than ninety days in arrears shall be suspended for non-payment of dues, and any member who shall be one year in arrears prior to the annual meeting shall be expelled and his rights and privileges cancelled."

Death Benefit Fund

THIS section of the by-laws should be amended to read that "any member who desires to join this fund shall pay two dollars and twenty cents, and thereafter one dollar and ten cents at each assessment. Also it should be inserted that any member who is more than thirty days in arrears shall not be in good standing in the Death Benefit membership until all assessments are paid.

The National Greenkeeper

WITHOUT this publication we should never have made the progress which we are able to report today. There are very few who realize the amount of time consumed in obtaining the material and getting it into shape for the printer. Many of the articles sent in have to be re-written, and all proof must be re-read. The cost of publishing our magazine is heavy. The item of suitable cuts for illustration alone represents a large outlay, and the mailing each month is another heavy expense. During my administration, I have upon several occasions prohibited articles written by greenkeepers from appearing in our magazine, for knowing that our magazines enter several thousands of homes and clubs, permitting the printing of some of our contributions would have served to hold the writers up to ridicule, and place us in an embarrassing position.

With the aid of the National Greenkeeper we are drawn closer together, and we are better able to observe what our fellow greenkeepers are doing. There is another item to consider, and that is the excellent publicity that is given our members through this magazine. We all know that greenkeepers get very little publicity in other golf publications, as most of them are devoted to the game of golf. Most of us very rarely see our names even in home papers.

There are many of our members who are unable to be with us today, for instance, and how eagerly they will read what has happened at this convention. How much entertainment and valuable information they will derive from the able addresses that have been given here in the last two days, which will appear in print in the National Greenkeeper.

In Conclusion

I HOPE and trust that our labor and actions during the past year will meet with your approval. We may have made mistakes. Henry Ford says he never made a mistake in his life. I have made many. So have you. For it is the mistakes we make that teach us to do better, and bring us closer to perfection.

I trust that our meeting may be harmonious and pleasant, and that legislation will be enacted which will strengthen our structure and lead us along more progressive lines.

I am not unmindful of the fact that had I not had the united support of the members here I could not have carried along this grand and noble work. To Mr. John McNamara, John MacGregor and Fred Burkhardt I owe a debt of gratitude for the good advice and counsel they have at all times so generously given to me.

I cannot bring my report to a close without expressing my sincerest appreciation to Mr. Robert E. Power for his loyalty, advice and assistance accorded to me during my administration. I have endeavored to conduct the office of president of this association as God has given me the light to see the right, and I trust you will give my successor the same support (more if possible) than you have so kindly given me.

Do You Want a Convention Photo?

Photographs of the Convention and the Banquet may be purchased from the San Remo Studios, 215 State St., Detroit, Mich. The photos are 12x20 in size and the price is $1.60 each, postpaid.