

AN EXPELLED MEMBER.

To the Editor of the COURIER.
DEAR SIR.—I wish you would insert in the columns of your paper the reasons why I was expelled from the order of the Knights of Labor. I belonged to the Assembly, of which I was Treasurer for one year, during which I did everything I could to advance the interests of that body. I was also appointed on Hall Committee and did a lot of dirty work and spent more time than I could afford. Last April I put in an account of twenty dollars for services on Hall Committee, and the assembly had the gall to offer me five dollars. These are Knights of Labor, men who want ten hours' pay for eight hours' work. These are men who call themselves brother, who in reality are not men at all. If this is the principle of the Knights the quicker that body goes down the better. There was a brother who belongs to the Assembly, that was on that committee with me. He put in his bill for twenty dollars and his Assembly paid him for the same work. There was the difference between two Assemblies. If members would read article six and section six in constitution they would see I was not dealt fairly with. All I want is fair play. They gave me no chance to defend myself. They gave me no trial, which they should. Those who had me expelled were enemies of mine of the bitterest kind, who lied worse than thieves, but broke their obligation in many ways, not only in lying but drinking. This is strong language but true. I was treasurer and had the money in my possession and I kept it. I will leave it to the public in general whether I was right or wrong. It was no use to sue the Assembly, for if you sue a beggar you will get a louse. I have been twitted of stealing that money—that is behind my back—but it won't be well for the person if I can find out who makes this statement. I learned that money and it was mine, and that was the only way I could get it. If the public don't believe me let them ask the other Hall Committee man whether I am entitled to it or not.

EDWARD MANN.

[We willingly give place to the above in the columns of the COURIER for the reason that the writer of the communication has had a good deal to say publicly in and out of the city on the subject. It is fair that both sides should be heard, but we should hesitate to refer in the columns of the COURIER to Mr. Mann's expulsion without the excuse which the publication of his own letter gives us.

Every man is either his own best friend or his own worst enemy. In this case Mr. Mann is the latter. His actions in the past have condemned him; his letter now condemns him. It is a poor cause that compels the aggrieved party to resort to personal abuse of his opponents and threats against parties who perhaps have an existence only in his own disordered brain.

Briefly stated the facts are these: Mr. Mann and a member of another Assembly were members of the Hall Committee, in which capacity they did work for which they thought they ought to receive payment. On all committees more or less work is done and more or less time is given for the good of the order, as is done in all organizations. In this case the special work done was the laying down of a carpet on the Hall floor. The Hall is not a very large one, but the bill was regarded by members of both Assemblies as exorbitant—\$40 in all. The twenty dollars was paid in one Assembly after considerable protest and purely in the interests of harmony. In the other Assembly members declined to be imposed upon to such an extent. They voted to pay Mr. Mann \$5 for his work. Mr. Mann was Treasurer, and while refusing to accept the sum offered he had it in his possession all the time. Many months passed by until a time when the bulk of the money belonging to the Assembly was in the bank and orders were drawn covering the balance still in Mr. Mann's possession, leaving him the \$5 that had been voted to him. Then he became insubordinate and refused to honor the draft. The Assembly went into Executive Session and argued the question with him in all its bearings until long after the midnight hour. Members pleaded with him to allow the matter to be arbitrated upon. Mr. Mann stubbornly refused and the Assembly was then compelled to proceed against him in the usual manner. He was expelled, but he kept the twenty dollars. Members could well afford to let Mr. Mann enjoy the solitude to which he was retired to make use of his ill-gotten booty, and would not hereafter have interfered with him had he manifested the good sense of keeping a still tongue. Mr. Mann has chosen, however, to allow that unruly organ of his to wag too freely to the supposed injury of the man, and it is therefore necessary that this explanation should be given.

No one desires to speak harshly of Mr. Mann. He deserves a reprimand for his

dishonesty, but his letter proves what members have long known, that he is barely responsible for all he says and does. The principles of Knighthood are the same now when he denounces the order as when he joined the order and affirmed his fealty to it. The membership now is as good as it was then—not perfect, by any means—but Mr. Mann should remember that any man who has enough virulence in him and only a little common sense about him may at any time hurl epithets equally as forcible and convincing against members of any other organization—even of the church—as those he now heaves so promiscuously against his late comrades, who have not been his enemies, though they have been compelled in the interests of the order to disapprove of the dishonesty practised by Mr. Mann.

Mr. Mann sneers at Knights because they "want ten hours pay for eight hours work," but he forgets that the payment he demanded was equal to payment for two weeks work, though only a few hours were occupied. If Mr. Mann's principles were recognized, the order would very soon go to eternal smash. He refused to arbitrate his grievance with the members, though arbitration is one of the strong planks in the platform of principles. Under all the circumstances, therefore Mr. Mann will be apt to look a long while for the sympathy he seeks from the public through means of his letter. The order has nothing to lose by the discussion of his grievance in any way, but Mr. Mann has everything to lose.—Editor LABOR COURIER.]

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We are obliged to hold over until next week an interesting communication signed "Laborer." It will then appear.

—The Carpenter, the official organ of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, has been enlarged and improved. It is now published in Philadelphia.

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—Chatham Knights did the correct thing at the municipal elections recently held there by electing five out of six of the candidates supported by them, four of the five being members of Maple Leaf Assembly.

—A subscriber last week suggested that our editorial paragraphs would look "better with headings and that readers would be better pleased to have them appellationed. We have taken the hint; now how do they look?

—A full attendance of the delegates to the Trades and Labor Council will attend the meeting to be held on Saturday evening at 7.30 sharp. When the election of officers for 1887 will take place and other important business will be transacted.

—District Assembly, No. 138, will meet in London next Tuesday in Annual session. The routine business having been completed in the formation of the District, the Assembly can now buckle down to work and a lot of business that will prove beneficial to the order may be transacted.

—The difficulties referred to in a communication in these columns two weeks ago from Chatham have been adjusted, a compromise having been effected and the men returning to work. The hour for closing is now 5.30 p. m. One hour was asked and half an hour obtained. Both parties have acted wisely. Education must be gradual.

—The M. W. of the K. of L. Assembly in Sarnia is in trouble, he being charged with having manipulated things there to the detriment of the order in the matter of obtaining the approval of the Assembly to the candidature of A. W. Wright. In this connection there are grave charges against him which will be investigated next week. Meantime, it would be unwise, therefore, to comment further on the matter, though the facts have been discussed pro and con in the Sarnia press.—The Standard, Henry George's new Labor paper in New York, appeared for the first time last Saturday. It will be a fearless and independent weekly publication, for which dozens of the ablest writers on Labor subjects in America will be regular contributors. Subscription price, \$2.50 per annum, or clubbed with the LABOR COURIER for \$2.60. Those who can afford to take the Standard should do so, as in it will be found the cream of Labor literature.

A TOAST FOR LABOR.

Some tell of the wealth that blesses this nation.
Some tell of the intellect flashing so bright,
Some speak of a science that studies creation,
And find in its learning a wonderful light;
But fill now your glasses with pure sparkling water,
We'll give you a toast that shall ring through your land—
Here's health, love and joy to each son and daughter
Of true-hearted labor wherever they stand!

Yes, labor ennobled is ever a glory:
It builds up the wealth of the nations to-day,
It frees every mind and writes a rich story
In power all-enduring that never decays.
Let the carriage of wealth roll by in its beauty,
While its occupants frown on the hard working man;
If he knows that his heart and his strength do their duty,
He is lord of his rights and a pride to his land.

Then bless every workman who fears not to labor,
Who in time of great danger springs free to the call,
Who is kind to the world and just to his neighbor,
With friendship for true hearts, and good will to all,
The rich-robed aristocrat deems in displaying
His lily-white hands that never have toiled:
He's showing his power, but the workman is saying
Far better my hands than my heart should be soiled.

Go, sweep all the workmen from out of your nation,
And let down all wealth and each statue that's grand,
'Tis the laborer, who, in life's varied gradations,
Uprears all platforms on which the rich stand.
Then here's to the workman, bless him and speed him,
May he learn the true value of "labor profound":
The country well knows that in all hours she needs him,
His worth yet on earth shall be royally crowned.

—Labor Advocate.

MEAT FOR BABIES.

Stuff the school children; fill up the heads of them;
Send them all lesson-full home to the beds of their;
Blackboard and exercise, problem and question,
Bother their young brains and spoil their digestion;
Stuff them with 'ologies, all they can smatter at;
Fill them with 'ometries, all they can batter at;
Crowd them with 'onomies, all they can chatter at;
When they are through with the labor and show of it,
What do they care for it? What do they know of it?

Feed them and cram them with all sorts of knowledges;
Rush them and push them through high schools and colleges;
Keep the hot kettle on, boiling and frothing;
Marks count for everything, death counts for nothing;
Rush them and push them while they've the will for it;
Knowledge is great though many you kill for it;
Pile on the taxes to pay you the bill for it;
Urge them and press them to higher ambitions;
Heed not their minds' or their body's conditions.

Sick to the system you long have been cherishing,
Careless of those who are fading and perishing,
Strong meat for babies! is the age's last motto;
Drop the weak souls who can't learn as they ought to;
Feed them and fill them, no end to the worrying;
Push them and press them, no stop to the hurrying;
Parents at home will attend to the burying;
Strong meat for babies! is the motto of progress;
Knowledge a fiend, is ambition an ogress.

—New York Sun.

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Judge Pickett, of New Haven, Conn., recently rendered a voluminous decision in the case of Assistant Supt. William H. Wallace, of Consolidated Railroad, and Supt. Stacy B. Opdyke, of the Northampton Road, who were tried Dec. 10, for conspiring against Thomas F. Meaney, in blacklisting him. He found both of the railroad officials guilty and made the fine \$50 in each case. The defendants appealed to the next term of the Superior Court. They put in no evidence in their own behalf at the trial. Meaney, the complainant, was night-yardmaster for the Northampton road until Nov. 17, when he was taken ill and had to remain away from work for three days. He wanted pay for those days, and when Mr. Opdyke refused, he left and went to work for the Consolidated. He was discharged after working there eleven days, it is alleged, because Mr. Opdyke objected to the way he left his employ. This is the first decision of the kind that has ever been rendered. Judge Pickett was the judge who first convicted the boycotters in New Haven.

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