

I would ask this grand body if they will sanction any letters to be published in the *Journal* anonymously, censuring the Executive, and the editor would not give the name under the excuse of *sub rosa*.

During last summer we directed Bro. Twining, D.D., to go to Trenton, and he reported that no lodge was in existence there—although opened on July 18th, 1883, they had held but one or two meetings, and that the leading spirit had died, and it seemed that the lodge died too, and it will be struck off the list.

There are other topics I might call your attention to but that the R. W. G. Secretary will enter more fully into them.

Before I conclude I would put two questions for your careful consideration. 1st, Is it not time that the Executive officers of this body should not have a regalia supplied to them upon taking office, to be the property of the Grand Lodge? 2nd, Is it fair to ask our R. W. G. Chaplain to attend this meeting at his own expense?

I cannot close without returning my thanks to my colleagues in office, and to the members of the Finance Committee in the way they have assisted me at all times. I have also received much courtesy and kindness from the brethren everywhere, and hope that the spirit will grow so, that we will all be united in the bonds of brotherly love.

I ask for your support and forbearance during this session, and trust that unity and goodwill will prevail, and when we leave for our respective homes we may be able to say it was good for us to be here.

I have the honour to be,

Yours fraternally,

JOHN CLAYTON,

M. W. G. P.

On motion the address was received and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The Vice-President then read his report.

#### GRAND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

BARRIE, February 8th, 1887.

*To the Most Worthy Grand President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society :*

BRETHREN,—In submitting my report I have been deeply sensible of the important duties of the office, and of the many and heavy responsibilities resting on the faithful performance of my duty. During the past year I have attended twelve meetings of the G. L. Executive and Beneficiary Board.