

that may have accumulated on said sum or sums during the time it may have been held by this Association, that is, say from the date of his ceasing to pay to the date of his death."

The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:

R. W. Bro. G. M. Innes, President; V. W. Bro. R. Lewis, Vice-President.

DIRECTORS.—W. Bro. M. D. Dawson, St. John's, 20; V. W. Bro. Wm. Care7, 32°, Kilwinning, 64; W. Bro. Thomas Winnett, St. John's, 20; R. W. Bro. G. S. Birrell, 32°, Tuscan, R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, St. George's, 42; V. W. Bro. I. Waterman, 14°, Tuscan, 195.

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AUDITORS.—Bros. John Barnett, St. John's, 209; H. A. Smith, St. George's, 32; W. Bro. H. A. Baxter, 18°, P. M., Kilwinning, 64, SEC. & TREAS.

### LOOK ON THIS PICTURE—AND ON THAT.

Some time ago we had occasion to visit a a Masonic Body. composed of excellent material so far as we could judge, but whose lax discipline, general appearance and manner of work were neither in keeping with the character of our Institution, nor calculated to impress favorably either visitors or candidates.

The air of the Lodge-room was heavy with the fumes of tobacco, while the bad light, the broken furniture, and the disorderly and uncleanly appearance of things had a very depressing effect. The most cheerful apartment was the ante-room, or outer hall, where, around a large stove, a dozen or twenty Brethren had assembled smoking and cracking jokes—varying the order of procedure occasionally by chaffing the candidates, two or three being present to pass through the ceremony.

When the time for business and work arrived, not more than one half of the assembly passed into the Lodge-room, the remainder keeping each other and the Tyler company, until singly or by twos and threes they repaired to other places. All through the work the voices without could be heard, and at every opening of the door a cloud of fragrant smoke from piper and cigars was wafted inward, tempting a number of the Brethren to withdraw to the outer courts where they could be more at their ease and aid in maintaining the volume of incense at its maximum. Those that remained seemed listless and uneasy; there was constant confusion, the passing to and fro, whisperings, etc., which the presiding officer made few attempts to remedy. Indeed we pitied the Brother who sat in the seat of authority for he acted much as if he had a mob to propitiate and lead, rather than an orderly gathering of Masons to govern. At last work was called. Some of the implements and essentials to the ceremony were lacking, and had to be hunted for in obscure places, or, not being found, they were improvised for the occasion according to suggestions freely made by the Brethren. The lessons and legends were communicated in a doubtful, hesitating sort of a way like a school boy's recitation badly learned. One of the officers had a part of the ritual committed to memory, the other part he read from a manuscript which he could only decipher with considerable difficulty; there was no music to enliven the service; there was no heart in the work; the moral atmosphere was heavy and forbidding, and when, after many lapses and blunders, the ceremony was brought to a conclusion all who were present joined in a sigh of relief. The club-room proceedings on the part of loafers and stragglers in the passage-ways and outer hall; the lack of system, order, knowledge and proper arrangements on the part of officers and members made an exhibition most painful to witness and entirely out of keeping with the character of the Masonic Institution. We have no desire to find fault, but we do say that such lax proceedings—such slipshod ways of management—such dull and stupid performance of the work—are most calculated to bring the Craft into disrepute among thoughtful and intelligent men. They constitute evils that deserve correction wherever they are found to exist.

But look on another picture!

A few nights since we were present at one of the regular meetings of a Masonic Body in this city. The members came promptly at the hour named in the notification. Each officer was in his place prepared to do his duty. All were clothed according to the requirements of the Order. There were no loafers in the passage-ways or ante-