

brought under the notice of your Board; and the sum allowed for this purpose was increased from \$500 to \$650.

THE CHICAGO FIRE.

The terrible calamity which befell the city of Chicago last year, and the universal sympathy which that calamity elicited throughout the civilized world, will be in the lively recollection of Grand Lodge. The M. W. the Grand Master, conceiving the case to be one in which the benevolence of Grand Lodge might and ought to be exercised, suggested to the President of the Board that the sum of two thousand dollars should be granted to the relief of the sufferings of masons and their families, the suggestion was concurred in and the money transmitted. The Board cordially approved of the proceedings, and sanctioned the grant. At the same time they express the opinion that it ought not to be drawn into a general precedent. The circumstances were so exceptional in their character, the calamity was such a sudden and terrible one, that every heart was stirred with sympathy towards the sufferers; and the Board with confidence submit their action in this matter to the approval of Grand Lodge.

INVESTMENT OF GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

In accordance with the request of Grand Lodge, the sum of \$10,000 has been invested in Dominion stock bearing five per cent. interest.

REPRINTING THE PROCEEDINGS.

The question of reprinting the proceedings of Grand Lodge from the commencement, has engaged the attention of the Board. Tenders have been asked for, on carefully prepared specifications, and have been issued to Lodges asking what number of, if any, copies would be required, and such returns have been received as will enable the Board to make a formal recommendation to Grand Lodge on the subject at its present communication.

The whole respectfully and fraternally submitted.

FINANCE AND AUDIT—SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

The Receipts for the six months ending 30th June, 1872, were as follows:

Certificates.....	1523 00
Dues.....	2591 72
Fees.....	987 50
Dispensations,.....	371 00
Warrants.....	30 00
Constitutions ..	320 33
Proceedings.....	25
Total.....	\$5824 30

The Grand Treasurer's statement shows that the funds on hand 30th June, 1872, were \$47,630.56, invested as follows:

Dominion Stock, 6 per cent.....	28800 00
" " 5 per cent.....	10000 00
Middlesex Deb. 6 per cent.....	1600 00
Bank of Toronto, 31st Dec., 1871.....	880 31
Dominion Stock accrued interest.....	144 00
Bank of Commerce.....	6206 25
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