

turned, is entitled to his rank according to seniority, both in Grand Lodge and in the lodge with which he is affiliated, (see Sections 6 of Masters of Lodges, 7 of Grand Lodge, and 28 of Private Lodges).

## JULY REPORTS.

### CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Board of General Purposes beg leave to present the following report on the Condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada:

The reports of the D. D. G. Masters of St. Clair, London, Wilson, Huron, Wellington, Hamilton, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, St. Lawrence and Ottawa Districts have been examined and your Board have again the pleasure of reporting that Masonry continues to progress steadily throughout all the districts, that harmony prevails, that the condition of the private lodges is very satisfactory, uniformity of work is being rapidly arrived at, and few causes of complaint found, which are usually very easily adjusted.

The D. D. G. Masters have in general very faithfully performed the duties of their very laborious offices, some having visited all the lodges in their respective districts, and the others nearly all. The immense benefit derived from their services during late years, will be easily seen by those who have read the reports, or who, some years since, knew the loose manner in which the affairs of many of the lodges were conducted.

Lodges of Instruction have been held in three districts and have been numerous attended, the meetings having been most interesting and useful to those attending.

A number of dispensations for new lodges have been granted during the year, and in most of the cases the D. D. G. Masters recommend that warrants be granted to them.

It was intended that the reports of the D. D. Grand Masters should be printed and ready for distribution at the commencement of this Grand Lodge, but from the neglect of the D. D. G. Masters to the requirements of the Constitution—hardly any of them sending in their reports at the time required—it was found impossible. It is a matter of great regret that the reports are not in earlier, so that members of Grand Lodge could have an opportunity of considering the various suggestions which their experience has enabled them to make for the improvement of the practical working of the Constitution and the general advancement of Masonry in the several districts.

A report has been received from the D. D. G. M. of Manitoba, stating that a new Grand Lodge for Manitoba has been formed.

### BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have had under consideration a very large number of applications for assistance, and after due consideration, made the following appropriations to be paid from the funds of Benevolence at the disposal of the Board. (Here follow the semi-annual reports of various Boards of Relief, and a list of appropriations from the fund of Benevolence, amounting to \$3,405 00).

The Board having learned that Bro. Thomas Wallace, to whom \$50 was granted at last February meeting of the Board and payable through R. W. Bro. John E. Harding, of St. Mary's, died before the cheque reached him, and St. James' Lodge, No. 73, having been to the expense of \$478 70 for medical and other attendance in connection with the protracted sickness and ultimate death of Bro. Wallace, it is recommended that the said cheque for fifty dollars be ordered to be made payable to St. James' Lodge, No. 73, in assistance to their expense in the premises.

In reference to the application of Mr. Leo B. Carr, of Philadelphia, on behalf of Mrs. Boettger, said to be the widow of a deceased Mason, who is said to have been initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, in July, 1860, the Board recommend that the matter be referred to St. John's Lodge, No. 40, Hamilton, to report thereon at next meeting of this Board.

### AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:

That the receipts for the half year ending 30th June, 1875, amounted to \$7,018 97. The following is the financial position of the Grand Lodge, as on 30th June, 1875.

#### ASSETS.

Investments in Stocks.....	\$45,573 33
Bank of Toronto .....	628 99
Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	6,614 52
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	\$52,816 84

Representing the following accounts at credit of the various funds, viz :