

ANS.—(1.) The fact of Brother "A" having reported himself sick to a member of his Lodge was equivalent to a report to the Lodge to all intents and purposes, it being further evidenced by the fact that the Visiting Committee acted thereon, and reported his case at the next regular meeting. (2.) During his sickness or disability.

RULING.—"A" is justly entitled to one week's benefit, \$4, as prescribed by the By-laws, Art. vi., sec. 1, for each full week's duration of such sickness or disability (he being otherwise qualified).

3. A Committee appointed to investigate charges against a member has concluded the taking of testimony and given notice to the Lodge of its intention to bring in a report at the next Convention.

QUE.—"Should said Committee's recommendation only refer to the question of 'Guilty or Not Guilty;' or should it in addition recommend the punishment, if the former?"

ANS.—The Committee should report to the Lodge the result of the investigation, with resolutions covering the punishment which they recommend the Lodge to adopt. When the report is read, the accused should be permitted to make his statement, the Committee being allowed to reply, and the Lodge then votes upon the resolutions of the Committee.

[Letter Book C, 128.]

4. At a regular Convention of the Lodge a motion was passed to loan a brother \$20 without security, repayable within a year from date.

QUE.—"Is such loan legal under the By-laws? Does it not require notice of motion?"

ANS.—(1.) There is nothing under your By-laws (see Art. ix., secs. 4 and 5) to prevent the loaning of money to a brother by the Lodge; but the Constitution, Art. ii., sec. 4, provides that it requires the consent of two-thirds of the valid votes cast. Art. iv., sec. 10, of the Constitution, provides that the Lodge Trustees shall invest in such loans, stocks or other securities as the Lodge may direct. (2.) Notice of motion is required (see By-laws, Art. ix., sec. 4), in voting donations for all sums exceeding \$10, and does not apply to an investment or loan.

[Letter Book C, 144.]

5. QUE.—"Does any appropriation (for fitting up a Lodge room) require notice of motion?"

ANS.—This is a matter for local legislation, and your By-laws contain no provision requiring such notice.

6. QUE.—(1.) "Has a Lodge the right to do with its 'general fund' what it pleases?" (2.) "Are there no restrictions?"

ANS.—(1.) The disposition of Lodge funds is a proper subject of local legislation. (2.) Not unless provided in Lodge By-laws. A Lodge has a perfect right by vote of its members at a regular convention to instruct its Trustees or a Special Committee to furnish, loan or rent Lodge room.

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