

GRANT TO BENEVOLENT FUND.

In accordance with the notice given, it was moved by M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, and unanimously

Resolved,—That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500,) be appropriated from the general funds of Grand Lodge and placed to the credit of the fund of benevolence.

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS.

R. W. Bro. W. A. Manning, D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New York, and R. W. Bro. Holwell, P.G.J.W. of the old Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, were introduced and were invited to seats upon the dais.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The President, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following annual and semi-annual reports, on

FINANCE AND AUDIT—ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes has the honor to report for the information of Grand Lodge that the semi-annual meeting of the Board was held in the town of Cobourg, on the 1st and 2nd of February, 1869. The books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, together with the accounts, statements and vouchers submitted for the financial year ending the 31st December, 1869, were carefully examined and found correct; and it has pleasure in stating that the uniform, neat and accurate condition in which they are kept calls for the highest commendation.

During the year the receipts from all sources were \$9,683.48, showing an increase of \$1,070.75 over the previous year, of which the following is a recapitulation :—From Certificates, \$2,627.00 ; Dues, \$4,420.40 ; Fees, \$1,585.50 ; Dispensations, \$431 ; Warrants, \$140 ; Constitutions, \$430.97 ; Proceedings, \$48.61. Total, \$9,683.48.

The Grand Treasurer's statements show the following to be the position of Grand Lodge funds at the close of the year, viz. :—General Fund account, \$24,936.47 ; Benevolent Fund investment account, \$9,486.41 ; do Current do, \$878.68 ; Asylum Trust Fund, \$5,081.01. Total, \$40,382.57. Which are invested as follows :—Dominion Stock controlled by Grand Lodge, \$24,000 ; do do Asylum Trust Com., \$4,800 ; Middlesex Debentures at 6 per cent, \$1,600 ; Bank of Montreal, Toronto, for Asylum account, \$281.01 ; Bank Commerce, Simcoe, general account, at 5 per cent, \$9,701.56. Total, \$40,382.57.

The Masonic Asylum Trust Fund now amounts to \$5,081.01, and is thus invested : Dominion Stock at 6 per cent \$4,800 ; in Bank of Montreal, \$281.01. Total, \$5,081.01.

The year's expenditure for all purposes was \$5,950.84, being \$2,463.28 over that of the previous year. This increase is made up as follows :—Expenses of Board at Feb. meeting per res. of G. L., \$288.80 ; do do July meeting, \$553.46 ; amount voted to Benevolent Fund \$500 ; Increase Benevolence, \$1016.10 ; sundries, \$104.92. Total, \$2,463.28.

ACCOUNTS.

The Board carefully examined a number of accounts, and finding the same to be correct, ordered their payment, the whole amounting to \$1198 81.

BENEVOLENCE.

A large number of applications for relief from deserving widows and orphans, were considered by the Board, and appropriations made to the amount of \$755 00.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

The semi-annual report of the Board on Audit and Finance, exhibited the receipts for past six months to be \$4346 74, as per Grand Secretary's statement.

The Grand Treasurer's statement gives the total amount of funds in hand up to the 30th June, '70, \$41,177 27 ; which are invested as follows : Dominion Stock, (6 per cent), \$28,800 00 ; Middlesex debentures \$1,600 00 ; Asylum Fund, Bank of Toronto, (4 per cent) \$432.31 ; Bank of Commerce, (5 per cent) \$10, 344.96. Total, \$41,177.27.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD.

The President, on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following Report, on the address of the M. W. the Grand Master.