

brethren of the Nova Scotia authority upon the result of our deliberations, and endeavor, if possible, to effect such arrangements as would insure a perfect and complete union of the whole masonic fraternity in the Province.

A meeting was accordingly convened on Saturday, the 23rd inst. After a satisfactory explanation upon that portion of clause 2d, before referred to, a friendly conversation ensued with reference to a more complete union of the craft in its jurisdiction. In consequence of some matters bearing upon that subject not being fully understood, it was agreed to adjourn until Tuesday evening following, at which meeting we are happy to report, such arrangements were completed as will, we believe, result in an amicable adjustment of those differences that have heretofore existed amongst us, and unite the whole fraternity of masons in this Province in one indissoluble bond, so that in all time hereafter they shall form and constitute but one brotherhood. The Committee, therefore, earnestly solicit the zealous support of yourself and the members of your lodge; and with this view request that you submit the matter for their consideration, and report their decision to the Secretary of Committee at as early a day as possible.

We have the honor to be,
Worshipful Sir and Brother,
Yours fraternally,

ROBT. D. CLARK, *Chairman.*
BENJ. CURREN.
DAVID D. TAPPER.
JAMES HUDSON.
H. D. CLARKE.
ALEX. MCKAY.
A. H. CROWE, *Secretary.*

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STATUS OF AN ENTERED APPRENTICE.

Bro. McCorkle, Grand Secretary of Kentucky, in his report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, gives the following history of the Entered Apprentice degree:

The brother seems to be ignorant that only about twenty-five years ago, throughout the whole United States, all lodges, as they still do in England, Scotland and Ireland, and we believe on the Continent of Europe, made the Entered Apprentice's lodge the place where all the lodge business was transacted,—petitions for initiation and membership presented and voted on,—appropriations of money made and elections of officers held, in all which Entered Apprentices were as much entitled to vote as Master Masons, but they could not themselves be elected to office for obvious reasons. Then the lodge was only opened in the Fellow Craft and Master's degrees for the purpose of work, or for trials of those who were of those degrees. And it all worked smoothly enough. But most unfortunately, a Convention, was gotten up in Baltimore about 1843, in which only a few Grand Lodges were represented, where, among other things, it was resolved that all business thenceforth should be done in a lodge of Master Masons; and this innovation, for it was an innovation, has gradually spread until we now find the doctrine proclaimed that an Entered Apprentice is in reality no Mason at all or at least an *inchoate* Mason—the ward of the lodge—a child Masonry, in short a kind of sucking Mason, we presume, who is to be fed on Masonic pap until he reaches maturity in the shape of a Master Mason. And we are also

gravely told now that "the usages of Masonry have changed," and it "has adapted itself to the progress of the world and a changed condition of society." We admit the ancient usages of Masonry have in this particular been changed, but deny that there was any necessity for it; and to us that fine phrase about the progress of the world and the changed condition of society has no meaning. What did the progress of the world have to do with the change in the status of an Entered Apprentice Mason? and in what has the condition of society changed, as to require a change in the rights of an E. A.?

At Rest.

DIED—At Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 26th April, Bro. Geo. A. Keefer, in the 26th year of his age.

An Emergent meeting of Euclid Lodge, No. 656, Brooklyn, was called on Tuesday evening, the 27th, when by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, it was resolved to have the funeral services performed on Wednesday morning, at ten o'clock; that the beautiful service of the Episcopal Church, appointed to the house, should be performed by Rev. Mr. Johnson, Rector of St. Mary's, Clason Ave., Brooklyn; that Worshipful James T. Burdick, Master of the Lodge, should perform the Masonic Service; that the Trustees procure a casket for the remains; that Worshipful Wm. A. Kelsey, Past Master of the Lodge, together with Brother Frederick Heeg, should constitute a committee of escort to the remains of our late Brother Keefer; and such other preliminaries as were necessary to the occasion.

The committee of escort, with the body, arrived at London on Thursday evening at six o'clock, where they were met by Jas. Keefer, Esq., County Clerk for Middlesex, father of deceased, and a delegation from Beaver Lodge, No. 83, at Strathroy. Friday morning, the 30th, they proceeded on our journey to Strathroy, arriving safely, and were met by the entire Lodge, who walked in procession to the residence of deceased's family; and at ten, a. m., the last sad rite to the memory of the deceased was performed respectively by Brother the Rev. R. S. Patterson, Rector of Christ's Church, and Worshipful Bro. Lenfestey, Past Master, and some sixty of the brethren.

Bro. George A. Keefer was a member of Euclid Lodge, No. 656, Brooklyn, N. Y., having been initiated in December, 1867, in the following spring passed and raised, and last December was appointed Senior Deacon of the Lodge, which position he held at the time of his death. Brother Keefer had endeared himself not only to the members of Euclid Lodge, but to a large circle, embracing the various wards surrounding his residence.

Wor. Bro. Wm. A. Kelsey, to whom we are indebted for the above notice of Bro. Keefer, desires us to express the warmest thanks of himself and Bro. Heeg, for the truly Masonic courtesy and kindness extended to them by Bro. S. K. Brownson of the American Express Company, Bro. Jarvis, the Agent of G. W. R. R., New York, the Custom House Officers at Susp. Bridge, and especially to the brethren at Strathroy.

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