

No. 2. For declaring an applicant elected on the fifth ballot and conferring the degrees upon him.

No. 3. For well founded information that the W. M. had attended two meetings of his Lodge while under the influence of liquor and on several occasions maltreated and assaulted his wife.

No. 4. For most abhorrent and disgraceful Masonic misconduct. These several Worshipful Masters were summoned to appear before Grand Lodge, but failed to do so.

The Grand Master alluded to several Lodges of instruction, and paid a high tribute to the excellence of the work performed by the Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. Allan McDowell, during his twenty-five years of faithful service, which has produced "an effect for good which will continue through ages to come."

Regarding physical qualifications the rulings of the Grand Master were honest and would receive confirmation in our own Grand Lodge.

The following cases he decided were ineligible to receive the degrees, viz:—

"A man with his right thumb off, a blind man, a man with his left hand removed just below the wrist joint, and a man with the third and fourth fingers and a part of the palm of the right hand removed."

The Grand Master's ruling regarding circular begging letters coincides with our own views often expressed. He refused to grant permission to issue circulars for charity in the case of individuals or of Lodges, although they might be objects worthy of assistance, he says:—

"I believe that such letters should be confined within narrow limits. I question whether they should ever be permitted, except in such cases where they are of general interest to the Craft throughout the State. I did not consider that any of the applications submitted to me came under the above mentioned exception. To grant it in one instance might establish an undesirable precedent, and result in the Lodges of the State being flooded with such letters. It would be difficult to permit it in one case and refuse it in another. While many of the cases appealed strongly to my sympathy, yet I felt there were other and better means of effecting the desired relief."