

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing two years, and duly installed:

M. W. Grand Sire.....R. B. BOLYSTON, of South Carolina;
 R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.....MILTON HERNDON, of Indiana;
 Grand Rec. and Cor. Secretary.....JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland;
 R. W. Grand Treasurer.....JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland.

BY-LAW ADOPTED.

The following by-law was adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge:

Any propositions offered for reference to any Standing Committee of this Body, which shall require an entry in full upon the journal, shall be submitted in duplicate, either in print or manuscript; and if in writing, they shall be on paper not less in size than half a page of foolscap.

A resolution substantially the same was adopted on the first day of the session, and the business of the session was transacted under it. It enables the Grand Secretary to send to its appropriate committee at once, everything which is referred by the Grand Lodge; it protects him from annoyance, and from the loss of papers and documents.

Resolved, That the following matters be referred to the several Grand Jurisdictions for their consideration, and that they be requested to report their conclusions to this R. W. Grand Body at the next Annual Communication:

- I.—The abolishment of the mileage and per diem to Grand Representatives.
- II.—The reduction of the present Representative tax of seventy-five dollars, to its former amount, of twenty dollars for each Representative.
- III.—Supplies such as cards, books, odes, etc., be furnished to Grand Bodies and Subordinates at cost price.
- IV.—All deficiency in revenue to be yearly assessed upon the membership of the respective Grand Bodies.

In conclusion, I have in every respect endeavored to advance your interests, but in consequence of a custom of the Grand Lodge, of appointing only those Representatives who have for years occupied seats in the said Grand Lodge, on committees of any importance, I was unable to bring the same amount of influence to bear, I could wish. In closing the report of my stewardship, allow me kindly to thank the members of this Grand Body, for placing me in the position I have occupied, and hope that no act of mine has caused any member to regret the confidence they bestowed.

All of which is respectfully submitted;

THOMAS PARTRIDGE,
 G. R. to G. L. U. S.

In compliance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, moved by Rep. Friesman, the Grand Master appointed, P. G. M. Yale, P. G. M. Dolson and P. G. Secretary Read, a Special Committee, to procure a suitable Testimonial for Deputy Grand Master Peel.

On motion of Rep. Browne, seconded by Rep. Findlay, the several Lodges, were instructed to return their original dispensations, as soon as possible, after the receipt of the new charters.

On motion, duly passed, a New Charter, signed by S. G. Dolson, as Grand