

amounted to \$3,006.55. From some state nents kindly prepared for my use by M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, I find that during the last 31 years the sum of \$171,319.05 has been paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge in grants to widows, orphans, and needy brethren. The direct grants for benevolence, given by Grand Lodge, amounted in 1858 to \$40. In 1859 to \$100. Since 1861, when the grants also amounted to \$100, they have increased year by year, until in 1879 they reached the sum of \$11,090. The grants for the year 1888 amounted to \$10,805, and the average for several years past may be said to be \$11,000. These results show careful management and a full appreciation by Grand Lodge of the claims made upon them for benevolent purposes. It rests with those who are responsible for the transmission to the Board of the information on which the grants are based, to see that the returns asked for are regularly and correctly made. The Board cannot exercise a wise discretion in the distribution of charity unless they are furnished with reliable information respecting the applicants. There have been many complaints of carelessness in the sending in of these returns and this carelessness has, in some cases, resulted in depriving objects of bounty of the grants which would have been made to them had the rules of the Board been complied with.

"There are now upon our list of pensioners, 355 widows, 55 orphans, and 31 needy brethren."

The Grand Master brought his address to a close by congratulating Grand Lodge on resuming the report on Foreign correspondence; expressing his views as to the selection of the meeting-places yearly of Grand Lodge, and thanking several of the officers for the valuable assistance rendered him during the year.

Some general business was then transacted, among it being the discussion on the motion to amend the constitution so as to prevent the London

lodges using the Irish ritual. The motion was overwhelmingly defeated, less than a dozen voting in its favor.

#### SECOND DAY.

Before Grand Lodge held its morning session, the members of the various districts met and elected District Deputy Grand Masters, as follows:—

Erie District, No. 1—A. H. Clark, Essex Centre.

St. Clair District, No. 2—J. P. Whitehead, Strathroy.

London District, No. 3—W. B. Doherty, St. Thomas.

South Huron District, No. 4—W. G. Duff, Seaford.

North Huron District, No. 5—R. C. Bruce, Tara.

Wilson District, No. 6—D. H. Hunter, Woodstock.

Wellington District, No. 7—David Forsythe, Berlin.

Hamilton District, No. 8—John Malloy, Hamilton.

Georgian District, No. 9—Thomas McCarroll, Meaford.

Niagara District, No. 10—W. Jaques, M. D., Jarvis.

Toronto District, No. 11—W. Roaf, Toronto.

Ontario District, No. 12—W. Howse, Whitby.

Prince Edward, No. 13—P. J. Lightburn, Cobourg.

Frontenac District, No. 14—H. J. Wilkinson, Kingston.

St. Lawrence District, No. 15—Col. Jackson, Brockville.

Ottawa District, No. 15—David Barr, Renfrew.

Algoma District, No. 17—D. T. Ferguson, Rat Portage.

While general business was being transacted, the brethren balloted for officers, thus saving time, the elections resulting thus:

Grand Master—R. T. Walkem, Kingston, re-elected.

Deputy Grand Master—J. R. Robertson, Toronto, re-elected.

Grand Senior Warden—James Mc-Lauchlin, Owen Sound.