

extend the same privilege to a Lodge which has lost its property by fire?

Grand Master Collamore, by the rule laid down by him, admits that the Grand Lodge may refuse to issue a duplicate Charter to a Lodge because it has been so unfortunate to lose the original by fire, whereas it may have been one of its most obedient subordinates.

The Grand Lodge of Maine calls upon the subordinate Lodges to furnish their histories for the past ten years. This is a most admirable system, and the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island would do well to follow in their tracks.

From the Grand Master's decisions I quote the following:—

Question.—The Bye-Laws of our Lodge say: "The members of the Lodge shall sign the Bye-Laws in force at the time of their admission." Four years ago I filed my demit in this Lodge and was accepted. Have paid my dues, and for the past two years have been Senior Warden. I have never signed the Bye-Laws, being told it was not necessary. Am I a member of the Lodge?

Answer.—The Constitution of the Grand Lodge requires that applications for membership shall take a certain course, and receive a unanimous ballot. All these conditions you fulfilled. The ballot decides the question of membership. You are a member of the Lodge.

Brother Drummond in his Report on Foreign Correspondence devotes a few lines to the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. Respecting our rejection of the restricted recognition by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, he says: "Thanks to this young Grand Lodge for thus defending the true doctrine, although the acceptance of the qualified recognition of the Grand Lodge of Scotland would have made no difference, for every Lodge in the Island is in allegiance to her." He also notes that "In place of a Report on Foreign Correspondence, a Digest of the Decisions, taken from the different proceedings is given."

Brother Drummond loses sight of the fact that the Grand Lodge of Scotland would recognize us only "without prejudice to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland over any Lodge who may now or hereafter choose to adhere to her in that ancient colony of the British Crown."

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