

are brothers, bound to each other with a fraternal tie, and that the obligations they have taken are not mere words, they have a definite meaning, and are intended to be kept by all who have any regard for their plighted faith or any respect for the word they have so sacredly pledged.

The Grand Master stated that he had granted dispensations for the healing of twenty-eight persons who had become connected with clandestine lodges, and then gave in detail the questions that he required answered before such dispensations were issued.

M. W. Bro. Robertson concluded his address as follows:—"After more than twenty years of official connection with the Grand Lodge of Canada, the time is now at hand for me to transfer to my successor the duties and obligations of this most important position. I cannot look back over this lengthened period without the deepest feelings of gratitude towards my brethren for their invariable kindness and partiality; words fail me to express my appreciation of the repeated manifestations of your confidence and regard, crowned as they have been with the highest honor in your power to bestow. I have endeavored to preserve, unsullied, the honor and dignity of the Grand Lodge, and my administration of the trust reposed in me, is now in your hands for judgment. Relieved of the cares and responsibilities of office, I will be glad to be again in the ranks, and to continue to work for the interests of our beloved Order. To the last hour of my life, I will remember with pleasure and pride my association with the Grand Lodge of Canada. Brethren, I ask you to remember me as a lover of the fraternity, and as one who tried to do his duty."

From the financial statement submitted the following figures are gleaned:

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Cash in Bank 31st May, 1887.....	\$ 8,221 77
Certificates	2,284 00
Dues	10,077 50
Fees	1,438 00
Dispensations	196 00
Warrants	50 00
Constitutions	603 00
Commutations	190 00
Interest on General Fund	2,657 05
Interest on Asylum Fund.....	349 50
Sundries.....	828 50

\$26,895 32

Among the items of expenditure were the following:

Grand Secretary's Salary..... \$ 1,600 00

Assistant Secretary's Salary.....	800 00
Grand Treasurer's Salary, 9 mos....	155 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's Office...	175 00
Allowance to Grand Master.....	500 00
Engrossing address to M. W. Bro. Murray.....	47 50
Expenses Board of Gen'l Purposes	781 50
Expenses at Meeting of G. Lodge..	86 00
Affiliation Fee Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada	194 50
Engrossing Address to the Queen..	56 55
Benevolence	10,665 00

The Funds of the Grand Lodge on 31st May, 1888, were as follows:

London Loan Co., debentures.....	\$10,000 00
Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., debentures.....	10,000 00
Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co., debentures.....	10,000 00
Landed Banking and Loan Co., debentures.....	10,000 00
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., debentures.....	10,000 00
Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Co., debentures.....	10,000 00
Cash in Bank of Commerce.....	9,243 43
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Which represents the balance at the credit of the following accounts:

General Fund.....	\$19,731 14
Asylum Fund.....	11,424 25
Benevolent Invest Account.....	35,784 53
Benevolent Fund—Current Acct..	2,303 51

\$69,243 43

Among the recommendations by the Board of General Purposes was one authorising the purchase of a proper jewel for R. W. Bro. Walker, representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near the Grand Lodge of New York, such jewels being necessary, owing to a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of New York.

The motion introduced by R. W. Bro. Burritt, "That the Perth and Smith's Falls Lodges be restored to the Ottawa District No. 16, and that the said District be relieved by the withdrawal therefrom of Hawkesbury and Plantagenet Lodges," was lost.

R. W. Bro. Judge Macpherson's motion, striking out clause 266 of the constitution, was slightly amended.

The motion brought forward by W. Bro. C. C. Robinson, "That hereafter all business, excepting that of balloting for candidates, initiating and passing, be transacted in the third degree, was lost by a most decided majority. This motion caused an interesting discussion.

Grand Lodge was then called off until the following day.

The first business proceeded with on