

and cannot be elected to any office. Nor has he any status in virtue of his position in any other Lodge. A Lodge under dispensation is the creation of the Grand Master, not of the Grand Lodge; and the W. M. is simply the appointee of the Grand Master, to govern the Lodge until such time as the Grand Lodge shall see fit to confirm its existence by authorizing the issue to it of a Warrant. Pending that time, the W. M. has no other or greater rights, outside of his own Lodge, than those belonging to an ordinary Master Mason.

QUESTION.—Can a petition be received and a candidate proposed at an emergent convocation of a Chapter?

ANSWER.—The constitution is not very clear upon this point, but we are inclined to think that a proposition may be received and a candidate proposed at an emergent meeting. The constitution, under the head "of proposing members," declares that no mason shall be admitted "until he has presented a petition recommended by two companions, being members of the Chapter, and been regularly proposed at one convocation of the chapter," &c. It is evident that this convocation may be either regular or emergent, and in this respect differs from the practice in Blue Lodge, the book of constitution declaring that the candidate must be "properly proposed at one *regular* meeting of the Lodge," &c. But as this may in some cases cause inconvenience, the 4th section declares that in cases of emergency, two members may transmit in writing to the W. M., "the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which caused the emergency; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member, appoint a committee as before provided, and at the same time summon a Lodge," &c. There is no such provision for emergency in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and we are justified in assuming that the omission is covered by the clause not requiring the proposition to be made at a "regular" convocation. It is true that by section 14, page 30, it is declared in reference to a chapter of emergency, that "the reason for calling it, shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business than that specified, shall be entered upon at that meeting." But we do not think this applies to the proposition of members, seeing that the proposition is only a preliminary proceeding, and every member must have full notice before a ballot can take place. Under any circumstances, by inserting in the summons calling an emergent convocation the words "for receiving petitions and proposal of candidates," there is no doubt that such petition could be received.

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GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, took place on November 8th. The chief business was the nomination of office bearers for the ensuing year, and the granting of charters to new Lodges. The resignation of the Hon. Alex. Keith, as Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia, consequent on the erection of an Independent Grand Lodge in that Province, was accepted, and it was unanimously agreed to hold out the right hand of fellowship and recognition to the new Grand Lodge. We congratulate the Freemasons of Nova Scotia upon this event.