

57.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three or more of their number, in their name.

58.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided,

11th.—The final decision of the Lodge shall be notified to both parties by the Secretary, immediately.

12th.—Either party may appeal from the decision of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, within three months from the action of the Lodge thereon. The Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a copy of all the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same.

EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

1.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee of trial shall be—

a.—Parol evidence (*i. e.*, testimony of living witnesses before the Committee.)

b.—Depositions, procured in the manner prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

c.—Regularly certified minutes of Lodge.

d.—Regularly proved documentary evidence. Hearsay evidence cannot be received. The Committee will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party. The exceptions so taken shall be noted by the Committee upon its minutes.

2.—Members of the Order shall testify under their obligations as Odd-Fellows, according to "Form G," to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee.

3.—Where evidence has to be taken from persons not members of the Order, the party giving the evidence shall make a statutory declaration of all the facts relating to the matter as are within his own knowledge, in the manner provided for the taking of statutory declarations by chapter 37 of the Statutes of Canada, 37 Victoria (1874), and to be taken before any of the persons therein authorized to take such declarations (Justices of the Peace and Commissioners in B. R.); and such declarations when so taken shall be received by the Committee appointed to try the case; provided always, that the party procuring such declaration to be taken, shall give to the opposite party forty-eight hours notice in writing of the time and place when and where such declaration will be taken, and the party receiving such notice shall have the right to attend at the time and place appointed, for the purpose of asking such questions as he may wish of the party making such declaration, and the replies to such questions shall be embodied in the declaration; and in case such notice as is herein required shall not be given, such declarations shall not be received by the Committee in evidence. Should the party so notified not attend at the time and place appointed, the declaration shall be taken in his absence, and shall be received by the Committee as if the said party had been present.

4.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the form prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Committee.

5.—The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desiring to call them.

6.—Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the Committee to give such evidence, and if he still refuses, after being so required by the Committee to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his Lodge, which Lodge shall take such action as they may deem necessary to compel the production of such evidence.