

made by the distinguished brethren who form the Board of Trustees, will, I have no doubt, receive your most favorable consideration.

I commenced my present address by announcing the termination of our Quebec difficulties, and I had hoped to be able to conclude it by informing you that another difficulty, which I regard as only second in importance to that of Quebec, had also been removed. The matter is one to which during the past year I have given much anxious thought and attention, but as (contrary to my sanguine expectations) it is not yet finally and absolutely closed, I do not consider it prudent to mention it in more direct terms at present. I may say, however, that I entertain no doubt of such a conclusion as will prove gratifying to the members of the Grand Lodge.

I now leave you, brethren, to consider the various matters I have suggested, with such other business as may be brought before you. The past history of this Grand Lodge proves that each passing year has but added to her prosperity, her influence, and her respectability; 'tis true, we have also had our share of trouble and anxiety, but the good has far outbalanced annoyance of every kind—and as to the future, if we only act up to the true principles of Freemasonry, if we direct our most earnest efforts to the great object of making men wiser, better, and happier, we must succeed in securing for Masonry the respect and admiration of all good men.

The address was on motion referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report.

The Reports of the D. D. G. Masters of the various Masonic Districts were received, considered as read, and on motion, referred to the Board of General Purposes.

A notice of motion was given by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, to transfer \$3,000 of the Funds of Grand Lodge to the Benevolent Fund.

In accordance with notice of motion R. W. Bro. White moved, seconded by R. W. Bro. Klotz, and Resolved,—That Art. 1, "Of Deputy Grand Master," Book of Constitution, which requires that the Deputy Grand Master shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides, be amended by striking out the words: "and in order that both sections of the Province may enjoy a proper representation, he shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides."

In amendment, it was moved by W. Bro. Lesser, seconded by W. Bro. Cohen,—That the question be laid on the table until the position of the lower Canadian Lodges is finally settled. The amendment being put to a vote was declared lost, and the original motion adopted.

In accordance with notice given, it was moved by W. Bro. Banghart, seconded by W. Bro. Hayden,—That the Constitution be amended "Of Fees," last clause, by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting therefor the word "twenty-five." On a vote of Grand Lodge the motion was lost.

MASONIC ASYLUM TRUST.

1874.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Canada.

The Trustees of the Masonic Asylum Trust beg leave to submit their Annual Report as follows:—

Commencing as usual with a financial reference, the balance reported last year consisted of: Investments in Dominion Stocks, \$4,800; Bank Deposits, \$1,393.66; Total, \$6,193.66.

Crediting a years interest, \$352.95, and debiting premium and brokerage \$94.22 on \$1,400 additional stock purchased, the Funds of the Trust now stand as follows:—

Dominion Stock.....	\$6,200 09
Cash in Bank	252 39

Total.....\$6,452 39

Having, last year, given an analysis showing the yearly growth of the Fund from the inception of the Trust in 1860, your Trustees on this occasion, so far trespass on the time of Grand Lodge, by referring to the leading Reports which have from time to time been presented in advocacy of the main object sought to be obtained, and which are to be found in the annual proceedings of Grand Lodge as follows:—

1861—Original Report by R. W. Bro. Harman as Chairman—setting out features and particulars of project in full detail—pp. 191 to 200.

1861—Report of progress by R. M. Bro. Emilie Irving, Chairman *pro tem*—pp. 305 to 307.

1867—Report of progress by R. W. Bro. Spence as Chairman—pp. 344 to 349—Feb., 1867.