

Grand Lodge should enact a law<sup>d</sup> that a trial of a brother should not take place unless seven members of the lodge were present. The law as it stands, prohibits the balloting for candidates with a less number than seven, and it seems reasonable that a less number should not try and inflict Masonic punishment upon a brother."

"That the W. M. has not the power to grant dimits. This right belongs only to the lodge."

"That an installation by proxy is no installation at all. No brother can properly be installed unless present and agreeing to the same.

"There is no good reason for installing any officer by proxy. If a brother elected to an office is absent at the time of installation, the installing officer can direct the W. M. to install the absent brother at the first meeting of the lodge which he attends, and this course is perfectly legal. There is no necessity for the brother to be installed before he presents himself at a lodge meeting."

The Grand Lodge of Utah was duly recognized.

Consequent upon the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence presented a report which was adopted, in which they say:

"That they observe with great sorrow the course that our brethren of Canada have seen fit to pursue relative to the Grand Orient of France, in view of its invasion of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, at once openly and avowedly committed, and see no great reason avowed by the Grand Lodge of Canada, why she receives into her bosom a foreign Grand Body which has been cut off from Masonic intercourse with almost every Grand Masonic Body on this continent."

And further:

"Your committee consider that the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the matter of its singularly precipitate exchange of representatives with the Grand Orient of France, its total disregard of our resolutions of 1872, and refusal to adopt them; its unfraternal designation of those resolutions as a "threat" fully justify this Grand Lodge in withdrawing its Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

"Resolved, That the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, near the Grand Lodge of Canada, be and he is hereby withdrawn."

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Batchelor, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada near Louisiana withdrew, by consent, his credentials as Representative.

The same committee report upon certain amendments to the By-laws of a Lodge, submitted to them for approval. This decision is, in our opinion, correct:

'Any member in arrears for dues over twelve months is hereby declared ineligible to office.