

the facts appear to be as stated, the conferring of the Degree was confirmed by the Grand Master, and the Worshipful Master was admonished to be more careful in future

## FINANCIAL.

9.—The finances of the Grand Lodge have been administered with due regard to economy, during the year, and, as will be seen by the report of the Sub-Committee of Audit, are in a healthy state :—

St. John, N. B. September 14th, 1872.

*To the President of the Board of General Purposes :*

The Sub-Committee of your Board appointed to audit the Accounts and examine the Books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the Masonic year 1871-72.

*Report.*—That they have given the work entrusted to them the most careful attention, and find the Accounts correct, and the Books neatly and systematically kept.

The Receipts during 1871-72 were \$1,273.63, and the balance on hand from last year \$724.33, making a total of \$2,003.22.

The payments during the year were \$1,333.86, leaving on deposit in the Bank \$669.36

The Receipts of the Grand Secretary's Office, correspond with the payments to the Grand Treasurer, as appears by the Books and vouchers.

The expenses of 1870-71 were \$1,506.78, and of 1871-72 \$1,393.86. Included in the former is a re-payment of \$327, being amount of loan and interest from Albion Lodge, and a donation of \$100, each to Carleton Union and Northumberland Lodges; embraced in the latter is an advance to the Masonic Hall Company of \$500, and a donation of \$100 to St. Andrew's Lodge, Richibucto. The ordinary expenses of 1870-71 would therefore be \$679.78, and of 1871-72 \$793.86, being an increase of \$114.08 in the latter year, but in this increase is included \$146.53 paid for New Grand Lodge Regalia, very much needed, which might fairly be regarded as an exceptional rather than an ordinary expenditure. With this deducted, there would still be a small difference against 1871-72 in the comparative ordinary expenditures of both years.

The ordinary Receipts of 1871-72 exceeded those of the previous year by \$86.73.

The Committee note with satisfaction the promptitude manifested by Subordinate Lodges in paying Grand Lodge dues.

The Receipts and Expenditures of Grand Lodge in detail will be found clearly set forth in the statements of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD WILLIS.

JAMES MCNEIL, JR.

A. A. STOCKTON.

## GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATES.

10.—As the number of Blank Certificates in the hands of the Grand Secretary is small, the Board has directed that officer to order one thousand additional ones.

11.—A Circular has been received by the Grand Secretary from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, stating that for reasons set forth, no visitor shall hereafter be admitted into the subordinate Lodges of Massachusetts, (under certain specified exceptions,) without producing his Grand Lodge Certificate. The Board deems it advisable to call attention to this matter inasmuch as members of our Lodges in the Province visit the Lodges in that jurisdiction. It will be borne in mind, therefore, that in addition to the usual and customary proofs of Masonic knowledge, the visitor will have to vouch for the regularity of his standing by the production of his Grand Lodge Certificate.

## GRAND LODGE CLOTHING.

12.—The Board has procured, during the year, a full suit of Clothing for Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master, and a Grand Chaplain's apron.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS,

*President.*

R. W. BRO. GOWAN.

The following resolution was moved by R. W. Bro. Peters, Past G. M., seconded by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and unanimously adopted :—

*Whereas*, The Right Worshipful Brother Robert Gowan has, for many years, held the distinguished office of Provincial Grand Master, and Representative of the M. W.