid to temperance in the Lodges, larger funds will be at the disposal of the members for benevolent and other useful purposes. And when once a proper fund is attached to each Lodge, we may hope annually to meet a full assembly of all the Masters, at the regular Session of the Grand Lodge. Every part will be then represented, and the Proxies and Delegates for the Lodges, will be the Masters themselves. This will be the proper reform for the evil, if evil it is, which some complain of, and to get rid of which, they would tear up and destroy the ancient landmarks of the Order.

The prejudices which formerly beset the path of Orangeism, and which clogged the energies of the loyal, in their approach to its fold, are fast disappearing; and good and loyal Protestants of all countries, who have fixed upon this portion of the British Empire as their home, however widely they may differ in Church Government, or in Forms of Worship, are now being rapidly enrolled; all coming in and seeking shelter beneath the ample folds of our Society; which has ever proved itself the safest refuge for Loyalty and Protestantism, when either or both have been endangered. As prejudice is being dispelled, and the clouds of ignorance are evaporating, in the same ratio are the rays of light and truth advancing, and correct principles gaining a firm hold on the public mind.

But while our society is advancing at a pace so rapid and so gratifying, it should be the duty of all, and especially of the Gentleman whom you may select as your future Head, to see that the internal management of the Society shall not retrograde; but that internally as well as externally, the progress of the Order be closely watched, defects noted, improvements suggested, and the whole machinery of the Institution kept advancing, in harmony and consonance with the importance it is destined to acquire, and the numbers and respectability added to its ranks.

I have already mentioned to you that, amongst those improvements, I look upon a Hall in Toronto, with suitable apartments, an Office, a general Registry, and a Secretary in constant attendance, as one of the first. Next to this, I am desirous to see a Savings' Bank established in each of the four principal cities of the Province—in Montreal and Quebec below, and in Toronto and Kingston above. By and by, to be extended to London, Hamilton, Bytown, and other places. These, if properly digested and well managed, would prove a blessing to thousands, and at the same time give to the Order the command of means, the importance of which I will not now detain you, by enlarging upon. Upon this subject, (should it meet your approval,) I will be happy to confer with any Select Committee you may appoint for the consideration of the question.

I should also desire to see Music more cultivated by the members of our Order, than it seems to be at present. Each District, (particularly in Cities and Towns,) should have its Band. In itself Music is a delightful accomplishment. And if the members would turn their attention to it a little more than they do at present, they would soon learn to prefer the practice-room to the bar-room, and the note of the clarionet or the bugle to the sound of the street broil or the watchman's rattle. The Band is being constantly required; and large sums are paid yearly to hire the best and most experienced musicians that can be procured. Let me hope that, before our next annual meeting, we may be enabled mutually to felicitate with one another, on there being no longer a necessity for hiring music to charm our ears, or delight our hearts.

I trust, also, that as Orange Halls are being so rapidly erected, Orange Libraries will spring up with them; the one being a good place of deposit for the other. Ignorant people are ever the slaves of passion, the tools of power, and the laughing-stock of the educated. No people can long remain free that are not enlightened; and all our institutions are based on British Freedom. But, above all and beyond all, our common Protestantism took its rise in the emancipation of the mind from ecclesiastical thralldom, and the right of men to the free exercise of that most blessed gift of the Creator—the human understanding. To the right exercise of this glorious principle, it is essential that the mind should be cultivated, our stores of knowledge increased, and fresh supplies of wisdom and instruction constantly taken in. The mind is but the occupant of the body, and as one requires temporal, so does the other require mental food to meet its necessities and supply its wants. A mind stored with useful information, will be a man armed against a foot-pad—a citadel guarded against every approach of the foe. Should this be the last time I shall ever have the privilege of addressing a Body to which I have ever been dearly attached, I shall at least have the satisfaction of impressing upon your minds, what is so constantly present to my own, the importance and necessity of the Orange Body being a reading, an intelligent, and an educated, as well as a religious and a loyal people. (*Hear, hear.*)

In the latter part of the month of April, I received a letter from Mr. John Holland, of the City of Toronto, who at one time was a member of our Order, requesting to know if I would consent to abandon the present meeting of the Grand Lodge, and in lieu of it, to hold one somewhere central betwixt this place and Bytown. My reply was, that the next, (that is the present,) meeting of the Grand Lodge, was appointed to be held at Brantford, and that however others might assume the power to set aside the decisions of the Grand Lodge, or the regulations of the

Order, that I possessed no such power, and would not presume to exercise it. This correspondence you will find amongst the papers I will lay before you.

A general feeling has long prevailed, that the novelties introduced into the Book of Rules and Regulations by my predecessor, were incongruous, and in many instances, even self-contradictory. This led to the appointment, at the last annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, of a select committee, to whom the subject was specially referred, with a view to a complete revision of our whole code; and power was given by resolution to promulgate the laws, when approved of by me. The committee have, I understand, completed their labours; but I have hesitated to approve of them, not because I differed from them, but because I was profoundly impressed with the idea that, in a matter of such vital importance to the Order, not my mere sanction alone, but the general concurrence of the whole Body assembled in its supreme legislative capacity, should be first had to the General Code, before its promulgation. With this view, I have myself prepared such alterations as I have deemed necessary in the Constitution and Laws; while the committee have performed a similar duty. Both drafts will be submitted for your consideration. They can be carefully compared and revised, and when completed, sent forth to the world under the full sanction of the assent and consent of the whole Body, in Grand Lodge assembled. This, under all circumstances, I have deemed the best mode of proceeding. It will prevent all caviling hereafter, and secure to our Constitution and Laws the respect, stability, and weight to which they are entitled.

I have much pleasure in being enabled to announce to you, that our new Warrants are now ready for delivery. The engraver behaved very ill, in the long delay and in the many disappointments to which he subjected us. But now that they are completed, the execution is such as in some measure to compensate for the disappointments. I trust no time will now be lost by the County Masters in collecting in all the old Warrants, Precepts, and Letters of Authority, and in getting the new Warrants issued in their stead.

I fear, *Worthy Knights and Brethren*, that I have already detained you too long; I will therefore close my remarks with an humble prayer to Almighty God, that He will be pleased to be in our midst during the present Session—that wisdom from on high may guide our councils—that all our deliberations may conduce to His honor and glory—to the good of our country—to the honor and welfare of our Sovereign—the happiness and contentment of her People—the security of our Religion, and the credit and exaltation of our Order! May Heaven bless your

respective Families and Firesides, and the peace of the Great Grand Master of the Universe rest upon your labours! Amen! (The Grand Master resumed his seat amidst loud cries of hear, hear, clapping of hands, and other demonstrations of respect.)

The County Master of Brant rose immediately after, and asked leave to present the following address:—

To Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., Grand Master and Sovereign.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—We, the County and District Officers and the Orangemen of Brantford and vicinity, in Council assembled, on this your first visit to Brantford, to hold the twenty-fourth Session of the Grand Lodge of British North America, beg leave to assure you, of our continued confidence, and our entire approval, of the manner in which you have discharged the arduous duties of Grand Master and Sovereign; and rejoiced are we to have at the helm of affairs, one possessed of such determined perseverance, and of such unflinching ability, to stem the torrent of opposition with which you have been surrounded during the past year. We look on you, Sir, as the Founder of our Glorious Institution in this Country,—that Glorious Institution which has spread so rapidly North, South, East and West—and whose influence is felt in every part of the Province. We are glad to say that it is now presided over by its zealous and able transatlantic Founder. On every occasion of need, you were found ready to risk your life in defence of your adopted country;—and we have found you ever ready to stand forth, THE CHAMPION OF THE PROTESTANT RELIGION AND OF THE ORANGE CAUSE. When false friends endeavoured to divide us, and our common enemy rejoiced in the seeming division in the Orange ranks, we believe, Sir, that you have done everything that man could do, consistent with the honour and dignity of the Grand Lodge, to heal the difficulties which unhappily existed. You have, as a reward, the highest honour that can be conferred—the confidence and good wishes, not only of the Brantford Brethren, but also, we believe, of all those who are assembled this day to give you a hearty welcome. May Heaven smile its choicest blessings upon you. And may you be long spared to your Brethren and Companions, who admire your Integrity and Talents, and who are but too happy to follow in the footsteps of one, who has placed before the world, so many examples of Loyalty, Valor and Perseverance!

On behalf of the Orangemen of the County of Brant, in general meeting assembled.

GABRIEL BALFOUR,

County Master.

No copy of this address having been furnished to the Grand Master, nor any intimation made to him of the intention to present it, he was

unable to give to it other than a verbal reply : which he did in terms so appropriate and feeling, as sensibly affected the whole body of the Brethren present.

The Grand Master then laid upon the table, an immense mass of correspondence, exceeding three hundred letters in amount, which it was deemed best, first to refer to the Committee on Correspondence. He also read the following letter of apology from the Grand Secretary, whom (from a telegraph just received,) he hoped to be enabled to see in his place to-morrow :—

Toronto, 19th June, 1854.

OGLE R. GOWAN, Esq.,
Rt. W. G. Master,
L. O. I., B. N. A.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me, through you, to tender my apology for non-attendance at the present meeting of the G. L. B. N. A. Nothing but domestic affliction of a very painful character, would prevent me from enjoying the happiness of again meeting my brethren at their annual session, and taking a part in their proceedings and deliberations. It is the first time in the space of *fourteen* years I have been precluded from attendance at the annual meeting of the G. L. by any circumstance whatever. With an anxious wish that all your proceedings may be characterised by brotherly love and christian charity, and may tend to the glory, honour and prosperity of the Orange Institution,

I am, Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,
Yours, fraternally,

GEORGE L. ALLEN,
Grand Secretary.

Brothers James Boyd Davis and John A. Peel, Esqs., were then appointed Acting Secretaries, during the absence of the Grand Secretary.

A great variety of Reports were next handed in, from several Lodges in various parts of the Province.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

The following Notices of Motions were then given :—

By Brother Richard Dempsey.—To move that a reasonable amount be appropriated for the purchase of a GRAND LODGE BANNER; to be used upon the occasions of the Grand Lodge meetings, or wherever the Grand Officers may officiate.

By Brother Richard Dempsey.—To move that the Orange Obligation be restored to its original form and substance, prior to its mutilation by the late Grand Master in 1851.

By Brother Rodney Moore.—That hereafter no person be appointed Proxy, except for the Lodge of which he may be an actual member—

this rule to extend to District and County, as well as to subordinate Lodges.

By Brother S. B. Campbell.—That hereafter no procession or other demonstration of Orangemen be allowed, unless authorised by the County Master; except in the case of a Funeral of a brother, or the Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne.

By Brother John Wilson.—That the Grand Lodge express its opinion upon the legality or illegality of Bylaw No. 23, of Loyal Orange Lodge No. 328.

By Brother John A. Peel.—That retiring Masters and Secretaries of private Lodges, have the Annual Report required by the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, made out and certified by the Master.

By Brother Henry W. Meredith.—For leave to refer the case of Francis McTierney, expelled from L. O. L. 136 in the year 1851, for further consideration.

MOTIONS.

Moved by Richard Dempsey, Esq., D.G.M., seconded by Henry Peatman, Esq., M. of 360, Brantford, and

Resolved,—That the Annual Address this day delivered by the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, be adopted; and that it be printed with the proceedings of the present Session of the Grand Lodge.

Moved by Brother S. B. Campbell, Esq., M. of 275, Toronto, seconded by George Brock Rousseaux, Esq., D.G.M., Ancaster, and

Resolved,—That a Select Committee on Correspondence be now appointed, to whom all letters, reports, returns, and all other communications received since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, be referred; and that such committee consist of the following members:—John W. Dempsey of Toronto, Gabriel Balfour of Brantford, William Sinclair of Amherstburgh, George Snider of Norfolk, and George W. Whitehead of Oxford.

Moved by William Strachan, Esq., of the Grand Committee, Toronto, seconded by Francis W. Irvine, Esq., County Master of Waterloo, and

Resolved,—That a Select Committee on the Annual Password be now appointed; and that Brothers John Wilson of York, John Wilson of Middlesex, D.M. Gilkinson of Brant, Charles R. Bedwell of Montreal, and William Henderson of Durham, do compose the same.

Moved by Thomas Johnston, Esq., County Master of Grenville, seconded by Joshua Booth, Esq., District Master of Earnestown, County of Lennox and Addington, and

Resolved,—That a Select Committee on Finance be now appointed, to examine into and audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, and to report upon the state of the

Finances of the Institution up to the present date; and that the said Committee consist of Captain Crawford, County Master of York; Dr. Allen, County Master of Stormont; Theo. Kalctsthalter, County Master of Kent and Essex, William Stevenson, County Master of Ontario, and Henry Peatman, M. 360, Brantford.

On motion of George Brock Rousseux, Esq., D.G.M., seconded by Robert Cross, Esq., County Master of Simcoe, it was

Resolved,—That the several Standing Committees just now appointed, be requested to report, if possible, to-morrow, prior to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year

On motion of John A. Peel, Esq., of the Grand Committee, it was

Resolved,—That this meeting do now adjourn, and that it stand adjourned till eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 21st June, 1854.

Immediately on the Right Worshipful resuming the chair, this morning, Charles R. Bedwell, Esq., Deputy Grand Master of Lower Canada, stated, that he had left Montreal provided with the Official Returns from there; but that his valise containing them, having been accidentally mislaid on his way to Upper Canada, the returns of the Lodges were not at present forthcoming, but the omission would, as soon as possible, be rectified. Brother Bedwell then handed in the Grand Lodge Dues for L. O. L. 364, Montreal.

At half-past nine o'clock, the Grand Master adjourned the Grand Lodge to attend Divine Service. Immediately the whole Body, dressed in Scarlet Gowns, and wearing the full Insignia of their Respective Orders were marshalled on the large open Square of the Town, directly in front of the Court House. Eight Brothers dressed in Military Costume, and mounted on Grey Chargers, acted as Marshals—three on each side, one in front and one in rear. Clark's "*City Band*," was brought up from Toronto, specially for the occasion, and played the following airs in front of the Procession. *God Save the Queen—The Boyne Water—Colonel Gowan's March—Hearts of Oak—British Grenadiers—Protestant Boys—*

Rule Britannia—and Auld Lang Syne. On their March from the Court House Square to the Church, the Junior members of the Order took the precedence; the Grand Master and Grand Officers bringing up the rear. On the front of the procession reaching the Church of St. John, the ranks were opened, and the whole Body faced *inwards*. The Grand Master, uncovered, and followed by the Grand Officers, and all the Members according to their Seniority of rank, then passed between the open files, and in that order entered the Church and took the respective seats assigned them—the Church itself being tastefully ornamented with the various banners of the Society. The morning service was read by the Rev. the Rector of the parish, and the sermon—a most impressive and truly Orange one—was preached by the Rev. and Venerable the Grand Chaplain. After Divine Service, the procession was re-organized; the Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Members, taking precedence according to seniority of office, and returned to the Court House; where being assembled, the Grand Master announced, that the time had arrived when, by the Constitution of the Order, they were bound to proceed to the election of Grand Officers. He would therefore vacate the chair, that they might at once proceed to elect a Grand Master. Richard Dempsey Esq., Senior Deputy Grand Master, was then called to the chair.

Brother John Wilson, Co. Master of York, moved, seconded by Brother Henry Meredith, M. of 212: That no member be allowed to vote at the election of Grand Officers, unless he first qualify himself, by taking the necessary obligation for the past year before receiving then Annual. After some discussion, the motion was put and lost.

The Rev. and Venerable the Grand Chaplain then rose, and in a speech distinguished alike by religious feeling, and the pure spirit of Orange love and loyalty, proposed the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, Ogle Robert Gowan, Esq., our late respected and esteemed Grand Master, is the best qualified, and possesses to a greater extent than any other member of the Order, the confidence of the Brethren, and that we therefore re-elect him our Grand Master for the ensuing year. This resolution was seconded by Charles R. Bedwell, Esq., of Montreal, Barrister-at-Law, Deputy Grand Master of Lower Canada, in a speech replete with manly eloquence and high-toned patriotism.

Before the discussion, and with leave from the chair, the following notices were given:—

By Brother Taylor, District Master of Woodstock. That George Washington Whitehead, Esq., be appointed Grand Master.

By Brother Peel, of the Grand Committee. That, in the event of Brother Whitehead not being elected, he will move the re-appointment of Brother Gowan.

By Brother Campbell, M. of 275. That, in the event of the rejection of Brothers Gowan and Whitehead, he will move the appointment of Brother Richard Dempsey, as Grand Master.

Several other "notices" were given; but, as the Brethren (as did also Brother Dempsey,) declined to serve, it is not deemed necessary to lengthen this report by inserting them.

Brother John Wilson, Co. M. of York protested against the right of Brother Thomas Holmes, M. of 551, to vote, on account of the Warrant having been granted to him illegally; thereby setting aside rule 16, on page 12, of the "Constitution and Laws."

The discussion upon the appointment of Grand Master, was then proceeded with, and many speeches, distinguished by the highest order of eloquence, were made upon the occasion. Every member that addressed the chair, paid the most flattering compliments to Brother Gowan. All admitted his superior capacity and superior claims; but some were of opinion that for the present year, and to heal present divisions, it would be politic to elect another head. The discussion, though highly interesting and eloquent, and at times even animated, was characterised throughout, by the finest display of brotherly affection, and the keenest regard for those amenities which govern the discussions of gentlemen and scholars. A division being at length called for, the majority in favor of Brother Gowan's appointment was so apparent, that the minority declined to call for the yeas and nays. The Venerable the Grand Chaplain, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master of Canada East, then proceeded for the Grand Master elect, by whom he was conducted to the side of the Senior Deputy Grand Master presiding, from whom he received the most cordial felicitations, and by whom the oath of office was administered to him. The Grand Master then presented himself in front of the Grand Chair, where he was received by every mark of distinction and enthusiasm by the whole assembly; and where he returned his most grateful thanks to all the Brethren without distinction. He exhorted them to struggle zealously and earnestly to "preserve the spirit of unity in the bond of peace;" to "put away divisions from among them;" and to follow him only so far as he followed truth. After the Grand Master resumed his seat, the following Grand Officers were appointed, in every instance by a unanimous vote:—

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS:

RICHARD DEMPSEY, Esq., Barrister at Law, Toronto.
 GEORGE BROCK ROUSSEAU, Esq., Ancaster.
 CHARLES R. BEDWELL, Esq., Advocate, Montreal.
 SAMUEL H. GILBERT, Esq., M.P., Fredericton, N. B.
 ROBERT McVITTIE, Esq., Halifax, N. S.
 WILLIAM MEICKLE, Esq., Charlottetown, P. E. I.

GRAND TREASURER :

THOMAS ARMSTRONG, Esq., Toronto.

GRAND SECRETARY :

GEORGE L. ALLEN, Esq., Toronto.

GRAND CHAPLAIN :

REV. VINCENT P. MAYERHOFFER, A.B., Perrytowne.

GRAND LECTURER (east of Toronto.)

EDWARD F. WEEKES, Esq., South Elmsley.

GRAND LECTURER (west of Toronto.)

GABRIEL BALFOUR, Esq., Brantford.

GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES :

STEDMAN B. CAMPBELL, Esq., Barrister at Law, Toronto.

DEPUTY GRAND TREASURER :

WILLIAM ALLEN, Esq., M.D., Cornwall.

DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY :

THOMAS ROBINSON, Esq., Kingston.

DEPUTY GRAND CHAPLAINS :

REV. STEPHEN LETT, L.L.D., Toronto.

REV. J. GILBERT ARMSTRONG, Tullamore.

REV. D. EVANS, Kitley.

REV. N. C. GOWAN, Pefferlaw.

REV. JAMES PADFIELD, Brighton

REV. D. F. HUTCHISON, Kingston.

GRAND TYLER :

ALFIO DEGRASSI, Esq., Toronto.

All the above named Officers then present, were Sworn into Office by the Grand Master, and took their seats accordingly.

The Grand Master rose and stated, that the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Annual Password, had informed him, that the Committee were ready to report to him, (the Grand Master,) so soon as he could be spared for that purpose, in order to his sanction being obtained, before the promulgation of the Annual. He would therefore suggest, that if agreeable to all the members, the appointment of the Grand Committee be postponed till to-morrow. This suggestion was unanimously concurred in ; and on motion of Brother Cole, of Quebec, it was *Ordered* That the appointment of the members of the Grand Committee be postponed till to-morrow.

Some time was then spent in consultation between the Grand Master and the members of the Select Committee on the Annual, after which the Right Worshipful, promulgated the same to all the members present, upon the following Obligation :—

“ You consent to receive the Annual Password for the present year, upon your former Obligation as an Orangeman. You will not commu-

“nicate it to any person, who may not be lawfully entitled to receive it, according to the Constitution and Regulations of the Order. Nor will you disclose it to any person or persons, who will not support in all its integrity, the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America, acting under its present Constitution, and the Grand Warrant, under the authority of which the Grand Lodge has hitherto met, and still continues to meet.”

After communicating the Annual to the members, of the Grand Lodge; it was, upon motion of Brother James Boyd Davis, Esq., M. of “the Virgin” Lodge, adjourned to eight o’clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, 22nd June, 1854.

The Grand Lodge met this morning at 8 o’clock, pursuant to adjournment. Brother John A. Peel gave the following notice. That he would on to-morrow move, that the Grand Lodge do appoint a Standing Committee on By-Laws of Private Lodges, whose duty it shall be, to examine all By-Laws before their being adopted by Private Lodges; so as to certify to their not being repugnant to the Rules of the Grand Lodge.

Moved by Samuel Jones, M. 109, seconded by Dr. Allen, C. M. of Stormont—That one member of the Grand Committee, may be selected from each Lodge, for every thirty members in such Lodge, such member having first held the office of Master, Deputy Master, or Committeeman. Which was put and lost.

Moved by William Anderson, M. 175, seconded by Samuel Jones, M. 109—That the Grand Lodge Rule, in reference to the appointment of a Grand Committee, be now repealed, and that hereafter each and every Lodge under the controul of this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, be entitled to name and appoint one member of the Grand Committee, and no more, unless the Lodge making such appointment, shall have recorded on the Secretary’s books, the names of seventy-five conforming members; in which case, such Lodge shall be entitled to the appointment of two such members; and that such members shall conform to and pay the Grand Lodge Dues as heretofore required. Which was put and lost.

Moved by Nathaniel Reid of the G. C., seconded by J. Wilson, Co. M. of York, and *Resolved*—That the proportion of members of the Grand Committee, be limited to one for every ten members of which a Lodge may consist, but that no member of the Grand Committee be permitted to vote as such, except in the Grand Lodge, or within the limits of their respective Counties. Which was carried.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Committeemen, when the following Brethren were appointed :—

ADAMSON, WILLIAM.....	163	HARTLEY, CHARLES.....	114
ALLEN, DANIEL S.....	233	HYMERS, ADAM.....	178
ANDERSON, JAMES.....	233	HUNGER, T. T.	129
ANDERSON, GEO, Fredric- ton, N. B.		HAWKINS, THOMAS.....	129
ALLEY, W. H., Prince Edward.		HUTCHESON, DAVID.....	231
ANDERSON, JAMES, Prince Edward.		IRWIN, SAMPSON.....	275
ALWORTH, A. J.....	527	JONES, ANDREW.....	215
ADAMS, HENRY.....	181	ISAACSON, J. H., Montreal.	
ADAMS, JOHN.....	25	JAMES, J. W.....	551
ARBUTHNOT, ROBERT.	25	JONES, JOHN, M. D	41
ANDERSON, FRANCIS.....	139	IRWIN, JAMES	479
ARMSTRONG, JOSEPH.....	5	IRISH, JONATHAN.....	178
ANDERSON, ALEXANDER... 157		JAMES, JOHN.....	142
		JUBY, JOSEPH.....	342
		IRELAND, ALFRED.....	111
		IRWIN, ROBERT.....	120
BALLARD, RICHARD.....	1	IRWIN, SAMUEL	
BALLANTINE, JOHN.....	10	JONES, SAMUEL.....	109
BERRIMAN, JOHN.....	137	JONES, FRANCIS B.....	109
BELL, WILLIAM.....	142	KERR, JAMES.....	163
BIRD, JOSEPH.....	301	KERR, ALEX.....	163
BROWN, PETER B.....	254	KERR, HENRY	163
BROWN, JAMES.....	4	KIRKLAND, Prince Edward.	
BURNSIDE, ARTHUR.....	163	KELSON, WILLIAM.....	313
BURNS, DAVID.....	137	KOLFAYE, J. G.....	129
BOYD, JAS. Esq., M. P., New Brunswick.		KLOPHEL, W. J.....	501
BROWN, JOHN, St. Johns, New Brunswick.		KNOWLES, T. C.....	535
BROUSE, EDWARD.....	139	KENNEDY, JAMES.....	535
BLAKELEY, JOSEPH, Marlbo- rough.		LUNDY, FRANCIS.....	10
BENNING, WILLIAM, M. D., Quebec.		LOUHEAD, ALLAN.....	10
BEAVIS, JOHN, Clark.		LAKE, JOHN.....	331
BRASHER, SAMUEL.....	342	LEE, JAMES, jun.	
		LYNN, JOHN.....	531
		LOUGHEAD, ROBERT.....	298
		LANGRELL, JOHN.....	254
		LINDSAY, JOHN.....	93

BOOTH, JOSHUA.....	178	LYTLE, J. R.	32
BELL, THOMAS		LITTLE, W. C., Barrie	
BUSH, W. R., Prince Edward.		LANG, JOHN.....	311
BICKELL, W.....	343	LINDSAY, WM.....	307
BRODIE, CHARLES.....	343	LEE, SILAS.....	178
BLAKE, RICHARD.....	504	LYND, WILLIAM.....	554
BEAR, ROBERT, Edwardsburgh.		MACONKEY, THOMAS.....	275
BROOKE, DANIEL.....	360	MACREA, HUGH.....	212
BRIDE, JAMES.....	25	MOORE, JOHN H.....	396
BOSWELL, E.....	1	MACLAIN, SAMUEL.....	301
BABCOCK, ALFD.....	178	MACKNIGHT ROBERT.....	4
BROWN, ALFRED.....	254	MACAULEY, ROBERT.....	375
BOUGHNER, JOHN W.....	254	MACK, WILLIAM.....	404
BARNES, JOHN.....	93	MOORE, RODNEY, Belleville.	
BICKLE, JOSEPH.....	329	M'ELROY, PATRICK, Rich-	
BAIRD, WM. J.....	109	mond.	
BAKER, RICHARD.....	412	M'KAY, R. W., Delhi.	
BURNSIDE, ANDREW.....	139	MONTGOMERY, GABRIEL..	31 ⁶
BEATTY, M. M.....	239	M'MILLAN, JOHN.....	152
BIRNEY, GEO.....	552	MAGEE, ARCHIBALD.....	175
BALFOUR, GABRIEL, Co. Vic-		MAINS, HUGH.....	409
toria		MIDDLETON, ROBERT.....	343
BALFOUR, JAMES, ditto.		MORPHY, EDWARD.....	518
BEATTY, CHARLES.....	404	M'QUADE, ARTHUR.....	114
BRYAN, JAMES.....	275	M'GEE, THOMAS.....	41
BURNS, THOMAS.....	111	M'ANDREW WILLIAM.....	93
CORNOCK, WILLIAM		M'LAIN, ROBERT.....	197
COOKE, ROBERT		M'LAGHLIN, JOSEPH.....	343
CAMPBELL, BURTON.....	301	M'MARTIN, PETER.....	298
CONNOR, WELLINGTON		MORTON, THOS. W., M. D.;	13
COREY, J., Prince Edward.		MORRIS, JOHN.....	13
COURTNEY, JOHN		MORTON, ROBERT.....	412
CAPIES, PETER.....	504	MENEREY JAMES.....	516
CURRY, REV. CHRISTOPHER	537	M'CONNELL, NEVIN.....	157
COOTE, JAMES.....	298	M'RORY, MATHEW.....	348
COURTNEY, JAMES.....	349	M'KECHNIE, JAMES.....	178
CLOUGH, JOHN.....	181	M'CLUE, JAMES.....	111
CLINT, JAMES.....	181	M'KEE, DAVID.....	109
CREIGHTON, WILLIAM.....	229	M'FARLIN, ANDREW.....	173
CRAWFORD, WILLIAM.....	163	MUNDLE, EDWARD.....	34 ²
COWAN, RICHARD.....	245	MELVILLE, THOMAS.....	342
CROTHERS, ROBERT.....	152	MORRISON, MARTIN.....	5
CATHERS, ROBERT.....	78	MOORE, JAMES.....	10
COLTER, JOHN.....	45	MILLER, JOHN.....	139
COLTER, ROBERT.....	140	MERKLEY, HENRY.....	525

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CUDDY, JAMES.....	311	NICHOL, SIMON.....	404
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On motion of Brother John A. Peel, M. G. C., seconded by Brother James Boyd Davis, M. 328, it was

Resolved—That when this Grand Lodge Adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned to the 28th inst., then to meet at the M'Kinlay Hall, Toronto.

Moved by the Rev. N. C. Gowan, D. G. C., seconded by Brother Lindsay, Co. Master Halton, and

Resolved—That the Venerable the Grand Chaplain, be requested to furnish the heads of the excellent and appropriate sermon, preached by him in St. John's Church, upon the present assembling of the Grand Lodge.

The Special Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which, upon motion of the Chairman, was ordered to be printed in the minutes :—

“ The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts for the past year, and find that the sum of £483 17s. 4d. has been received by the Grand Treasurer, and that the sum of £421 3s. 7d. has been expended by him, for Grand Lodge purposes, during the said time ; leaving a balance of £62 13s 9d in the Treasurer's hands.

Your Committee beg leave to report further, that they have examined vouchers, &c., and find all perfectly correct, and much to their satisfaction.

Your Committee cannot, however, close this report, without expressing their regret, that the large sum of £25 has already been expended, (as they suppose injudiciously,) in the payment of a Band for the present occasion, still they would recommend, that the same be dispensed with for the future.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. ALLEN, M. D.,
MICHAEL CRAWFORD,
HENRY PEATMAN,
THO. KALCHTHALLER,
WM. STEPHENSON.”

Committee Room, Brantford,
22nd June, 1854.

The Select Committee on Correspondence, obtained leave to present the following report, which, on motion of the Chairman, was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the minutes :

“ To the Right Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge, now in Annual Session Assembled.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that they examined the numerous Correspondence submitted to them, so far as time would permit ; but owing to the shortness of time, and the vast amount of matter before them, they have not been enabled, even after dividing their labour, and economising their time as much as possible, to bestow upon the subject that attentive consideration, which its importance and variety, would seem to demand.

Your Committee recommend, that an address be prepared and signed by the Grand Officers, to the Right Honorable and Right Worshipful, the Earl of Enniskillen, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland, expressive of the thanks of this Grand Lodge, for the truly fraternal advice given by His Lordship, and our Irish Fathers and Brothers, during the past year.

That the authority granted to the Province of Nova Scotia, with the Island of Prince Edward, to form a Separate or Local Grand Lodge, be cancelled ; and that the said Province and Island, be, for the future, incorporated into, and do form a portion of, the Grand Orange Lodge of British North America ; paying the Dues of its several Lodges into, and receiving its Warrants, and Reports, its Books of Regulations, Instructions and Forms, directly from this Grand Lodge ; the same as if the Lodges within that Province and Island, were meeting within the limits of Canada ; and that all their County, District and Lodge Officers and Members be entitled to the same equal rights, privilege and protection, as County, District, and Lodge Officers and Members are entitled to in this Province.

That the matter in dispute relative to Mr. Staton, of Quebec, be referred back to the District Lodge of Quebec, for further consideration.

Your Committee having fully considered the whole case, in reference to Lodge 551, Toronto, are fully of opinion, that said Warrant is valid, and the Lodge legal.

Your Committee recommend that the application for a Warrant by Brothers Scholes and others, be referred to the County Master of York East.

Your Committee beg to report the Expulsions and Suspensions for the year as follows :—

HUGH MAGEE, 369, Township of Wellesley, Expelled.

ALEXANDER POWELL, No. 2., Quebec, Suspended for 12 months from 14th April, 1854.

JAMES POLLY, 163, Port Credit, Expelled.
 ANDREW ELLIOTT, F. F. HOLDING, and WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, 197,
 Brantford, Expelled.
 ARTHUR PEIRSE, JOSEPH McCAULEY, WILLIAM BOYD, and WILLIAM
 TORRANCE, 197, Brantford, suspended for 12 months.
 GEORGE BENJAMIN, late G. M., Expelled.
 EDWARD TAYLOR DARTNELL, 387, Toronto, Expelled for life.
 ANGUS BETHUNE, 387, Toronto, Suspended.
 WILLIAM SMITH, 435, CAVAN, Suspended.
 JOSEPH GRISDALE, 254, Oxford, Expelled.
 FREDERICK HALL, 111, Oxford, Expelled.
 JOHN HAZLETON, 10, Derry West, Expelled.
 JOHN BLAKEY, 342, Prescott, Suspended for seven years.
 JOSEPH SHERWOOD, 342, Prescott, Suspended.
 A. B. TOWNLEY, 136, Toronto, Suspended.
 RICHARD CARTIER, 475, Suspended for 5 years.
 STEPHEN HOLT, THOMAS DIMSES, DANIEL BETHUNE, J. K. STANLEY,
 JOHN SALMOND, WILLIAM FUMAUX, and WILLIAM HOWARD, Sus-
 pended from "Boyne Lodge," No. 14, Prince Edward's Island.

Amongst the other papers referred to your Committee, is one from
 Brother F. K. Burney, of Port Burwell Lodge, No. 447, stating that the
 dues of that Lodge, paid to Mr. W. T. Sparling, late County Master for
 Elgin, was not acknowledged in the Grand Lodge Report. Upon enquiry,
 your Committee find, that the said dues were kept by the said Mr. Spar-
 ling, and were not paid over to the Grand Treasurer; and, consequently,
 could not be acknowledged by that Officer.

Your Committee find, that the largest portion of the Correspondence
 submitted to them, was answered by the Right Worshipful the Grand
 Master at the time; and the draft notes of the replies, are such as your
 Committee, in every case, most fully approve of.

Your Committee recommend that the following members, formerly ex-
 pelled from L. O. F. 127, Amherstburgh, be restored, such proposed
 restoration meeting with the full approbation of the Lodge:—

A. W. DIXIE,	JAMES BRUSH,
ZELOPHAD BRUSH,	JOHN ROSE,
GEORGE LESSLIE,	ANTHONY PETTIPIECE.

All of which is, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. DEMPSEY, *Chairman*,
 GABRIEL BALFOUR,
 WILLIAM SINCLAIR,
 GEORGE SNIDER,
 GEO. W. WHITEHEAD,

Committee Room, Brantford,
 22nd June, 1854.

Brother Balfour, Grand Lecturer for Upper Canada, West of Toronto, presented the following report, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes :—

To Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., Grand Master, British North America.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER :—On receipt of your communication, bearing date 4th of July, 1853, I lost no time in putting myself in communication with C. Masters, D. Masters, and such other Brethren of standing and influence, as I considered had the interest, honour and prosperity of our Glorious and time honoured Institution warmly at heart. For the purpose of rendering a perfect uniformity in all the Lectures and Mysteries of the various degrees, (afterwards visiting, according to appointment,) and am happy to say that all the Counties, where I have visited, are rapidly progressing in numbers, and men of the highest respectability and influence are daily added to our ranks, particularly in Wentworth, Wellington, Waterloo, Brant, Oxford, Norfolk, Elgin, Middlesex, Huron, Perth and Bruce. Although I have experienced some little difficulty with regard to the unfortunate disruption at the late Annual Meeting of the G. L. at Kingston; however, on impartially explaining and laying the facts before the Brethren, they have, (with the exception of two or three cases, which I shall proceed to explain,) unanimously declared in favour of your Election to the high and important position of G. M., and are pleased to abide by the decision of the majority in the election of all the G. Officers, as being Brethren of known integrity, and standing in the Order; and refuse to be led away by any newfangled doctrines or misrepresentations, inculcated or advised by those who dissented from the G. L., and who have since published statements, I regret to say, diametrically opposed to truth, and to the most solemn obligations by which they were bound to the Brotherhood.

At the C. Meeting of Norfolk, I was treated in the most unbrotherly and unbecoming manner by the C. M., Mr. Abbott, who forgot every rule of etiquette, as well as those of our Institution.

1st—In not allowing any to take part in the meeting who would not declare in favour of the late G. M., Mr. Benjamin, without any explanation.

2nd—In not opening the C. Meeting in proper form, lest the G. Lecturer should be admitted, according to the regulations of the Order, under which C. Meetings are held.

3rd—In publishing Resolutions, said to have been passed at a County Meeting, in favour of the late G. Master, when no such meeting was organized: and further, the names of persons said to move the said resolutions, deny doing so.

I have since, at the request of the District Master of No. 2, attended a large and respectable meeting of the principal Officers of the District and County, held at Fredericksburg, and have been kindly received. On which occasion a resolution was unanimously passed, (after the County Master and G. Lecturer, both had explained,) thanking the G. L. for putting the Brethren in possession of facts, as they transpired at Kingston, and some other affairs of a private nature, regarding the prosperity of the Institution, resolving that nothing could or would induce them to depart from the good old paths of Loyalty and attachment to our Queen, and the Religious and Loyal Institutions of our Country, under the comparatively New Doctrines of Purely Religious Expediency. Mr. Abbott's reasons for not admitting me, in the first place, at the County Meeting, and subsequently attempting to do so at the District Meeting, was, no doubt, the dread of Explanation, with regard to the late meeting at Kingston, &c. Such conduct requires no comment; it speaks volumes for those who seceded, and I am sorry to say they are volumes filled with disgrace.

Also at Vienna, Co. Elgin, the Co. Master exerted himself to the utmost to defend the course taken by the late G. Master and his followers; but finding himself completely foiled, left the meeting with two or three others; when resolutions were passed, unanimously condemning the one-sided statements of the Co. Master, and approving in the main, of the proceedings of the G. Lodge. One of the Lodges under his jurisdiction, No. 207, called a Special Meeting next day, and passed a series of resolutions, in one of which they no longer recognize Mr. Sparling, as Co. Master.

Also in Huron, from the obstinacy of the Co. Master, my meeting with the Brethren was not of that satisfactory nature that I could have wished. However the past Co. Master, the D. Master, and several Brethren of influence and standing in the Order, on my explanations with regard to the difficulty or minor differences, which then and since has been magnified and falsified, seemed quite satisfied, and determined that no new-fangled doctrine, or extention or diminution of the old landmarks of Orangeism, would be tolerated by the Brethren of Huron. In all of the other Counties above named, I am happy to say, the Peace, Harmony, Brotherly Love and Loyalty which is so proverbial, and can only be appreciated by true Orange Brethren, whose attachment to the Queen, their Country and the Protestant Religion remains unalterably fixed, prevails. As Orangemen and British Free Men, they are proud to think that in the Old and Faithful Watchmen, who have long and steadfastly guarded the interests of our beloved Institution, they have Brethren, whom flattery could not deceive, nor the red hot anathemas of the "Orange Pope," combined with the Jesuitical knavery of that Chief

mischief-maker, who controls the *British Canadian*, and who appeals to their country-men of every religious denomination, have not been able to sow the seeds of dissention, (to any great extent,) or cause much division in our hitherto unbroken ranks, and they, almost to a man, seem desirous to act up to the advice given by the late G. Chaplain, Revd. R. C. McGeorge, addressed to them through the columns of the *Hamilton Gazette*, of the 2nd June last, when speaking of the present men in power, he sums up the doings of *clear gritism*, as a realization of all that even romance has pictured, of political turpitude; and calls upon the Brotherhood to ignore all minor differences, and combine as one man, to redeem their adopted country from slavery, a million times more degrading than that of Egypt.

It will be gratifying to you and to the Brotherhood to know, that all the above named Counties, (with about two or three Private Lodge exceptions,) have ignored the differences which was so much magnified through the Press, and unite in asserting their Right as Freemen, to use the privileges granted by our Glorious Institution, at the Hustings, on the Platform, and through the Press, to defend themselves against the encroachments of Popery on the one hand, and Socialism and Infidelity on the other—principles which are unfortunately at the present day so rampant, even in our Legislative Halls, and which is daily encroaching upon our Civil and Religious Liberties, in every portion of the Province, under the fostering care of the truckling expediency of those, who prefer office to honor, or place to following the dictates of an honest conscience.

It therefore must be truly gratifying to know, that Orangemen have merged unimportant differences, and however a portion of the Press may rejoice at the seeming divisions in their ranks, the Noble and True-Hearted Orangemen of British North America, will still continue to present to Canada, and to the World, “an unbroken phalanx, worthy of the great Principles of Protestantism which they profess, the Empire they are bound to defend, and the Immortal Sires from whom they have descended.”

It may be necessary here for me to state, that for want of a Grand Lecturer, or some other authorized medium of communication, there are Districts that have not had an Annual for some years, and, in one instance, I have found a good Lodge, working under an old Warrant from Ireland.

In all cases I have given them such information as they needed, for the better working of the Institution, and in the various Degrees of the Order. In many instances the Lodges are in want of Books, of Rules and Regulations, Rituals, &c., and, in some cases, not aware that they could obtain them from the G. Secretary.

Upon the whole, the aspect of the times, the encroachments of Popery, together with the late attempts of its infatuated dupes to prevent free discussion, and to murder unoffending individuals at Quebec and Montreal, merely because they were Protestants, is causing a very great accession to our ranks of Good Men and True, who find of a truth, that there is no Association so well calculated to preserve to them and to their children, the Blessings of Civil and Religious Liberty, as the Orange Society. I have also furnished each Co. Master or some other Brother who has volunteered to take the trouble, with printed forms, to contain the following information:—No. of Lodge; County, Township; Place of Meeting; Night of Meeting; Total No. of Members Initiated; No. of Members in attendance; When were G. Lodge Dues Last paid; When last Election of Officers; Master's Name and Address; County Master's Name and Address; and if the Degress are given according to Ritual and Lectures of the G. L.; together with G. L. Reports. And as far as I could with Books of Rules and Regulations; and "all such other information as I thought necessary for the better Organization of the System, the Harmony of the Members, the Efficiency of Orangeism, and the Promotion of the Great Principles of Protestant Loyalty and Conservative Truth." If there is one thing more than another, connected with the Orange Institution, which is truly gratifying, it is the fact that not only is the Society rapidly progressing in numbers, but also in respectability, intelligence, and worth in its members. In their ranks in every locality, is to be found, men of the highest respectability, greatest influence, and strictest morality—men whose upright character and conduct, will act with that leavening influence on our Protestant Community which will induce every good Protestant to become an Orangeman, and every Orangeman to act in strict accordance with the Rules of our Society; to fear God, honor the Queen, and maintain the Law. So that a Society "laying its foundation in the field of British Liberty, knowing no Emblem save the Altar and the Throne, may still continue what it ever has been since its formation, a Blessing to Mankind, and an Ark of Safety for the Protestant world to take shelter in, till every thing that is Popish and Anti-Christian be numbered with the things that were.

GABRIEL BALFOUR,

G. Lecturer. U. C., West of Toronto.

Brother Edward F. Weekes, Grand Lecturer for Upper Canada, East of Toronto, presented the following Report, which was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

Report of the D. G. Lecturer, to the Right Worshipful the Grand Master.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER,—In accordance with my instructions, I proceeded early in the winter, on my tour as Grand Lecturer.

I held my first meeting in the Lodge Room of L. O. L., No. 20, in Elizabethtown, Co. of Leeds, Brother Wm. Niblock, the Master of the Lodge, and County Treasurer for Leeds in the Chair. After Lecturing upon the different degrees the meeting, (which was well attended,) was addressed by the Rev. Brother Hutchinson, and by Brothers Niblock, and H. P. Gowan ; and resolutions approving of the course pursued by the Grand Lodge, in appointing persons who were qualified to Lecture properly on the various degrees, visit the different localities, and thereby promoting uniformity in the working of the Order. And also thanking me for my services on the occasion.

Lodge No. 20, is well conducted—the Minutes and Proceedings are kept in accordance with the forms laid down by the Grand Lodge. And the use of liquor strictly prohibited. It numbers 50 members.

My next meeting was in the Lodge-room of No. 1, Brockville. Where after Lecturing upon the different degrees, a vote of thanks was given to me for my services.

Lodge No. 1. is progressing rapidly, both in numbers and respectability. Brother H. P. Gowan merits the highest praise, for the exertions made by him, to resuscitate this Lodge, which, since the Election of Mr. Benjamin to the Office of G. M., had almost ceased to meet. Brother Gowan, to my own knowledge, devoted a large portion of his time to the drafting and printing of forms and By-laws, and in otherwise promoting the progress of the Lodge, and to his exertions in a great degree, may be attributed its present prosperous condition.

I next met the Orangemen of the County Lanark, in the Village of Carleton Place, the County Master, Brother Stephen Enough, occupied the Chair, and Mr. Rosamond, the Deputy County Master and Master of the Village Lodge, occupied the Vice Chair. Some discussion occurred at this meeting, regarding the schism which took place at the last Annual Meeting in Kingston ; when, upon motion of Brother Rosamond, it was unanimously Resolved, “That we have no hesitation in declaring ourselves satisfied of the legal Election of Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., as G. M. of the Orange Institution.” A lecture was then repeated, upon all the Degrees, to those who were entitled to hear them, and a vote of thanks was cordially given to me as D. G. Lecturer.

As a person was chosen County Master for this County, (D. C. McDowell,) at the last Annual County Meeting, who is understood to be working secretly with the Benjamin party, it may not be out of place in me to state, that he was chosen upon the express understanding that he was convinced of Mr. Gowan’s Legal election ; and I have the authority of the District Master of Montague, the largest District in the County, for stating that he was told by Mr. McDowell, before the Election and at the

Meeting, that he was in favor of Mr. Gowan, believing him to be the legally elected G. M. But for duplicity of this kind, he could not have been elected for this County, as the vast majority have declared in favor of the G. L. of B. N. A.

I next attended a meeting in the Village of Merrickville, in the Lodge Room of No. 33, in the County of Grenville, and was warmly received. The Merrickville Lodge numbers over 100 members, all "Good Men and True," and is still rapidly increasing. This Lodge is conducted on temperance principles; *That is*, none of the funds of the Lodge are used in payment for spirituous liquor, nor is any allowed to be used in the Lodge Room. I find that this plan is being adopted in a great many Lodges, and in every case is found to work well. The W. M. of the Lodge, Brother Hanna, is deserving of great credit, for the manner in which he performs his duty. Indeed the mode in which the Lodge is conducted, has completely disarmed Opposition in the neighborhood; and many of those who were formerly looked upon as the opponents of Orangeism, have become converts to its doctrines, and proved their conversion, by joining the Lodge, and are making Good Orangemen, *and, of course, Good Conservatives.* The Orange influence in Merrickville and vicinity, is now predominant.

From Merrickville I proceeded, according to appointment, to Burrett's Rapids, in the Township of Oxford, where I met the Brethren of that section of the County, in the Lodge Room of 247, Brother Thomas Johnston, the present County Master in the Chair—Lectured upon the Degrees—had a very interesting meeting—received a vote of thanks; and next day went on to Oxford Mills, in the same Township, where I attended a meeting of a new Lodge, lately organized there. This Lodge has been got up through the exertions of Brother Archibald Magee, late County Master for Grenville. There is every prospect of this Lodge becoming a large one. Mr. Magee is well acquainted with the working of the Institution, and is an old sterling Brother. Several respectable and influential gentlemen have become members, amongst whom I might mention Richey Waugh, Esq., merchant and mill owner of the place, who will be of great service to the Society. I was received very cordially by Brother Magee and the Brethren, and after Lecturing on the Degrees, I received the unanimous thanks of the meeting for my services as Lecturer.

I next visited L. O. L., No. The Lodge Room was crowded to excess; the evening was spent in giving Instruction in the various Degrees, and in the general mode of conducting the business of the Society. This is a large and prosperous Lodge, and is conducted on temperance principles.

I held my next meeting, according to appointment, in the Village of Matilda, in the County of Dundas, Brother Brouse, the County Master, in the Chair. This Lodge is also conducted upon temperance principles. Through the praiseworthy exertions of the Messrs. Brouse, the Society is spreading rapidly in this Loyal County. The erection of an Orange Hall is contemplated in the Village of Matilda. Two or three new Lodges have been organized in this County during the past year; and everything indicates that the right spirit exists in the men of Dundas.

I was peculiarly gratified while here at the Instalation of Mr. Holden, of Williamsburg. He is a man of the right stamp—active, energetic, and industrious. He joined with the intention, as soon as qualified, of applying for a Warrant, for the establishment of a new Lodge in the front of Williamsburg, amongst the Dutch Conservatives, who are anxious to join the Society; and he is just the man to push it ahead.

I instructed the Brethren assembled in the various Degrees, for which they expressed their gratitude, by adopting a unanimous vote of thanks to me, amidst enthusiastic cheering.

From Matilda I went to Dickinson's Landing, in the County of Stormont, where I was met by the County Master, Brother Allen, and representatives from every Lodge in the County. The Stormont Orangemen are entitled to great credit, for the pains they took in procuring a good room, in which to hold the meeting, and for the tasteful manner in which it was fitted up—the room being adorned with evergreens; and the Warrants and Colors of the various Lodges hung around the walls. At this meeting the most perfect unanimity prevailed; each Brother striving to show his gratitude to the Grand Lodge, for sending round a person to instruct them in the various degrees. A vote of thanks was cordially given me for my services, which was inserted by Brother Little (together with a complimentary notice,) in the *Cornwall Constitutional*. After the meeting closed, the whole company supped together, and parted in the best of feeling—all feeling satisfied that they had spent a profitable evening.

I next attended a meeting in the Village of Elgin, in the rear of the County Leeds. A new Lodge has been started there during the last year; and my services were peculiarly acceptable to the Brethren. This Lodge is strictly temperate, and bids fair to prosper, and do good in the neighborhood. From Elgin I proceeded to the Village of Charleston, and met the Brethren of that neighborhood. Brother Hamilton, the County Master of Leeds in the chair. This Lodge, 331, has a good LIBRARY for the use of the Brethren, which, no doubt, is productive of much good; and I would take this opportunity of recommending the

formation of Libraries in connection with their Lodges, (in the words of my instructions,) "as it is desirable that all our people should be a reading, a thoughtful, and an intelligent people."

Immediately before proceeding westward, I held a meeting in the Lodge Room of No. 183, in the Township of Kitley, at which there were present a portion of the members of *three* Lodges, viz: 183, 289, and 225, although a person named Williscraft, (who has acted as a Mr. Benjamin man since the schism,) used every means in his power to create bad feeling, the utmost unanimity characterised the proceedings; and at the close, a vote of confidence in the present Grand Officers, and of thanks to myself, was adopted unanimously.

My next meeting was held, according to notice previously given, in the City of Kingston, on the 31st of May. The meeting was well attended, five Lodges being represented. A most interesting evening was spent, in lecturing upon the different degrees, and in friendly discussion upon various matters connected with the welfare and prosperity of the Institution. After the close of the meeting, coffee, with all the "fixings," was served up: and the evening passed off in the most agreeable manner. In conversing next day with some of those who may be looked upon as the leaders of the late division, I found that they regretted the course pursued by them, in leaving the Grand Lodge at its last annual meeting, and subsequently declaring themselves the Grand Lodge. They seem to be most anxious for what they term a reconciliation; but strange as it may appear, although they must admit of having acted rashly and imprudently, they demand, as an indispensable condition, not only the sacrifice of the present *head* of the Society, but also that of ALL the other Grand Officers, against whom they do not even pretend to bring any charge. Before concluding this brief sketch of my report of this portion of my tour, I would take this method of tendering my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Brethren from Kingston to Cornwall, for the kind, hospitable, and truly Brotherly manner in which they received and treated me during my stay amongst them.

From Kingston I proceeded to Pleasant Valley, in the County of Prince Edward, to attend the Semi-annual County Meeting. The Brethren here have erected a good stone Building, as an ORANGE HALL, in which building the County Meeting was held. This County has declared, unanimously, in favor of the Grand Lodge of British North America. But it appears there are some "enemies in the camp," as an attempt was made under the cloak of conciliation, to sanction the self-styled "Meeting of County Masters," lately held at Kingston, and the proceedings passed thereat, which, however, was found to be "no go" with the sound hearted Britons of Prince Edward County; and the

resolution was altered, so as merely to sanction the principle contained in the 8th resolution adopted at that celebrated meeting, viz: "that the *same* Grand Officers should be elected at each meeting." I lectured correctly upon the Degrees of the Society, for which the Brethren assembled felt very thankful, as (although residing so near Belleville, which has been "head quarters" for some time,) they were quite deficient in them.

My next visit was to the Village of Stirling, in the Co. of Hastings. I called upon the Master of the Stirling Lodge, Mr. Kelso, who appears to act as a tool of Mr. Benjamin, and to be entirely opposed to any thing like allowing his members to hear both sides of the question; he refused to acknowledge me as Grand Lecturer, and also to give me an opportunity of stating my reasons why I considered myself as such Officer. I had then no other resource than to call upon the Brethren individually, which I did, and found them shamefully ignorant of the proceedings which took place at the late meeting of the Grand Lodge. After hearing the *true* version of the unhappy affair, they agreed to remain as they were until after the Meeting of the Grand Lodge, to be held in Brantford, and then if Kelso would still remain "*contumacious*," they would apply for a new Warrant from the legal source, and establish a Lodge. The clear majority of the Stirling Lodge, which numbers over 120, are of this opinion.

I next proceeded to the Lodge in the Haggarty Settlement, in the Township of Huntingdon, (having mislaid my memorandum book, I am unable to give the numbers of the Lodges,) at which, owing to the state of the roads, I did not arrive until after the Lodge was closed. Mr. Carr, the District Master whom I learned was sent to meet me by Mr. Benjamin, objected to my being received as D. G. L., as it would be tantamount to acknowledging Mr. Gowan as Grand Master. At my request, the sense of the Brethren was taken upon the propriety of opening the Lodge, and allowing me to lecture. There were about forty-five members present, of whom six stood up against the Lodge being opened; the great body of the Lodge thus showing their desire for information. The Minority, headed by Mr. Carr, in true "Benjamin style," then began to leave the room, when I stated, that my object not being *division* but *union*, I would waive my right to being acknowledged as G. L., and would merely, as a member of the Institution, acquaint all with what took place at the Port Hope and Kingston Meetings of the Grand Lodge—impart to them faithfully, what really did occur at those Meetings. After having done so, and answered all questions put to me on the subject, a general belief was expressed, that they had been intentionally kept in the dark upon matters of importance, and they concluded.

to remain in the position in which they were, until after the meeting in Brantford, and be governed by what took place thereat.

The next Lodge I attended was in the Village of Moira, east side of Huntingdon. The same proceedings already described took place here. The vast majority voting in favor of my being received, (*four* only voting against me,) the Minority becoming angry and retiring; and an open discussion ensuing—the decision here was similar, viz: *neutrality* for the present.

I next visited Lodge No. 442, at which, after discussion, Brother Jas. White, Past Master, was duly authorised to attend the Grand Lodge Meeting in Brantford, and vote as he thought proper, and that the Grand Lodge dues should be handed to him, and not paid to the Co. Treasurer originally intended.

From this place I proceeded on to the Village of Madoc, where a very large meeting took place. The District Master and Members from all the Lodges in the District of Madoc and Elziever, were in attendance; as were also Mackenzie Bowell and Read from the Belleville Lodge. Moses, Johns and Parker, from the Stirling Lodge; and Mr. Downing from one of the Lodges in Hungerford: in all, nine Lodges were represented. Bowell, Johns, Read, Parker and Downing, being Mr. Benjamin's right hand men.

Bowell, as County Master, called upon me to prove to the meeting that I was the Deputy Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of British America. That brought up the whole question of the disruption at Kingston, the discussion lasted until three o'clock in the morning, at the conclusion of which Mr. Bowell declined putting the question, as to my being recognized as Grand Lecturer, to the Meeting; although repeatedly urged by me and other Brethren to do so. I then called upon the District Master, Mr. Best, to state what course his District intended to pursue. When he replied, that from what he had heard, he would advise his District to pay no dues to either: and to recognize no head until after the Grand Lodge meeting at Brantford. After the meeting closed, the District Master and several of the members met me in another room, and I instructed them in the different Lectures, for which they felt very grateful.

From Madoc I went to Elziever, and met several Brethren there, when it was agreed that Mr. Best should be sent to Brantford, to represent his Lodge.

My next visit was to the Village of Frankford, also in the County of Hastings, where I met the members of No. 547. I was placed in the Chair, and proceeded to initiate a member. I afterwards instructed the Brethren in the different Lectures, when the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we take this method of expressing our thanks to the Grand Lodge, for the appointment of a person qualified to Lecture on the Degrees of the Society correctly, and thereby securing what has hitherto been much wanted, uniformity in the different orders.

Resolved, That as it is impossible for any of our members to attend the Grand Lodge Meeting at Brantford, that we do give our proxy to Mr. Hamilton, and request him to procure some Brother to act for us.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Meeting be given to Mr. Weeks, the D. G. L., for his very important services to us upon his present visit.

This was the last meeting I attended as D. G. L. And the Brethren will perceive by this important sketch of my tour, that the Orangemen between Kingston and Cornwall, with the exception of the Lodges in Bytown, are acting under the authority of this Grand Lodge. And that West of Kingston, and particularly the County of Hastings, Mr. Benjamin's own County, although *nominally* acting with that gentleman, they are *actually neutral*; the large majority being anxious for information, and prepared to acknowledge and be guided by the proceedings of the Grand Lodge Meeting to be held in Brantford.

I forbear to recapitulate the number of Lodges I have visited—the distance I have travelled—or the amount of duties I have performed. In justice to myself and family, however, I must state, that the remuneration received by me, is totally inadequate to the time I have spent, and the expenses I have incurred.

The office of D. G. L. is a very important one, but to become efficient, it should be made permanent. And a liberal salary allowed, so that the Brother filling it, might be enabled to devote more of his time and attention to the duties thereof, than under the present arrangement he profitably can do.

E. F. WEEKES, D.G.L.

June 10th, 1854.

Moved by Brother James B. Davis, M. 328, seconded by Brother Alex. Rennie jun., M. G. C.—That the next Grand Annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, be held in the City of Toronto, on the third Tuesday in June, 1855.

To this resolution amendments were moved, in favor of the following places, all of which amendments being put to the vote, were lost:

Belleville, proposed by Rodney Moore, M. G. C., seconded by Alex. Hamilton, M. G. C.

Bowmanville, proposed by John A. Peel, M. G. C., seconded by James Davis, M. G. C.

Prescott, proposed by Dr. Allen, Co. M. Stormont, seconded by Major Kendrick, M. 13.

Brockville, proposed by Robert Stewart, M. No. 1, seconded by James Scarlett, M. 140.

Cobourg, proposed by W. Anderson, M., seconded by Rev. N. C. Gowan, D. G. C.

Montreal, proposed by C. R. Bedwell, D. G. M., Canada East, seconded by D. M. Gilkinson, D. M., Brantford.

Port Hope, proposed by Dr. Allen, Co. M., Stormont, seconded by S. B. Campbell, M. 275.

Quebec, proposed by John Lindsay, D. M., Quebec, seconded by B. Cole, Proxy No. 2, Quebec.

Godrich, proposed by S. B. Campbell, M. 275, seconded by John Lynn, M. 558, Port Hope.

London, proposed by Charles Ryan, D. M. Elgin, seconded by Geo. W. Whitehead, Co. M. Oxford.

Hamilton, proposed by William H. Dalton, D. C. M., Wentworth, seconded by John Cummings, P., Hamilton.

Kingston, proposed by Thomas Robinson, M. 316, Kingston, seconded by Joshua Booth, D. M. Ernestown.

Cornwall, proposed by Dr. Allen, Co. M., Stormont, seconded by Samuel Brasher, M., Prescott.

Barrie, proposed by Henry Sloan, D. M. Barrie, seconded by William Lennox, M. 375.

The Original resolution was then put and carried, and it was

Resolved—That the next Grand Annual Meeting and Election of Grand Officers be held in the City of Toronto, on the third Tuesday in June, 1855.

On Motion of Wm. H. Dalton, Co. M. of Wentworth, seconded by Brother Wm. Anderson, M., Rednersville, it was

Resolved—That a vote of Thanks is justly due, and the same is hereby given, to Brother Richard Dempsey, for his impartial and highly honorable conduct, while presiding over the Grand Lodge, during the debate on the Election of the Grand Master.

On motion of S. B. Campbell, M. 275, seconded by J. A. Peel, M. G. C., it was

Resolved—That a Royal Scarlet Dispensation be granted to Brother Henry Sloan, District Master of Barrie.

On motion of Dr. Irons, Co. M. Victoria, seconded by S. B. Campbell, M. 275, it was

Resolved—That the sum of £10, be presented to our Worthy, Reverend

and Venerable Grand Chaplain, in testimony of our appreciation of his services.

On motion of Richard Dempsey, D. G. M., seconded by Captain Crawford, C. M., York, it was

Resolved—That the interpolations in the Orangeman's Obligation, made by the late Grand Master, Mr. Benjamin, be removed, and that the said Obligation be restored to the state in which it stood prior to the said erasures and interpolations.

On motion of G. B. Rousseaux, D. G. M., seconded by James Donaldson, C. M., Wellington, it was

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be respectfully presented to John Smith, Esq., the Sheriff; to his Honor the Warden; and to the Councillors of the County of Brant, for the handsome manner in which they granted the use of the County Court House, for the Meetings of the Grand Lodge, during the several days of the present Session, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Grand Secretary to the Sheriff and to the Warden respectively. (In introducing this resolution, the mover made some highly complimentary remarks upon the conduct of the Authorities, and of all the Inhabitants of Brantford: and concluded his speech, by reading the following letter:)

“COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBER,
“*Brantford, 16th June, 1854.*

“GENTLEMEN,—Your application of this day's date, on behalf of the ‘*Grand Lodge of the Loyal Orange Association of British North America,*’ to be allowed the use of the Court House in this Town, for the purpose of holding its Annual Session, to commence on Tuesday next, the 20th inst., was this day laid before the County Council, and I have the honour to inform you, that the same has been granted in accordance with the request contained in your communication.

“I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

“Your most obedient servant,

“JNO. CAMERON,

“*County Clerk.*

“To D. M. Gilkinson and H. Peatman, Esquires, etc., Brantford.”

On motion of Geo. W. Whitehead, C. M., Oxford, seconded by Edw. Morphy, C. M., Perth, it was

Resolved—That the sincere thanks of the Orangemen of British North America are due, and are hereby respectfully presented, to his Worship the Mayor, (James Kirby, Esq.,) and the Corporation of the Town of Brantford, for the handsome manner in which they placed the Town

Hall at the disposal of the Grand Lodge, during the present Session, and that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to His Worship by the Grand Secretary.

On motion of Major Henderson, C. M., Durham, seconded by David Hamilton, C. M., Leeds, it was

Resolved—That the respectful thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to the Reverend, the Rector, the Church-wardens and the Choir, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Brantford, for the use of the said Church for Divine Service at the present meeting of the Grand Lodge, for the marked kindness of its Minister and Officers, and for the beautiful and efficient services of the Choir, and that the sum of Five pounds be granted from the funds of the Society, to be at the disposal of the Rector and Church-wardens, as a small testimonial of the gratitude felt by the Grand Lodge, for the kindness and attention evinced towards its members, by the Revd. the Rector, the Choir and the People of the said Church.

On motion of Geo. W. Brouse, C. M., Dundas, seconded by Aaron Gravely, Proxy, Quebec, it was

Resolved—That the gratitude of the Grand Lodge is most justly due to Captain Catton, Chairman, and to the members of the Committee of Arrangement at Brantford, for their great and valuable services during the present meeting of the Grand Lodge; for the admirable preparatory arrangements made, and for their unceasing exertions to promote the comfort, honor and respect of the Grand Lodge, and secure the convenience of its members, while attending the present Session.

On motion of D. Mercer Gilkinson, D. M. of Brantford, seconded by James A. Orr, G. C., Brantford, it was

Resolved—That George Keatchie, Gaoler of the County of Brant, be remunerated to the amount of ten shillings, for the trouble he has been put to in cleaning out the Court Room, and for attendance and trouble during the present session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of George W. Whitehead, Co. M. of Oxford, seconded by John Douglas, of Brantford, it was

Resolved—That the Masters of private Lodges, be hereafter required to send in with their Annual Reports, the names of members entitled to sit on the Grand Committee, and that the County Masters forward such names to the Grand Secretary, to be laid before the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Benjamin Cole, Proxy, Quebec, seconded by Thomas Johnston, Co. M. of Grenville, it was

Resolved—That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn, and that it stand adjourned till next Wednesday, the 28th inst.

FOURTH DAY.

TORONTO, 28th June, 1854.

The Grand Lodge met this day, in the "M'Kinlay Hall," at ten o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment. The Right Worshipful the Grand Master in the chair.

Moved by George Brock Rousseaux, Esq., D. G. M., seconded by William Strachan, Esq., M. G. C., and

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge has learned, with deep sorrow and regret, of the affliction which has occurred in the family circle of our most worthy and Worshipful Grand Secretary, George L. Allan, Esq., by the death of his Sister; and that as a special mark of the respect of the Grand Lodge, this meeting do forthwith adjourn, and that a copy of this resolution be communicated to Brother Allan. *Carried nem. con.*

FIFTH DAY.

TORONTO, 29th June, 1854.

The Grand Lodge met this day, at ten o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. The Right Worshipful the Grand Master in the chair.

In the absence of the Grand Secretary, Brother S. B. Campbell, Grand Director of Ceremonies, acted as G. S., *pro tem.*

Some discussion arose, on an application from certain of the Coloured population, for a Warrant, to open a new Lodge; when, on motion of Richard Dempsey, D. G. M., seconded by William Mack, M. 404, it was

Resolved—That the application from the Coloured people, be referred to the next Semi-annual meeting.

On the application of Brother David Hamilton, Co. M. of Leeds, it was

Ordered—That dormant Warrant No. 2, being originally granted to the County of Leeds, the same be renewed to the present County Master, to be held at Charleston, in the Township of Escott.

On motion of John A. Peel, of the G. C., seconded by William Strachan, G. C., it was

Resolved—That in the matter in dispute between L. O. L., 328, and Brother T. H. O'Neill, the Grand Lodge orders, that the Master of the said Lodge, pay Brother O'Neill, the amount awarded him by Brother Meredith, within one month; fifteen shillings of the said sum to be paid by Brother Campbell, and fifteen shillings to be allowed by Brother

O'Neill—(credit being given to Brother Davis for the six dollars, admitted to be received by Brother Campbell.)

On motion of Thos. Armstrong, G. T., seconded by J. W. James, M. G. C., it was

Resolved—That this Grand Lodge feels the most sincere pleasure, in congratulating the Brethren, on the happy unanimity that now prevails in the Order throughout the British Provinces, on this Continent; and that the attempts made by a disappointed faction, within the last twelve months, to sow division, and to keep up strife in the Order, has happily dwindled into insignificance, and only serve to prove the desperate designs, and the unhallowed purposes of the men, by whom the dissensions were fomented.

On motion of T. H. O'Neill, M. G. C., seconded by Henry Sloan, D. M., Barrie, it was

Resolved—That we warn all the Brethren to have no union or communion, as Orangemen, with such men—to pay no attention to their lying reports; but faithfully to persevere in the good old cause—to keep steady in their allegiance to right and order—to “preserve the spirit of unity in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life,” unbroken by their machinations—resting assured that peace and honor, prosperity and success, will crown the efforts of those whose cause is just, who follow truth and adhere to the right, without waiver and without compromise.

On motion of John Wilson, C. M., York, seconded by J. H. Moore, M. G. C., it was

Resolved—That within one month after the Report of the proceedings of this meeting shall be printed and distributed to the several County Masters; they be requested to convene a meeting of their respective Counties, for the purpose of calling in and cancelling all the Warrants, whether active or dormant, now within the limits of such Counties—that they be required, with such Warrants, to transmit a true and faithful statement of the members of all Lodges now acting; the names of the present Masters, and of the Districts in which the Lodges are meeting; in order that new Warrants, of corresponding numbers, may be issued to them, free of all expense—and that two Books of the new Regulations, accompany every such Warrant.

On motion of S. B. Campbell, G. D. C., seconded by Edward B. Smyth, G. C., it was

Resolved—That the letter of our Right Honorable and Right Worshipful Brother, the Earl of Enniskillen, Grand Master of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, addressed to our Right Worshipful Grand Master Ogle R. Gowan, Esq., and the several other communica-

tions in reference to the affairs of the Order on this Continent, emanating from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, or from its Select Committees; are highly pleasing to this Grand Lodge; clearly evince the exalted patriotism by which our Irish Fathers and Brothers are actuated; the deep solicitude they feel in our welfare; and the wise and prudent spirit by which their councils are directed; and that a Select Committee of five members be now appointed, to draft an Address to them in reply to the said Letter and Reports, and that said Committee consist of Brothers James Boyd Davis, John W. Dempsey, and S. B. Campbell.

On motion of David Burns, M. G. C., seconded by J. B. Davis, M. 328, it was

Resolved—That a subscription be now set on foot, for the purpose of assisting in the erection of an Orange Hall in the City of Toronto, and that the Brethren generally throughout the Province, be requested to aid in so noble and patriotic a design.

On motion of William Strachan, G. C., seconded by James Burns, M. No. 4, it was

Resolved—That it is the bounden duty of the members of our Order, in every Constituency of the Province, to withhold their votes from any Candidate for Parliamentary honors, who will not pledge himself, if elected to Parliament, to vote for an Act of Incorporation for the Loyal Orange Institution of British North America, to enable its members to hold real estate, to a limited extent, and upon the same equal footing with other Bodies, for Religious, Charitable and Literary uses, and who will not pledge himself to use all his influence to secure the passage of such a Law; and that the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, the Senior Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary, (with power to add to their numbers,) be a Special Committee, to watch over the approaching General Election, and to take such steps in reference thereto, as to them may appear desirable.

On motion of Richard Dempsey, D. G. M., seconded by Thomas Armstrong, G. T., it was

Resolved—That to prevent misconception, and to correct erroneous reports, this Grand Lodge feels it to be its duty to state, that Geo. Nichols, Edward Taylor Dartnell, and George Benjamin, have been expelled from this Order; that they have not been restored; nor would the Grand Lodge under any circumstances, consent to their restoration; considering them unfit and unworthy persons, to be ever again members within the fold of Orangeism.

On motion of Alexander Rennie, Jr., M. G. C., seconded by Gerrard Rennick, M. G. C., it was

Resolved—That a committee of seven members be now appointed, to communicate with the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, upon the subject of Savings Banks, and if deemed necessary, to adopt a plan for their establishment, and that Brothers, the Rev. Dr. Lett, W. Strachan, T. H. Metcalf, J. H. Dempsey, R. C. McMullen, N. Hopkins, and A. W. Rich, do compose the said committee.

The Grand Master then addressed the Meeting in very feeling terms. He pointed out the vast increase in the business of the Institution, and the arduous nature of the duties, to which they had devoted their attention, for five entire days, and, he might add, almost nights also. He had no doubt, he said, that enemies would be busy amongst them, to stir up the seeds of strife and discord—it was ever so, in every good cause. The twelve Apostles of our blessed Redeemer, had amongst them, a Judas to betray his Master, and a Peter to deny the Truth. Be not then surprised (continued the G. M.) however prosperous may be our present condition, and however harmonious our present session, if we, too, should find a Peter, or perchance a Judas! Amidst all trials and difficulties, let us, however, cling to Truth and Right, and let us never “be found weary in well doing.” Let all our actions be guided by the same spirit of fortitude and perseverance, which guided our immortal ancestors through perils seen and unseen; let us, following their illustrious examples, cling to our Faith and our Firesides, ever remembering that we contend for our Faith, and not for Faction, and that the maintenance of Principle instead of Party, is the great aim of our Loyal Association. The Grand Master then thanked the Brethren for their attendance at the present meeting, which he declared to be beyond all former precedent, the largest and most influential ever held in British America. And having expressed his acknowledgments for the personal respect shown to himself, and the marked kindness and consideration received at the hands of the Brethren, he declared his determination to close the Grand Lodge, in the Illustrious Degree of Royal Scarlet.

The Lord’s Prayer being then repeated by the Reverend and Venerable the Grand Chaplain, the Knight’s Companions gave the Fraternal Embrace, and the Grand Lodge closed its Great Annual Session for 1854.

By order of the R. W., the Grand Master, and Sovereign.

S. B. CAMPBELL,
*Grand Director of Ceremonies,
 Acting G. S. pro tem.*

APPENDIX.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR.	THOMAS ARMSTRONG, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND LODGE.	£	s.	d.
1853.				
June 22,	To balance in Grand Treasurer's hands,.....	272	13	7
Sept. 6,	To Grand Lodge dues from No. 7, for 1854,.....	0	10	0
Sep. 27,	To G. L. dues from Bennet Rosamond, M.G.C.,.....	0	5	0
1854.				
Jan. 20,	To " No. 22, for 1850, 10s.; and Nos, 345 and 112 for 1851,.....	1	10	0
25,	To " No. 28, Brother Richard Dempsey,.....	0	10	0
Feb. 15,	To " Nos. 139, 525, 524, 239, 333, from G.W. Brouse,	2	10	0
1853.				
Aug. 25,	To " Nos. 32, 98, Victoria,.....	1	0	0
11,	To " Nos. 23, 396, Wellesley,.....	1	0	0
Sep. 16,	To " Nos. 377, 414, 124, 2 years, Wellington,.....	2	0	0
1854.				
Mar. 9,	To " Nos. 260, 184, 76, 63, 148, 61, 293,.....	3	10	0
16,	To " Nos. 192, 394, 10s.; and 246, 40s.....	3	0	0
Apr. 25,	To " Nos. 5, 10, 62, 211, 142, 250, 105, 157, 81, 84, 163, 249, 185, No. 1 dues 163, paid in Kingston,	6	0	0
26,	To " Nos. 112, 377, 414, 330, 22, 365, 124, Welling- ton,.....	3	10	0
30,	To " Nos. 1, 2, 25, 26, 45, Quebec,.....	2	10	0
May 5-10,	" Nos. 178, 149, 82, 363, 2 years, 20s.,.....	2	10	0
	G. C. F. W. Irwin, 5s., A. Burnside, 5s.....	0	10	0
	William Adamson,.....	0	5	0
	To amount received for new Warrants, Nos. 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 514, 515, 316, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541; 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556,.....	57	0	0
June 19,	To G. L. dues from Co. Leeds, No. 1, 183, 8, 27, 20s. 220, } 87, 14, 20, 331, 42, 225, 326,..... } Nos. 109, 197, 174, 329, 396,.....	6	10	0
	Robt. Wm. McKay, Esq., G. C.,.....	2	10	0
	Nos. 501, 93, 164,.....	0	5	0
	Nos. 333, 68, 166, 158, 165, 245, 272, Co. Halton,....	1	10	0
	Nos. 127, 552, 375, 111, 254,.....	3	10	0
	Nos. 307, 32, 113, 114, 41, 478, 120,.....	3	10	0
	M. G. C., Charles Ryan, 5s., John McMillan, 5s.....	0	10	0

	Dr.
June 19, To G. L. dues from Co. of Middlesex, Nos. 303, 156, 230, 310, 412,.....	2 10 0
Nos. 188, 248, 173, 298, 152,.....	2 10 0
Nos. 339, 370, 433, 404,.....	2 0 0
County of Perth, 384, 466, 518,	1 10 0
Nos. 429, 430, 78, Perth,.....	1 10 0
Arthur Dillon, M. G. C.,.....	0 5 0
Stormont, 25, 181, 458,.....	1 10 0
Nos. 270, 10s., 531, 386, 393, 140, 360, 527, 257, 275, 301, Henry Hamilton, 5s, John Balentine, 5s.,.....	5 0 0
G. L. dues from 33, 72, 106, 143, 187, 235, 334, 337, 342, 347, 406, 504,.....	0 10 0
Nos. 265, 311, 403 405, 409, 422, 264,.....	6 0 0
Francis Lundy, M. G. C.,.....	3 10 0
G. L. dues Nos. 316, 328, 142, 10, 204, 521, 270, 396,...	0 5 0
“ 427, 4, 175, 507, 136, 269, 90,.....	4 0 0
To amount received from Bro. T. Robinson,.....	3 10 0
133, Ira Skinner, 3, 360, M. G. C.....	5 0 0
	0 5 0
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	£421 3 7
	363 15 11
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Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	£57 7 8

June 23rd, 1854.

(Signed,)

WM. C. ALLEN, C. M., Stormont,
MICHAEL CRAWFORD, C.M., Peel,
THEO. KALCTHALLER, C.M., Essex.
WM. STEVENSON, C.M., Ontario.
HENRY PEATMAN,

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS SINCE LAST AUDIT, AT MEETING OF G. L. IN KINGSTON.		Cr.
		£ s. d.
1853.		
June 23.	By am't paid Band for playing to Church.....	3 0 0
	By am't paid Rev. V. P. Mayerhoffer, as Chaplain.....	10 0 0
	By am't paid A. DeGrass's services as Tyler.....	5 0 0
	By am't paid R. Dempsey, D. G. M., balance of account....	2 15 0
	By am't paid J. Rowland, for printing, in Kingston.....	1 2 6
	By am't paid Thompson & Co., advertising G. L. Meeting,.	1 0 0
	By am't paid Rev. Mr. Gregg, for choir, St. Paul's.....	5 0 0
July 4.	By am't paid Bro. Balfour, Grand Lecturer.....	20 0 0
“ 25.	By am't paid Thos. Wheeler, for Grand L. Seal	3 0 0

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"	16.	By am't paid L. O'Brien, for drafting New Warrant.....	3 0 0
		By am't paid Jas. Cleland, for printing Reports.....	18 0 0
Aug.	22.	By am't paid O. R. Gowan, G. M., for going to Port Hope, Kingston, Perth, and Quebec,.....	15 0 0
Sept.	6.	By am't paid for room in Montreal	1 0 0
		By am't paid charges for freight of Warrant	0 3 3
		By am't paid for use of room at Perth.....	1 10 0
		By am't paid for refreshments, stationary, &c.....	0 15 0
"	16.	By am't paid Grand Master's expenses to Cavan, Cornwall, Matilda and Montreal,.....	10 0 0
"	21.	By am't paid Grand Lecturer, Bro. Balfour	10 0 0
"	19.	By am't paid L. O'Brien, per order G. M.	1 0 0
Nov.	3.	By am't paid to Grand Master for Bro. Weeks, D. G. L.....	10 0 0
"	7.	By am't paid R. Moore, advertising Meeting in Perth	1 5 0
		By am't paid Thos. Bell, for Alex. McFall, at Perth.....	2 10 0
"	8.	By am't paid A. B. Towleley, for printing.....	13 0 0
June	14.	By am't paid R. Middleton, advertising in Quebec Gazette,.	2 3 0
Oct.		By am't paid Kingston Whig.....	1 5 7
		By am't paid Thos. Robinson, D. G. Sec'y.....	5 0 0
	1854.		
Mar.	25.	By am't paid A. B. Townley, for printing	4 0 0
"	30.	By am't paid Bro. E. F. Weeks, as D. G. Sec.....	5 0 0
		By am't of donation to Orangeville Lodge	2 10 0
		By am't paid J. Cleland, printing Semi-Annual Reports.....	43 16 3
May	18.	By am't paid T. Donnelly, advertising meeting in Picton Gazette,	1 5 0
		By am't paid Port Hope Echo, advertising.....	2 0 0
		By am't paid Perth Standard, advertising.....	1 7 6
"	20.	By am't paid Western Planet, advertising	1 10 0
		By am't paid Moore, Picton Gazette, advertising, 1854,.....	1 5 0
June	10.	By am't paid St. Catharines Constitutional,.....	1 5 0
		By am't paid for Tickets and Refreshments and Band in Hamilton,.....	4 6 3
		By am't paid Edward F. Weeks, Grand Lec.....	5 0 0
		By am't paid G. L. Allen's account, as G. Secy,.....	29 4 0
		By am't paid Thompson & Co's account,.....	1 2 1
		By am't paid Ellis for plate for Warrant, &c.,.....	76 15 6
		By am't paid Band to Brantford,.....	25 0 0
		By am't paid Expositor office for printing,.....	5 5 0
		By am't paid Patriot office for printing,.....	4 10 0
		By am't paid Canadian for advertising,.....	2 5 0

£363 15 11

Dr.		<i>Amount Received since Meeting of G. O. L.</i>		£	s.	d.
1854.						
July	To amount from George Walsh, M. G. C.....			0	5	0
	Thos. McConkey, M.G.C.,.....			0	5	0
	R. C. McMullen, M. G. C.....			0	5	0
	G. L. dues from 58,.....			0	10	0
	M. G. C., James Davis, James Cross, John James,.....			0	15	0
	G. L. dues No. 130, 167, 223, 137, 335, 10s. each,			2	10	0
	Joseph Wright, M. G. C.,.....			0	5	0
	John Ballantyne, 5s., Wm. Crawford, 5s., Alex. Kerr, 5s.			0	15	0
	Francis Lundy, 5s., Sampson Irwin, 5s., John Kelly, 5s.			0	15	0
	William Lennox, 5s., James Wallace 5s., John Wilson, 404, 5s.,.....			0	15	0
Aug. 15,	Jno. Fullarton, 5s., No. 13, 10s.,.....			0	15	0
	No. 523, 10s. 394, 10s., 402, 10s., 231, 10s.,.....			2	0	0
	Arthur Dillon, M. G. C., 5s., Wm. Lindsay, 5s.,.....			0	10	0
				£10	5	0

		<i>Amount Paid since Meeting of G. O. L.</i>		£	s.	d.
1854.						
	By amn't paid Aaron L. Gravely,.....			0	5	0
	By amn't paid for use of Court House, at Brantford,.....			1	15	0
July 7,	By amn't paid V.P. Mayerhoffer, as per vote Grand Lodge,...			10	0	0
	By amn't paid Colonist office for advertising, in Brantford,...			3	0	0
				£15	0	0

