

The following recommendation and resolutions of the Committee on Jurisprudence were adopted :—

"That your Committee recommend that the course and policy pursued by the Grand Master as to "adoptive Masonry" or Side Degrees, be approved; and that the Grand Master be authorized to strictly and stringently enforce the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge upon the subject of "Side Degrees."

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Wyoming, be, and hereby is, recognized as one of the Grand Bodies of Masonry; and that this Grand Lodge courteously, and with fraternal pleasure, welcome its admission into the constellation of the Grand Bodies of Masonry.

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge refuse to recognize the so-called "Grand Orient of Hungary" as one of the Grand Bodies of Masonry."

It was also ordered :—

"That in case of any calamity happening to any community or communities, by pestilence, fire, or from any other cause, the M. W. Grand Master is hereby authorized to donate from the funds of the Grand Lodge, such sum or sums as he may deem adequate for the relief of distressed brethren in such community. Provided, that he shall not donate to exceed one thousand dollars in any one year. He is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer for amounts donated."

In two cases which were passed upon by the Committee on Appeals, we are not prepared to agree with their conclusions. They are as follows :—

"In the matter of the application of Bro. C. T. Overton, for a hearing in the matter of his expulsion by Melody Lodge, No. 2, your Committee report, that no application having been made for Bro. Overton to be reinstated by this Grand Lodge, he is not entitled to a hearing and cannot be benefited by one; they therefore recommend that the request be not granted.

"In the matter of the trial and expulsion of Ira P. Richmond from Geneva Lodge, No. 44, the proceedings are not authenticated by the seal of the Lodge.

The charge of adultery. The only evidence produced to sustain the principal charge was the verdict of a jury and judgment of the Circuit Court of Walworth county, in a civil action for damages, brought against the accused for criminal conversation. The accused objected to this evidence, and it was admitted against his objection. Your Committee are of opinion that this evidence was incompetent and should not have been admitted. We recommend that the sentence of the Lodge be not affirmed, and that the case be referred back to the Lodge for a new trial."

We are not disposed to be too particular as to mere matters of form in Masonic trials, so long as the merits of each case can be reached. In the first of the above cases, it appears to us that the Committee took advantage of a pure technicality. We would have presumed that the Brother, in applying for a hearing, meant to appeal against the decision of the lodge,