

give each delinquent three months' notice, thus affording ample opportunity to pay if so disposed, or to offer such excuse as they may have to give before proceedings are taken to suspend; so that, far from being a mere concern of money, the neglect to pay or otherwise satisfy the Lodge becomes contempt of its authority, and a serious Masonic offense, and the offenders cannot complain if they are compelled to undergo the ordeal prescribed in the 20th General Regulation in order to regain their membership.

"Your committee, after full consideration, do not feel at liberty to recommend any change in the existing rules relative to non-payment of dues."

The Grand Lodges of Cuba and New Mexico were recognized.

New Jersey is divided into seven Masonic Districts, and the concise, yet *multum in parvo* reports of the District Deputies cover only ten pages of the proceedings.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by Bro. James A. Norton, presents a most readable review of the proceedings of about fifty Grand Lodges—ours included.

On that troublesome question, a member's right "to object," after a favorable ballot, Bro. Norton argues convincingly, to our mind at least. The Grand Master of New Jersey, had decided as follows:—

"After a candidate had been elected, if objections are made to his initiation, the initiation should be stayed, and a *committee of investigation appointed*. After the report of the committee, the Lodge may decide the question of initiation by a majority vote."

Bro. W. H. Hill, of California, dissents from the decision, as follows:—

"This is not in accordance with our practice, nor do we believe it to be good masonic law. We hold that the single objection of a brother is as absolute as a black ball at the election."

Whereupon Bro. Norton ably defends the decision of his chief.

There is much in your excellent review Bro. Norton, that we would like to copy, but want of space forbids.

M. W. Grand Master, Marshall B. Smith, Passaic.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Joseph H. Hough, Trenton.

Respectfully submitted,

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