

mittee for the supervision of Bye-Laws of this G. L.—Carried.

G. M. Rodden submitted the following report relative to the arrangements for a Lodge Room.

"In behalf of the Committee appointed to treat with Messrs. Stephens and Bourne, I beg to report, that we have made offers to both those gentlemen, according to the instructions received at the last meeting, and that they declined to accept our proposals. We, therefore, beg to be discharged."

The Committee was discharged accordingly, upon the motion of P. G. Frazer.

Upon the motion of P. G. Frazer, it was ordered, that the Committee appointed to procure a draft of the charter, be authorized to have fifty copies of that document printed, together with fifty copies of the diploma.—Carried.

The Election Committee reported, that the Election for the Queens Lodge had been found to have been carried on correctly. The report of the said Election was therefore received.

On the motion of G. S. Selden, it was ordered, that a Committee of three should be appointed by the G. M. to draw up articles of association for the building of an Odd Fellow's Hall.

The G. M. named D. G. M. Matthews and G. W. Hardie.

The Committee on the Bye-Laws and Constitution of the G. L. reported, that they had examined the Bye-Laws and Constitutions draughted for the G. L. and that they handed them in, with the request that they might be read, and that some slight alterations might be made in accordance with the suggestions of the Committee.—The report was received, and the recommendation adopted.

The Bye-Laws were, accordingly, read as far as the eight article.

The G. L. then adjourned.

MONTREAL, February 13, 1845.

The G. L. met again this evening pursuant to adjournment.

The reading of the Constitution and Bye-Laws was proceeded with.

Upon the 7th Section of the 8th Article being read, It was moved by G. M. Rodden, seconded by P. G. Seymour:—That the words "one black ball be found, the question shall lie over, and be acted upon the next night, by ballot, without debate or comment," be struck out.

Upon the motion of G. M. Rodden, seconded by P. G. Seymour, the vote was taken by Lodges.

YEAS—G. W. T. Hardie, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, 4 votes—4.

NAVS—P. G. Seymour, Queen's Lodge, No. 2, 3 votes; P. G. Hilton, Albion Lodge, No. 4, 1 vote—4.

Prince Albert, No. 3, and Commercial, No. 5—No vote.

The Chairman asked leave to decline giving the casting vote.

It was, therefore, moved by G. S. Selden, seconded by G. G. Gilbert:—

That the question do lie over till the next meeting of this G. L.

The votes were again taken by Lodges, with a like result.

The rest of the Bye-Laws were then read and passed.

The Committee on Correspondence reported that they had taken into consideration a communication from the Commercial Lodge, No. 5, in which a statement was made, that great inconvenience was suffered from the want of a Constitution, and a desire expressed that information should be afforded them as to the time when that deficiency would probably be supplied. The Lodge complained, farther, of the inconvenience

arising from its being compelled to meet in its present Lodge-Room, and mentioned the anxiety of its members to learn what measures were in progress to provide more suitable accommodation for its meetings.

The Committee recommended that the Commercial Lodge, No. 5, should be informed that the Grand Lodge had the Constitution of the said Commercial Lodge under its consideration, and that the inconvenience resulting from the want of it would soon be obviated, and that with regard to the Lodge Room, the G. L. could only say, that the consideration of the subject was at present under the consideration of a Special Committee.

The Report was adopted, and the Secretary directed to address a communication to the Commercial Lodge, embodying the information conveyed in the report of the Committee.

The Lodge then adjourned.

MONTREAL, February 15, 1845.

The G. L. met again this evening, pursuant to adjournment.

It was moved by G. Mars. Rodden, seconded by P. G. Seymour:—That the Committee appointed to draw up articles of association, for the building of an Odd Fellows' Hall, be now discharged.—Lost.

It was then ordered, on motion, that the words, "or before," and the words "on transportation," be struck out of the 2nd Section of the 8th Article of the Constitution, and the following words inserted, "other than the necessary travelling expenses of the officers who may be deputed for that purpose." Carried.

The amendment in the 2nd Section of the 8th Article of the Constitution, proposed at the last meeting by G. Mars. Rodden, was then put and decided by the votes of the Lodges.

YEAS—G. W. Hardie, Prince of Wales No. 1, 4 votes—4.

NAVS—P. G. Hilton, Albion No. 4, 1 vote—1; Queen's No. 2; Prince Albert No. 3; and Commercial No. 5—No votes. The amendment was accordingly lost.

Moved by Sec. Selden, that the words "one black ball" be struck out of the 2nd Section of the 8th Article, and the words "two black balls" be inserted in place thereof. Lost.

Article 10 was then read and adopted.

The Rules of order of the G. L. of the State of New York were read, and the following amendment introduced, viz.:—The introduction of the word "Lodges" after the word "subordinate" in Rules No. 4 and 15.

The Rules were then referred to a Committee.

The Chairman named G. Mars. Rodden and G. W. Hardie to be said Committee.

It was then ordered, on motion, that a copy of such rules as related to subordinate lodges, should be submitted to each subordinate lodge.

It was moved by G. W. Hardie, seconded by P. G. Seymour,—That whereas uniformity should be observed in conferring degrees, and whereas it is the opinion of the members of this G. L. that uniformity in that part of the proceedings of the Order can be carried out in no other way it is desirable than by conferring degrees in a Degree Lodge, regularly constituted.—It is therefore resolved, that the Grand Secretary be requested to send a communication to the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1, to the Queens, No. 2, and to the Commercial, No. 5, recommending them each to appoint three members to form a Committee for the purpose of conferring upon the subject, and preparing a report to be submitted to the other Lodges at the earliest day possible.

The G. L. then adjourned.

A true and faithful friend is a living treasure; a comfort in solitude, and a sanctuary in distress.

It is better to be of the number of those who need relief, than of those who want hearts to give it.