

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

THE annual meeting of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge was held at Springbank Hotel, St. Catharines, on the 9th and 10th February last, the following members being in attendance:

R. W. Bros. J. K. Kerr, D. G. M., President; Hy. Macpherson, Owen Sound, Vice-President; M. W. Bro. James Seymour, P. G. M., St. Catharines; R. W. Bros. W.

R. White, Pembroke; Hugh Murray, Hamilton; T. C. Macnabb, Chatham; W. D. McGloshon, London; Chauncy Bennett, Port Rowan; J. H. Benson, Seaforth; R. P. Stephens, Toronto; J. B. Traves, Port Hope; A. S. Kirkpatrick, Kingston; J. W. Pickup, Pakenham; W. H. Weller, Cobourg; James Bain, Toronto; Otto Klotz, Preston; Daniel Spry, Toronto; Allan McLean, Ingersoll; J. W. Murton, Hamilton; F. Westlake, London; J. E. Harding, St. Mary's; L. H. Henderson, Belleville; Hy. Robertson, Collingwood; Rev. Vincent Clementi, Peterborough; David McLellan, Hamilton; E. C. Barber, Ottawa; C. D. Macdonnell, Peterborough; and R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary.

The accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, for the year ending 31st December, were presented, and having been carefully examined, were declared to be correct. A few matters relating to Grievances and Appeals came up for discussion, and were in the majority of instances referred to the D. D. G. M's., to hear and determine.

About 70 applications for Benevolence were laid before the Board, and upwards of \$2,300 were distributed amongst the applicants.

Only two matters came up relating to jurisprudence, the Board ruling that the jurisdiction of a lodge extends half-way to the nearest lodge, in a direct or air line; and that a member of a lodge who has been a Master of another lodge, and properly returned, is entitled to his rank according to seniority, both in Grand Lodge and in the lodge with which he is affiliated.

On the evening of the 10th the Board were most hospitably entertained by the brethren of St. Catharines, at the Springbank Hotel, M. W. Bro. Seymour, Past Grand Master, ably presiding. After discussing the good things bountifully supplied by "mine host," V. W. Bro. Mack, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and responded to by various brethren, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent.

The meeting of the Board was a most agreeable and harmonious one, and the business brought before it was expeditiously and satisfactorily disposed of.

PROGRESS OF THE CRAFT.

WE continue to receive the most gratifying accounts of Masonic progress from all parts. The list of new lodges given in our January number shows that the Province of Ontario is no exception.

At the regular meeting of Doric Lodge, No. 316, A. F. and A. M., Toronto, held on the 17th Dec. last, the interesting ceremonies of constituting, dedicating, &c., of this lodge, were performed by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, D. G. M., acting for the M. W. the Grand Master, who also installed the following officers for the ensuing Masonic year: R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, W. M.; Bros. James Summers, S. W.; H. A. Collins, J. W.; J. H. Cornish, Treasurer; C. Callighen, Secretary; G. J. Fitzimmons, S. D.; W. J. Cameron, J. D.; W. F. Wright, S. S.; John Lainstail, J. S.; John Ritchie, jr., D. of C.; G. J. Scott, I. G.; John Dickson, Tyler.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, Grand Master of England, issued his first warrant of constitution for "The Bertie," a new lodge in the city of Oxford, which was duly consecrated on the 6th November last. The mayor of the city was installed as Worshipful Master.

A PROVINCIAL Grand Mark Lodge was consecrated at Newland, Lincolnshire, England, on the 29th October last. Brother John Sutcliffe, of Great Grimsby, was elected Grand Master.

A NEW Masonic Hall was dedicated at Aberavon, South Wales, on the 12th November. A grand banquet followed.

THE Supreme Council, 33°, Sussex, England, consecrated Albion Chapter, Rose Croix, 18°, at Eastbourne, on the 16th November. Dr. Trollope, 30°, was installed as M. W. S.

COMMERCIAL LODGE, 360, Glasgow, Scotland, was consecrated on the 6th November. The attendance was large. Bro. F. A. Barrow, D. P. G. M., presiding.

THE memorial stone of a new Masonic Hall was laid at Dalmuir, Scotland, on the