

rent, for the use of that Lodge, part of the Odd Fellows' Hall, now in course of completion. Which, on motion, was referred to a Special Committee.—P. G. J. Holland, Joseph Fraser and D. Milligan.

A communication was next read from Brother Geo. Bourne, of Queen's Lodge, No. 2, offering to rent to the R. W. G. Lodge the shops underneath the building now in course of completion for the use of this Order. Which, on motion, was referred to the same Special Committee.

P. G. J. M. Gilbert, from the Committee on Finance, presented a Report relative to accounts, which was adopted and the accounts ordered to be paid.

P. G. Holland, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred Mr. Ogilvy Moffatt's communication respecting the renting of part of the Odd Fellows' Hall, now in the course of completion, to the St. Paul's Masonic Lodge, recommended that the Grand Lodge appoint a Committee to confer with Mr. Moffatt on the subject, with special reference to renting the Assembly Room for one night in each month, at such rent as may be agreed upon; which was adopted, and a Committee of three named, consisting of the M. W. G. M., R. W. D. G. M., and R. W. G. Secretary, to carry the recommendation into effect, with instructions to the said Committee that it be not rented for a less sum than £30 *p* annum, for the occupation thereof for one night in each month.

P. G. Holland, from the Special Committee to whom was referred Brother George Bourne's communication, offering to rent to the Grand Lodge the shops underneath the building now in the course of completion for this Order, reported; and the subject having been considered, it was ordered, that a communication be sent to Brother Bourne, informing him that the Grand Lodge decline renting the shops under the Odd Fellows' Hall.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the communication from Br. J. L. Ridgely, Cor. Secretary of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States, as to who were the proper Officers to authenticate the Returns, &c. of the subordinate Lodges—the consideration of which had been postponed at the last Meeting.

It was ordered—that the substance of the said communication be entered upon the Minutes, and that directions in accordance therewith be given to the different Lodges.

Resolved—That the M. W. Grand Master instruct the R. W. Grand Secretary to obtain for the use of this Grand Lodge, ten copies of the first volume of proceedings of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the United States—bound in a substantial manner.

Also—That a copy of the Report of the Special Committee of Grievances of Lodges, together with a copy of the Resolution passed by this G. Lodge thereon—touching a report made to the M. W. Grand Master by Commercial Lodge No. 5, relative to the initiation of candidates in Queen's Lodge No. 2, who had been previously proposed in Commercial Lodge, be transmitted by the R. W. G. Secretary to the Secretaries of the Queen's and Commercial Lodges.

P. G. Thomas Hardie, seconded by P. G. J. M. Gilbert, submitted the following Resolution, which was concurred in unanimously:—

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered, to P. G. M. W. M. B. Hartley, for the very able and efficient manner in which he has fulfilled and discharged the duties of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge during the past term.

The following Resolution was submitted by P. G. D. Milligan, seconded by P. G. J. Holland, which was concurred in:—

That this Grand Lodge now proceed to the consideration of the proposed alteration of Section 7, Article 8, of the constitution of subordinate Lodges—referred to

in the minutes of last quarter—by erasing all the words having reference to one black ball, and amending the section so as to require only one ballot to be taken, and that the candidate be elected if three or more black balls be not found in the ballot box against his election.

The Ayes and Nays being taken, they stood thus: Ayes, 4; Nays, 3.

The consideration of the subject was then entered upon, and the Resolution adopted, and the votes being called for by Lodges, they stood thus:—In favor of the alteration, 4; Against the alteration, 3. Majority in favor of the alteration, 1.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the Resolutions offered by P. G. Thomas Hardie, seconded by P. G. J. M. Gilbert, which remained over for consideration on the adjournment at the last meeting, viz.:

That it is irregular for any Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction to permit a Committee of investigation of the character of an applicant for membership, to delay a final Report longer than two weeks from the time the proposition is made, or to delay a Ballot on the same, beyond the evening on which the Report is made.

P. G. M. H. Seymour, seconded by P. G. John Holland, moved in amendment to the original motion:

That the words "two weeks" be struck out and the words "four weeks" be inserted,—which amendment, on being put from the Chair, was carried.

The original motion as amended being put from the Chair, was carried.

P. G. John Holland then gave notice of his intention to propose a Resolution at the next meeting, relative to the election of members of distant Lodges to the highest offices in newly constituted Lodges, with reference to the inability of such officers by reason of their residing at a distance therefrom, to perform the duties devolving upon the said officers.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed P. G. Charles F. Clarke, to the office of Grand Guardian for the present term.

The following Committees were then appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, viz.:

Committee on Elections and Returns—P. G. M. H. Seymour, Chairman; P. G. D. Milligan, P. G. W. Hilton.

Committee of Finance—P. G. John Holland, Chairman; P. G. C. P. Ladd, P. G. C. F. Clarke.

Committee on Correspondence—P. G. T. Hardie, Chairman; P. G. W. A. Liddell, P. G. Joseph Fraser.

Committee on Grievances of Subordinate Lodges—P. D. G. M. George Matthews, Chairman; P. G. E. T. Renaud, P. G. John Holland.

Committee of Supervision of Laws of Subordinate Lodges—P. G. W. A. Selden, Chairman; P. G. J. M. Gilbert, P. G. M. H. Seymour.

The M. W. Grand Master then made communication of his proceedings, and offered several suggestions with respect to the duty confided to him of superintending the erection and fitting up of the Hall, now in the course of completion, for the use of this Order. Which were approved of.

The following motion was offered by P. G. John Holland, seconded by P. D. G. M. George Matthews:

That no Dispensation be granted for the opening of any Subordinate Lodge out of this District, unless to such brethren as shall reside in the neighbourhood where said Lodge is to be established, excepting there be a deficiency of the requisite number to make the application, and that the three highest offices must be filled by those who reside in the place or neighbourhood where the Lodge is situated, unless in cases of extreme necessity.

When P. G. J. M. Gilbert, seconded by P. G. David Milligan, moved to amend the motion by striking out the last six words, which was carried.

The question then recurred upon the motion as amended, which was adopted.