

1872 he was elected Master, the ballot having been passed twice before a clear majority was obtained.

On the 24th Bro. Morden made a formal protest to the D. D. G. M. against the installation of Bro. O'Connor, on the ground that he was not a member of the Lodge—no ballot having been taken, and no notice of application having been sent to the members as required by the Constitution—The D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Westlake at first intended to defer the installation of Bro. O'Connor until he could communicate with the Grand Master, but, on the 26th he received a telegram sent in answer to a communication from the Secretary of the Lodge, authorizing the D. D. G. M. to proceed, and on the 27th he installed Bro. O'Connor as Master of the Lodge—On a further representation to the Grand Master he sent a further telegram to Bro. Westlake, rescinding the authorization contained in the first telegram, but this was not received until after the ceremony had been performed.

Bro. O'Connor was previously a Past Master, having been Master of the Lodge while working under its Irish warrant.

Under these circumstances the Board is of opinion that W. Bro. O'Connor has not been regularly elected and is not now a member of the Lodge—That he was not at the time of his election, eligible for office in the Lodge, and, consequently, that his installation as Master was null and void—and that the fees and dues paid by Bro. O'Connor shall be returned to him and a proper application made, notice to the Brethren given, and ballot taken, if he desires membership in the Lodge.

The Board regrets to find from the evidence, that the Lodge has been exceedingly lax in its mode of admitting members, and has failed to comply with the requirements of its own By-Laws or the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, (under which it formerly worked) or of this Grand Lodge, all of which require the ballot to be passed, and notice of application for membership to be sent to all the members—The Board trusts that the attention of the Brethren having been called to this matter the Lodge will be more careful in the future.

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE No. 22, TORONTO.—In this case Bro. Sargent while S. W. of the Lodge tendered his resignation and applied for certificate of withdrawal by letter.

The demit was granted at the regular meeting of the Lodge in April 1870 before the expiration of his term of office, and was issued to Bro. Sargent. In July 1870 Bro. Sargent applied for admission to St. John's Lodge, and on 9th March and 13th April 1871 to King Solomon's Lodge, but was on each occasion rejected. In the petitions he described himself as "late a member" of King Solomon's Lodge. The petitions were in the usual form and promised obedience, etc., "*if admitted among you.*" On the 14th December, 1871 Bro. Sargent attended the Lodge, and claimed membership on the ground that the Lodge could not accept his resignation while S. W. and tendered the amount of his dues. The W. M. ruled that he was still a member of the Lodge and directed the Secretary to receive all arrears of dues from him. Bro. Purvis the J. W. appealed from this ruling to the D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Kerr. After considering the case, Bro. Kerr decided against the ruling of the W. M. and held that Bro. Sargent was not a member of King Solomon's Lodge. From this decision the W. M., R. W. Bro. Spry has appealed to the Grand Master, who has referred the matter to this Board for decision.

The Board is of opinion that the action of the Lodge, viewed in the