

been made by W. Bro. R. Stewart Patterson in extending Masonry in that newly erected Province.

The following Reports were then submitted by R. W. Bro. Seymour, President of the Board of General Purposes.

ANNUAL REPORT.—FINANCE AND AUDIT.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to report for the information of Grand Lodge, that its semi-annual meeting was held in the city of Hamilton, on the 21st and 22nd days of February, 1871. The books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, together with the accounts, statements and vouchers, submitted for the financial year ending 31st December, 1870, were then carefully examined, and found to be correct in every particular, the entries being neatly recorded, and the records in all respects accurate and reliable.

The total receipts of the year, as per Grand Secretary's statement, were shown to be \$9,793.88, being an increase of \$110.40 over those of the previous year, and were derived from the following sources:

Dues	\$4,619 73
Fees	1,415 00
Certificates	2,665 00
Warrants	180 00
Dispensations	345 00
Constitutions	356 13
Proceedings	13 02
Total	\$9,793 88

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

General Fund account	\$25,580 50
Benevolent Fund investment account	10,454 76
" " current account	933 69
Asylum Trust Fund account	5,376 31
	\$42,345 26

Invested as follows:

Dominion Stock, controlled by G. L.	\$24,000 00
" " Asylum Trust	4,800 00
Middlesex Debentures, bearing 6 per cent.	1,600 00
Bank of Toronto, Asylum Trust	576 31
Bank of Commerce, current account at 5 per ct.	11,368 95
	\$42,345 26

The year's expenditure from General Fund, for all purposes, amounted to \$9,149.85. It is, however, worthy of mention in this connection, that several unusually large items are embraced in this outlay that will not occur again.

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board had submitted for consideration a number of applications for pecuniary assistance, and after careful examination, they made appropriations amounting to \$900, or within a fraction of all the funds at their disposal.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts amounting to \$1,360.67, submitted by the Grand Secretary, were carefully examined, and being found correct, were ordered to be paid.

THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

Application having been made to the M. W. Grand Master by the Grand Orient of France, for an appropriation towards alleviating the distress, regardless of nationality, amongst members of the fraternity, caused by the unhappy war then raging in that country, the case appeared to be one that peculiarly commended itself to favorable consideration. Accordingly, your President had a circular prepared, setting forth the facts, and sent to every member of the Board, asking each to mark his approval or disapproval of a sum not exceeding \$250; and in reply, there was only one solitary exception to unanimous concurrence in sending the amount named. A cheque was therefore drawn for that sum, and steps taken to forward the money to France; but it being found impossible at that period to transmit anything with safety to Paris,