

of Freemasonry in Western Canada, and the world known name of which seems peculiarly attractive, could be at once made available, with little, if any, application of the prinhipal of the fund. On the head of revenue for the annual maintenance of the institution, there will be no difficulty in raising funds for the same. An income of \$1,000 to \$1,500, they have reason to anticipate, would be readily obtained from an enrolment in that behalf of numbers of *unaffiliated* Masons, who, while not having the disposition or time for the active exercise of a masonic life, would be glad to avail themselves of an opportunity thus afforded them of contributing to that which they were early taught to regard as the great bond of the order, 'Brotherly Love and Relief.' An annual payment of *ten cents a head* from *affiliated* Masons would produce a like sum and more, and the resources, with the interest on the present investment, would amply suffice for the maintenance of a "limited" institution, *wholly apart from any tax, much less "a severe one,"* on the revenue of Grand Lodge, already so largely and worthily directed in the fulfilment of the great objects of our time-honoured institution.

KIVAS TULLY, *Chairman.*  
SAMUEL B. HARMAN,  
JAMES BAIN,  
VINCENT CLEMENTI,  
JAMES K. KERR,

The report was received and ordered to be distributed among the members. Notices of Motion were given for holding the next Annual Communication at Ottawa, London, and St. Catharines.

Grand Lodge was called off to meet on Thursday morning.

#### MORNING SESSION—JULY 9th, 1874.

On motion of R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Brooke, it was resolved to transfer \$3,000 of the General Fund of the Grand Lodge to the Fund for Benevolence.

#### BENEVOLENCE REPORT.

R. W. Bro. Klotz, the worthy and painstaking Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, prepared and submitted to the Board the following interesting report, accompanied by tabulated statements which have been entered upon the books of the Board. The general report is herewith submitted for the information of Grand Lodge:—

The number of individual grants made to private parties during the years 1872 and 1873 appears to be 138.

The number of City Boards of Relief to which grants have been made during the same period is 6.

And the grants made to Lodges were during the same period 9 in number, 7 of which being for special grants of particular cases of emergency, while two of the 9 grants were made to the Lodges at Winnipeg, in a similar way as the grants to the several City Boards of Relief.

Among the above 138 individual grants to private parties there are 38 to needy brethren, 91 to widows of deceased brethren, two to widows and orphans of deceased brethren, 4 to orphans of deceased brethren, 1 to a son of a deceased brother, and 2 to daughters of deceased brethren.

During the same period there have died out of above 138, 4 brethren, leaving 34 on our books, and of these 9 received grants only in 1872, and none in 1873, while 25 received grants in 1872 as also in 1873.

Of the 91 widows 14 received no grants in 1873 and 77 received grants in 1872, and in 1873 one of the 14 was refused on application for aid, not being found needy, and one of the 14 got married and was reported as being well off.

The joint grants to 2 widows and orphans were made in 1873. Of the 4 grants to orphans 2 were in 1872 only, and 2 in 1872 and 1873. The 1 son to whom a grant was made is now off our list. Of the 2 daughters 1 received a grant in 1872 only, and 1 in 1872 and 1873.

During the last twelve months considerable information has been procured through correspondence, in relation to the particulars of parties who have received aid, and such information has been duly recorded in the Grand Lodge Book on Benevolence, so that at present information is only wanting concerning one brother out of above 138.

The board has had under consideration the several applications for Relief, and after due consideration made grants to the amount of nearly \$4,000. The number of applicants exceeds that of any previous year.