

and accounts from month to month, that the position of the Supreme Lodge Funds is improved over that of last year, and though the balance sheet shows \$515 still owing to the Funeral Fund, you will be pleased to notice that there was a sufficient balance on hand on the 31st of January to more than cover that amount. As indicated in my address when accepting the position, I have endeavored to carry out the policy of economy, and have succeeded so far in leaving a balance for the benefit of my successor in this office.

#### BENEFICIARY.

(12) For the progress made in this Department I must again refer you to the Supreme Secretary's report, which is replete in statistical information, and showing in a concise form the standing of the Department. The funds are increasing slowly it is true, but satisfactorily, and with the adoption of the proposed changes suggested on the lines of the committee report of last year in the sessional paper will be beyond peradventure.

#### JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

(13) The Juvenile Department, I fear, does not receive that attention which it deserves. I am pleased to note the increase in the numerical strength in this branch of our Society work, and the funds to the credit of the Juvenile branch is encouraging.

It must be gratifying to know that there has only been one death in the Juvenile Department during the year.

I ask the adult members of our lodges to give more attention to the Juveniles ; it will repay you for all your efforts.

#### NAVAL BRIGADE.

(14) I have received a paper signed by Jas. Poffley, chairman ; S. Wicks, paymaster, and Geo. Sturdy, secretary, purporting to be a report of the Naval Brigade ; but as no balance sheet or auditor's report was presented with the paper, I cannot make any satisfactory report concerning that body.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

(15) During the year twelve meetings have been held, and it affords me great pleasure to say that the utmost unanimity of feeling and action has existed at the meetings. I desire also to place on record my gratitude and appreciation of the able assistance at all times rendered me by my colleagues in conducting the business of the Order generally.

In addition to the above meetings I have visited the head office from time to time as opportunity offered and occasion demanded.