

Oliver reported the scheme as amended. The amended report was not adopted—182 years, and 710 days.

It was moved in amendment to the amended report by R. W. Bro. O. Klotz, and seconded by Bro. C. King,—That the Committee's report as read by Judge Hughes, be adopted. Carried, by 98 members voting 762 yeas, and 17 members voting 130 nays.

The report of the scheme brought in by the Committee appointed by the President was then declared carried in its entirety.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, when the following were elected: V. W. Bro. Rev. G. M. Innes, *President*; and V. W. Bro. R. Lewis, *Vice-President*, by acclamation.

Directors—R. W. Bro. G. S. Birrell, 701; Bro. Judge Hughes, 687; I. Waterman, 491; J. Campbell, 320; Wm. Skinner, 49; C. F. Goodhue, 8.

The first three named were declared elected for two years.

Bro. A. Smyth and John Burnett were elected Auditors.

Moved by R. W. Bro. D. McLellan, seconded by V. W. Bro. Carey, that the proceedings of this meeting be printed, and that each member be supplied with a copy of the amended Constitution and By-laws. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Chas. King, seconded by Bro. Judge Hughes, that the thanks of this meeting is hereby given to the President, Vice-President, Directors, Auditors and Secretary for their very efficient services during the past year. Carried.

Three cheers were called for by R. W. Bro. O. Klotz for the "Queen," after which the meeting was declared closed at 1.30 o'clock a. m.

Mechanics' Institute, 24th January, 1877.

H. A. BAXTER,
Secretary.

QUERIES SUBMITTED TO W. R. MEREDITH, ESQ., Q. C., ON BEHALF AND FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE LONDON MASONIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

OFFICE—418 Talbot Street, November, 1876.

W. R. MEREDITH:—*Sir*—I am directed by the Board of this Association to lay the following queries for your consideration and opinion.

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A 1st—To tax the heirs or representatives of each member.

A 2nd—To tax the members on each death or disability.

A 3rd—A "Medium Plan" to pay a definite sum at each death or disability; surplus accruing to be placed at the credit of the Reserve Fund. In this scheme the membership to be unlimited, whilst in Nos. 1 and 2, membership limited to 2,500 each.

QUERIES.

1st—As to raising a permanent "Reserve Fund." The interest accruing thereon shall be applied from time to time on payment of calls when said calls exceed above an average ratio say $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum of the membership. See Clause 20, page 10, Constitution; Clause 6, page 20, By-laws.

2nd—As to disability. Can this clause be more clearly defined as to "Spinal Affection?" Could a sub-clause be submitted for paying parties so affected a certain monthly allowance until such time or times as said complaint takes a more defined shape, as the Directors have much trouble in dealing with it? Or could that portion be done away with, leaving only those of a total loss and by accident of hand, arm or leg, or loss of sight? Is severance a loss? See page 5, Clause 2; page 8, Clause 17; page —, Clause 2.

3rd—In sending out "Proxies" to members as pointed—page 13, Clause 5—is it necessary to send with them the contemplated changes to the Constitution and By-laws, and as pointed out in the marked Circular of the 15th May, '76, or can such a change as there mentioned be legally done?

4th—Can the Directors appoint a "Medical Referee" and a Travelling Inspector—both paid—under clause? Page 22, Clause 3; page 23, Clause 4; page 6, Clause 10.

(Signed by Order)

H. A. BAXTER,
Secretary.

LONDON, ONT., December 5, 1876.

SIR,—With regard to the suggested changes in the Constitution and By-laws of the London Masonic Mutual Benefit Association referred to in your memorandum of November last, I may remark:—

1st—That no amendment of the Constitution can be proposed at your next annual meeting unless notice in writing of the intention to propose it has been addressed to the