

should hold good until his recovery; or the advanced fee should be returned to him.—Michigan, 1879, p. 21.

10. A candidate presents a petition for Masonic degrees, is in all respects worthy and comes well recommended, but has not lived the requisite time within our jurisdiction, can you grant a dispensation to enable us to confer the degrees petitioned for? Answer—It is one of the prerogatives of the Grand Master to grant dispensations, but I do not consider I would be justified in the eyes of the craft in granting the dispensation asked for. Therefore the candidate must wait the usual time.

11. The right-hand thumb being off just above the nail, is not such a defect as would render the candidate incapable of receiving and imparting any part of our ritual, which is recognized as our standard of physical qualifications.—Mississippi, 1879, p. 10.

12. One who has lost his left arm above the elbow, can not be instructed in the arts and mysteries of Masonry, and consequently cannot be made a Mason.—New Hampshire, 1878, p. 20.

13. The rejection of a candidate should be from conscientious motives, unbiased by any private pique, personal animosity, or disagreements in business, politics, or religion.—Ohio, 1878, p. 38.

14. In conformity with the constant and decided expressions of the Grand Lodge, I have rigidly adhered to its steadfast rulings—that a candidate should be of “due and mature years, hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered at the time of his making.”—South Carolina, 1878, p. 6.

15. That the loss of the use of one eye did not render a candidate ineligible.—Virginia, 1878, p. 11.

CHARGES.

1. That charges having been submitted to a Lodge, could not be withdrawn, though, if the brother making the charges, becomes satisfied that they are without foundation, a statement so made in open Lodge by him would warrant the Lodge, as a court, in dismissing the case.—Alabama, 1877, p. 13.

2. Should charges be returned to the accuser, in a case where a reconciliation has occurred before the election of commissioners, or should they be retained in the archives of the Lodge? Answer—The case having been settled without action on the part of the Lodge, there is no propriety in filing the charges in the Lodge archives.—California, 1878, p. 419.