

Benevolent Investment account stands as follows:

Balance from 1863	\$8,625 14
10 per cent interest on receipts for 1868	861 27
Total	\$9,486 41

The Asylum Trust Fund is as follows:

Balance from 1868	\$4,793 01
Interest on \$4,800, Dominion Stock	288 00
Total	\$5,081 01

Recapitulation of the Funds is as follows:

General Funds account	\$24,936 47
Benevolent Fund Investment account	9,486 41
" " Current account	878 68

	\$35,301 56
To which add Asylum Trust Fund	5,081 01

Total	\$40,382 57
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Which Funds are invested as follows:

Dominion Stock, 6 per cent interest	\$28,800 00
Middlesex Debentures, 6 per cent	1,600 00
Bank of Montreal, Toronto	281 01
" Commerce, Simcoe, 5 per cent	9,701 56

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The Sub-Committee on Benevolence reported that they had placed before them applications for assistance from a number of deserving widows and orphans, and Masons in advanced age. To whom they had collectively donated the sum of \$755, which, with some previous special appropriations made by the President, would take up all the money at their disposal. From other statements of the Grand Secretary, we are gratified to find that the conditions of Lodges throughout the jurisdiction has much improved, and that but very few are in arrears for dues. The other business of the Board was satisfactorily disposed of, with the exception of two appeal cases, which were laid over until the next annual communication, at the request of the parties interested.

One of the most pleasing features of the meeting was an *impromptu* entertainment got up by the brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, to which all the members of the Board were most cordially invited. The banquet was presided over by our R. W. Bro. W. H. Waller, P. M. of the Lodge, who did the honors of the evening in his usually happy manner. Song, toast, and sentiment, followed fast upon one and the other, until the hour of low twelve, when the Junior Warden's toast, "Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again," closed the proceedings.

It is the remark of a generous spirit to aim at what is lofty, to attempt what is arduous, and ever keep in view what it is impossible for the most splendid talents to accomplish. — *Seneca*.

Never cast a ballot in favor of a candidate unless you know him to be worthy, and free from reproach.