

light of the peculiar wording of Bro. Sargent's letter may be regarded in effect (though not technically so worded) as a removal for sufficient cause under clause 9 "of Masters and Wardens of Lodges." Bro. Sargent says in his letter, "I have good and sufficient reasons for acting in the manner I do," and his masonic word contained in an official letter seems to have been taken as a "sufficient cause" without further investigation. The Board is further of opinion that if the action of the Lodge could not be sustained as a removal from office for cause, and a withdrawal from membership conjointly with the removal, Bro. Sargent is by his own acts, after his year of office had expired estopped by every principle of law and equity from claiming membership in the Lodge—His application was to be allowed to retire, either then, or as soon as he could legally do so—The Lodge acted upon the application at once. The Board does not at present decide whether the Lodge had the right under the constitution to accept the resignation of a member while in office as S. W. but the application was made and the Lodge did in fact accept it. If it did wrong the Lodge rendered itself liable to censure, but the act was not a nullity any more than the irregular initiation of a candidate without sending the prescribed notices, etc., would be a nullity, and it may be regarded when combined with the wording of the application, and the acts both of the Lodge and Bro. Sargent after his year of office had expired, as a withdrawal at any rate from the date when it could legally be done.

The Lodge had clearly by its action deprived itself of the power of suspending Bro. Sargent for non-payment of dues, and he by applying again for membership describing himself as "*late a member of the Lodge*" and promising obedience "*if admitted*" in like manner estopped himself from afterwards claiming the privileges of membership.

For these reasons the Board is of opinion that the ruling of R. W. Bro. Kerr should be sustained.

In the matter of grievances and appeals, the complaints involved being of a very recent date, all parties were ordered to be summoned for the annual meeting of the Board in July next.

The subject of Benevolence as usual came up for consideration, and some fifty two applications were submitted, of which, fifty received donations amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$1,335.00

The Chairman of this Committee, strongly recommended that Brethren desirous of making application to the Board for appropriations from the Benevolent fund, should be required to append to such applications full information regarding the circumstances of the party for whom the application is made, in order that the Board may arrive at an intelligent decision on each individual case.

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## INSTALLATIONS.

MANITO LODGE No. 90. COLLINGWOOD.—W. Bro. Arthur Moberly, W. M.; V. W. Bro. John Nettleton, P. M.; Bros. J. H. Burns, S. W.; C. E. Stephens, J. W.; Hiram Gillson, Chaplain.; V. W. Bro. E. R. Carpenter, Treasurer.; Bros. John Ferguson, Secretary.; J. F. Mathews, S. D.; A. C. Cameron, J. D.; J. R. Creelman, Organist.; Alex Cameron, D. of C.; P. M. Campbell and Wm. Watts, Stewards.; W. R. Anderson, I. G.; John McFadzen, Tyler.

MANITOU CHAPTER No. 27. COLLINGWOOD.—V. E. Comp. John Nettle-