

The Board recommend that the sum of \$50 be given as an addition to the salary of Bro. Muir, the assistant in the office of the Grand Secretary, thus making the salary \$700 per annum.

The Board cannot close this, their annual report, without expressing their acknowledgements to the Brethren of Belleville for the cordial hospitality extended to them during their meeting in that town.

To fill vacancies for the ensuing year: R. W. Bro. James A Henderson, Kingston, R. W. Bro. John E. Harding St. Mary's, R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, Belleville.

SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT OF FINANCE.

THE Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:—

That the receipts for the half year ending 30th June 1874, amount to \$7,368.57, all of which has been paid over by the Grand Secretary, into the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

The Statement of the Grand Treasurer as on 30th June, 1874, is as follows:—

ASSETS.	
Dominion Stock at 6 per cent.....	\$28,800 00
Dominion Stock at 5 per cent.....	10,000 00
	\$38,800 00
Cash in Bank of Toronto, as per acct. 31st Dec. '73..	\$1537 66
Interest, deposited since.....	144 00
	\$ 1,681 66
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	15,553 58
	\$56,135 24
Representing the following balances at the credit of the various accounts in the books of the Grand Lodge.	
General Fund.....	\$32,969.98
Benevolence Fund, as per acct. 31st Dec., 1873.....	\$1,3725 95
Ten per cent of receipts for 1873.....	1353 25
	\$15,097 20
Do. Current acct.....	1,604 40
Asylum Fund as 31st Dec., 1873.....	6337 66
Interest on Stock.....	144 00
	\$ 6,481 96
	\$56,135 24

In view of the fact of the very large amount of cash in hand at the present time, the Board recommend that the sum of five thousand dollars be invested in Government securities.

The Board recommend the payment of the following accounts.

Lawson, McCulloch & Co., for printing.....	\$224 45
Copp, Clark & Co., for certificates.....	154 82
Buntin, Gillies & Co., for stationery.....	13 00
Richard Haigh, for binding.....	26 00
British America Assurance Company, for premiums of Insurance on Regalia &c.....	21 00
Grand Secretary, attending Annual Meeting of Board at Belleville..	19 00
Lash & Co., Testimonials to M. W. Bro. Stevenson.....	459 17
R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, as per resolution of Grand Lodge.....	600 90

\$1,059 18

The Board recommend that Lawson, McCulloch & Co.'s, tenders for printing Constitutions, viz: for first 1000 \$150. Each additional 1000 \$109, be accepted.

The brethren of Hamilton having erected a Hall with vaults suitable for the requirements of the Craft in that city, and for the accommodation of the offices of the Grand Lodge, the Board recommend that the local members of the Board be a committee empowered to make the necessary arrangements for transferring the offices of Grand Lodge to the said Hall, the lease whereof not to exceed the term of five years absolute, with right of renewal for five years more.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

THE following circular has been published:

DEAR SIR AND Ill. Bro.—“I have the gratification to inform you that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K. G., K. T., K. P., &c. &c., has been graciously