

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

General Fund.....	\$30,357 90
Asylum Fund	7,244 59
Benevolence Fund Investment Account ..	17,899 29
Benevolence Fund Current Account.....	614 88
	\$56,116 66

The Board recommended payment of the following accounts, viz :

1. Lawson & McCulloch, Printing Returns, Proxies and Certificates.....	\$53 09
2. " " Gas Account for former office of Grand Secretary three years.....	30 00
3. Lash & Co., Jewels for King Hiram Lodge, Lindsay.....	\$6 45
4. Murton & Reid, Coal for Grand Secretary's Office	19 35
5. Richard Haigh, Binding proceedings for Centennial Exhibition, &c... ..	25 00
6. Northern Assurance Co, Premium on Insurance on Furniture and Regu- lia, \$1,750 00.....	14 00
7. R. L. Gunn, Furniture for Grand Secretary's Office.....	10 00
8. Bro. James Heron, Services as Tyler at Funeral of M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson.....	4 09
9. William Bruce, Engrossing Warrants for Lodges under Dispensation....	13 50
10. Buntin, Gillies & Co, Stationery for Grand Secretary's Office.....	23 30
11. Eunis & Stirton, Printing Sundry Circulars.....	28 99
12. Copp, Clark & Co., Parchment and Printing Certificates	147 03
13. Hamilton Masonic Hall Association, one year's rent to 30th June, 1876... ..	175 00
14. Grand Secretary, Balance of Incidental Expenses to 30th June, 1876.....	95 00
15. " " on Account of Incidental Expenses to 31st December, 1876.....	150 00
	\$875 08

In regard to the claim made by Lawson, McCulloch & Co., for heating the office of the Grand Secretary for three years, \$120 00, the Board refer Lawson, McCulloch & Co. to the agreement made by them and the Committee of Grand Lodge, in 1870, viz : "That the said rent be fixed at \$120 00 per annum, in full of fuel, taxes, and all other charges, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to inform Messrs. Lawson, McCulloch & Co. that the claim, now made for the third or fourth time, cannot be entertained."

The Board recommend that the tender from the "Times Printing Company," for printing the proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1876, at the rate of \$1 17 per page, for 1,000 copies, be accepted.

In regard to the application to have order No. 1325, \$2 00, in favor of Bro. Pickover, made payable to the order of the W. M. of Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford, the Board recommend that the request be acceded to. Bro. Pickover having died during the transmission of the order, and Wilson Lodge having been put to considerable expense, owing to the protracted illness and impoverished circumstances of our deceased brother.

The Board recommend that from and after the 1st day of July, 1876, Bro. J. P. Muir, Clerk in the Grand Secretary's office, receive an addition to his salary of one hundred dollars per annum, making the said salary eight hundred dollars per annum.

Applications having been received from St. Mark's Lodge No. 94, Port Stanley, and Springfield Lodge, No. 239, Springfield, for a remission of dues on account of the destruction of their property by fire. The Board recommend "that the amounts due by these Lodges on 30th June, 1876, (exclusive of the charges for Certificates and Constitutions furnished since 1st January last) amounting respectively to \$35 25 and \$57 72 be remitted."

In connection with the foregoing the Board desire to impress upon the Lodges the desirability of having their property fully covered by insurance, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to direct special attention to this subject.

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have had under consideration the several applications for relief, and after due consideration recommend appropriations amounting in the aggregate to \$3,867 00.

It is recommended that a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, respecting the working of Masonic Benevolent Institutions, be referred to R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, to be answered by him at his leisure.