

of taverns, and that Masonic diplomas are framed and exhibited in bar-rooms. This trading in Masonry should be stopped.

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

Information has reached me that the lodges are not sufficiently careful in the examination of visitors, and in some instances the requirements of the Order are not complied with. Worshipful Masters should be especially careful to see that the examination of visitors is thorough, and that the "Tyler's O. B." is in all cases administered.

Special communications have been held in several places and much interest taken in the work.

FINANCE.

The receipts and expenditure of the Grand Lodge for year ending 31st May, 1885, were:—

RECEIPTS.

From Lodges.....	\$13,558 75
Int'est on Investments	3,184 08
	\$16,742 83

EXPENDITURE.

General purposes.....	\$ 5,416 55
Benevolence.....	10,625 00
	16,041 55

Cash Capital of Grand Lodge....\$68,394 49

THE TITLE OF POET LAUREATE

of Freemasonry has been conferred upon Bro. Robt. Morris, P. G. M. of Kentucky, and Past Deputy Grand Master and Hon. member of this Grand Lodge.

THE NORTH-WEST REBELLION

was referred to, and to the fact that Masonry teaches loyalty to the sovereign, obedience to the law, and subordination to constituted authority, without which civilized communities cannot exist.

LECTURES AND LIBRARIES.

I am happy to notice that in some lodges an effort is being made to revive one of the oldest and most useful customs of the Craft, namely: the employment of a portion of each and every night of meeting, for the delivery of lectures and essays on Masonic

subjects, and upon which general discussion is allowed.

BELIEF IN T. G. A. O. T. U.

The attention of the Masons of the world has been directed to this jurisdiction by the address of the Grand Master of the State of New York to his Grand Lodge. I consider the question to which he draws attention of sufficient importance to warrant me in quoting his remarks:

"A VITAL QUESTION.

"Of late there has been considerable discussion in the public press and in Masonic circles, in relation to a case of discipline in a Masonic lodge in Toronto, in which the question of belief in God as requisite to Masonic good standing was involved. It is unnecessary herein to review this particular case, but I believe that the honor of our grand old fraternity demands that in these days when infidelity is rife and when even some so-called Masonic periodicals make light of that foundation-stone of Freemasonry—belief in the Supreme Being—there should go forth from official sources, words on this subject of no uncertain sound. If there be no God in Masonry, aye, if belief in God be not the corner-stone upon which Freemasonry is founded, then indeed is it in its decadence and its days are numbered. But, brethren, we have not reached this low plane. I know that as I here and now put the question to the more than seven hundred representatives of lodges in this great jurisdiction—'In whom do you put your trust?'—that your hearts throb back the answer—'In God.' Freemasonry is neither Godless nor anti-Christian, nor is it sectarian. It embraces in its membership men of all creeds and no creed—Jew, Mohammedan, Christian, all are found within its broad fold, but none who do not acknowledge the existence of one Supreme Being, who ruleth all things and to whom all owe allegiance. To my Hebrew brother, it is the God of Israel—to the Mohammedan, the God