

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada was opened at the Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, Hamilton, on Wednesday, the 19th July. About 325 delegates were present, representing 220 Lodges. In the temporary absence of M. W. Bro. Jas. Seymour, G. M., Grand Lodge was opened in due form by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., assisted by the following Grand officers :

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| R. W. Bro. R. Tully, | as D. G. M. |
| " " " A. McLean, | G. S. W. |
| " " " R. P. Stephens, | G. J. W. |
| " " " Rev. V. Clementi, | as G. Chaplain. |
| " " " Wm. McCabe, | as G. Treasurer. |
| " " " J. B. Bickel, | G. Registrar. |
| " " " Thos. B. Harris, | G. Secretary. |
| " " " D. McLellan, | as G. S. D. |
| V. " " H. G. Summers, | G. J. D. |
| " " " C. Bennett, | G. S. of W. |
| " " " Jas. Gibson, | G. D. of C. |
| " " " J. J. Mason, | Asst. G. S. |
| " " " C Sharpe, | as Asst. G. D. of C. |
| " " " W. Nivin, | as G. Organist. |
| " " " W. W. Summers, | G. Tyler. |

The usual motion accepting the minutes as read and confirmed having been passed, and the Rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge read, the several Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were read and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The following reports were then submitted by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes.

FINANCE AND AUDIT—ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes has the honor to report for the information of Grand Lodge that the annual meeting was held in the city of Toronto on the 6th day of Feb. last. The Books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, together with the accounts, statements, and vouchers, for the financial year ending 31st December, 1871, were submitted and carefully examined, and the Board has pleasure in stating that they were found to be in every respect correct. The following is a statement of the finances of Grand Lodge at that date.

The Receipts for the past year amount to \$10,346.64, derived from the following sources :

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| Certificates | \$2634 00 |
| Dues | 4747 13 |
| Fees | 1802 50 |
| Dispensations | 524 00 |
| Warrants | 240 00 |
| Constitutions | 390 35 |
| Proceedings | 8 16 |

Total \$10,346 64

The position of Grand Lodge funds at the close of the year, as shown by the Grand Treasurer's statement, was as follows :

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| General Fund, | \$26034 96 |
| Asylum, Trust Fund | 5680 31 |
| Benevolent Fund Investment | 11434 15 |
| " " current | 1306 14 |

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