

Master of Wentworth, makes a grand total, including \$25.80 paid in since books were closed, of \$3,471.26, a sum far in excess of the receipts of your Grand Treasurer's Office during any former year—the nearest approach being the receipts for year ending 16th February, 1884, amounting to \$2,283.14.

I have disbursed the sum of \$2,085.56; but of this amount \$400 is chargeable to the Endowment Fund of the Mutual Benevolent Association, and \$137.75 was disbursed in payment of medical examination fees, printing, and general expenses of that Association. There stands to the credit of the Endowment Fund a balance of \$65.43, while the general expense account of that Association shows a balance due your Grand Lodge of \$66.53, for the payment of which, and other unpaid incidental expenses, no doubt the Secretary will make proper provision.

The balance at credit of your Grand Lodge, to pay Grand Lodge dues, salaries of officers, cost of printing annual reports, and other liabilities and requirements of your Grand Lodge, amounts to the sum of \$1,220.27, as follows:

Balance in bank as per pass-book.....	\$1,319 00
Cheque not returned to bank.....	40 00
Dues collected since closing books.....	25 80

\$1,385 70

Due Endowment Fund..... \$ 65 43
Vote of Grand Lodge for presentation to Bro.

Major Bennett, P. G. M..... 100 00

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There is apparently due your Grand Lodge for arrears the large sum of \$1,036.30, for the prompt collection of which I would suggest that some stringent measures be devised.

During the year a large amount of arrears standing against Lodges, improperly returned but actually dormant, has been written off. In accordance with the powers vested in me by your Grand Lodge, I have struck off arrears, amounting to the sum of \$33.80, from accounts of Lodges labouring under difficulties, and by so doing I believe several of the Lodges relieved have been prevented from becoming dormant, and placed on a good footing. The arrears now returned as due your Grand Lodge may therefore be reasonably looked upon as a good asset, and so far as I have means of knowing they are due from Lodges working under your jurisdiction, and which are I suppose able to pay them.

The plan of keeping the various Lodge accounts which I have adopted, the adjustment of arrears, the writing off of dormant Lodges, the receipt of assessments of Mutual Benevolent Association, and the disbursement of death claims, together with a large amount of correspondence rendered necessary by the apparent lack of a thorough understanding of the capitation system, have considerably increased the labors of your Grand Treasurer's Office.

During the year I sent out between five and six hundred accounts, and mailed nearly 600 official receipts to the Lodges which remitted.

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