

It would be very absurd to say "Most Worshipful Brother Albert Edward" was present at such and such a meeting, or "Brother Wales" moved such and such a resolution in Grand Lodge. We really do not see in what other manner the heir-apparent to the throne could be addressed.—*Masonic Review*.

The committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, at the last session, held in Cleveland, in regard to physical disqualifications of candidates, reported as follows:—

"The regulations of this Grand Lodge make the 'ancient charge' a part of its constitutional laws, and the language of the ancient charges upon this subject is so plain as to admit of but one construction, viz.: that a candidate for initiation must be without 'maim or defect,' hence your committee would recommend the reversal of any decision that may be in conflict therewith."

Let us turn for a moment and consider what are the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, which are so unceremoniously sat down upon by the above report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master had decided two questions relating to the above subject. The first was in the case of an applicant who had lost the index finger of his right hand. The second related to one who had only one eye. Both of these candidates were represented to be exemplary men, without a flaw in their characters. The Grand Master decided that they *were* eligible, and the committee, as we have stated, recommended the reversal of said decisions.

Now, the "ancient charges" on which the committee base their decision, does not contemplate any such stringent construction, and if they had quoted the subsequent language of said "charges," we do not believe that the Grand Lodge would have agreed to their report.

The words which they did not quote and which follow "maim or defect" are as follows—"that may render him incapable of learning the art." Now, we do not for a moment suppose that any one can be found who will candidly say that either of the above defects are of such a character as would be contemplated by the above sections. Believing thus, we are constrained to urge upon the representatives to the coming session of the Grand Lodge, the propriety of reversing the action of last year in this matter, and further, we reiterate the opinion we expressed in a former issue of the *Chronicle*, that the Grand Lodge should officially decide what really does constitute "physical disability," so that an end may be put to any disagreement in the future.—*Masonic Chronicle*.

These physical qualification tests become a greater humbug every day. They are not recognized and never have been by the oldest Grand Lodges in the world, and are really an Americanism that had better be swept out of our system. The idea of refusing to make a man a Mason because he had lost an eye. How about a tooth or a toe nail?

TORONTO.—Officers of Occident Lodge: W Bro S B Pollard, W M; Bros W H Perry, S W; Alfred Curran, J W; C C Robb, Chaplain; M J Meyerfey, Secretary; E J Firman, Treasurer; J Hall, Tyler; W G Gubbins, S D; H A E Kent, J D; B Wolf, S S; T Hughes, J S; H Stone, D of C; G M Donovan, I G; W Bros Dunn and Williams, Trustees. The ceremony was performed by R W Bro Joshua G. Burns, D.D.G.M., Toronto District. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. J. R. Dunn was presented with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, on his retiring from the chair. A large number of visiting brethren were present.