

15. *Zedutha Lodge, No. 220, vs. Bro. M. P. Sickles.*

The accused in this case has been tried and convicted for perjury, and is now undergoing imprisonment for the same. He has been suspended By the Lodge, and recommended for expulsion.

The Board recommend that Bro. M. P. Sickles be summoned to attend the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and show cause why he should not be expelled.

16. *Irving Lodge, No. 154, vs. Bro. Thos. Cavanaugh.*

" In this case the charges are for bigamy and obtaining admission to the Lodge by false representations.

At the trial the accused acknowledged his guilt, and was suspended by the Lodge and recommended for expulsion.

He has been summoned to attend this meeting and show cause why he should be expelled. In answer to this summons he does not show any sufficient cause.

The Board therefore recommend that Bro. Thos. Cavanaugh be expelled from the Craft.

17. *Doric Lodge, No. 121, vs. Bro. W. M. Codling.*

Bro. W. M. Codling has been tried and convicted of larceny, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for three years. He was suspended by the Lodge in August, 1875, and recommended for expulsion. He acknowledges his guilt and that he has thereby brought discredit on the Craft—that he is liable to expulsion and consents that he may be so dealt with.

The Board recommend that Bro. C. M. Codling be expelled from the craft.

The Board also recommend that in future the Grand Secretary shall on the receipt of all complaints and appeals, summon all parties to attend at the next meeting of the Board, except in cases which he may have doubts as to that being the proper procedure, and in such cases he shall submit the papers to the M. W. Grand Master, and be guided by his instructions as to the course to pursue, to the end that there shall be as little delay as possible in dispensing of all cases of grievance and appeals.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. That Article 1. "of Constituting a New Lodge," be amended by inserting next after the words "by the nearest Lodge," the words following: "and in case of their being more than two Lodges within the jurisdiction, it shall require the recommendation of not less than one-half of the said Lodges."

2. That the Township of Uxbridge, in the County of Ontario, be masonically included in the Toronto District.

3. That Article 1 "of proposing members" to amend by inserting next after the words "the next stated Lodge meeting" the words "and in all cases held not less than four weeks from the date of the application."

4. That the next annual communication of Grand Lodge be held in the City of St. Catharines.

5. That the notices of motion to be brought up in the Grand Lodge be sent to each Lodge at the same time as at the annual notice of the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

6. That in consequence of complaints made that the Districts as at present constituted are too cumbersome to admit of efficient working by the D. D. G. M's., the M. W. the Grand Master, be requested to appoint a committee to consider the propriety of re-constructing the several Districts, and, if possible, recommend some scheme for their re-distribution for the consideration and adoption by the next meeting of Grand Lodge. Also, that the present arrangement by counties be abandoned, and the railway facilities for reaching Lodges taken into consideration instead.

That this G. Lodge learns with regret that our late esteemed Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Henry Groff, should feel called upon to decline re-election to a position that he has so faithfully and with so much satisfaction filled for nearly twenty years; and while complying with his request to be relieved from further responsibility, G. Lodge cannot permit his retirement to take place, without placing on record its high sense of the promptitude and fidelity with which the R. W. Bro. has at all times discharged the onerous duties required from him.

That this Grand Lodge consider that the time of holding its meeting might, with great advantage be changed so that the Annual Communication be held in cooler months.