

Upon the rising young business men will fall the burdens of the future ; they must carry on the work. We want to make this Board a popular institution in every sense of the word. One member has as many rights here as another ; there is no such thing as a clique of one body of men or another. The members should make the very best use of the Board that is in their power.

The various sections of the Board require to be reorganized, and every member should have some section to which he belongs, and to which he may go in order to ventilate his grievances and to give his views from time to time.

I hope every member will be willing to assume his fair share of responsibility in connection with the work of the Board. Let us not pursue a vacillating policy, one waiting for the other to act ; I hope both the old and new members will feel that a share of responsibility rests upon them, and that they will be glad to participate in the work of the Board and in the discussions which take place.

What we want now, associated with the present membership, is five hundred new members. For two years past we have been endeavoring to make such arrangements in connection with the finances of the Board and the Gratuity Fund, that it would not be a financial burden for anyone to become a member of this Board, and we have succeeded in working out this problem with a view of taking in a large number of new members. The entrance fee of one hundred dollars is suspended for the present, and the annual dues are now twelve dollars for resident members, and ten dollars for non-resident members, so it will be seen that the annual dues, being at a nominal figure, will not be the means of barring out anyone who would feel that they would like to be associated with the Board.

Blank forms for application have been distributed amongst the members who are present here to-day, and if each one will do his duty, within a few weeks the membership of this Board will be greatly increased. I may tell you that there are applications in now for more than ten per cent. of the number asked for.

The matter is entirely in your hands, and I hope each member will do his duty.

A. E. KEMP.