

The Board find no evidence of any trial nor any recommendation by the Lodge for expulsion. If a trial was held, and the brother suspended by the Lodge, the matter cannot further be dealt with by the Board, except on appeal.

9. *King Hiram Lodge, No. 78 vs. W. Bro. A. H. Brown.*

This is a request by King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, for the expulsion of a Past Master for alleged unmasonic conduct.

The Board have thought the D. D. G. M. of the District sought information from the Lodge as to their procedure which the Lodge have failed to supply. The proceedings, therefore, must be considered as stayed.

10. *Bro. William Hutton, vs. Bro. C. T. Scott.*

Bro. C. T. Scott, appealed against the action of Forest Lodge, No. 162, in suspending him for unmasonic conduct on charges of perjury and fraud preferred against him by Bro. Wm. Hutton, in 1873.

This matter has been before two successive District Deputy Grand Masters and a large amount of contradictory testimony has been furnished.

Having carefully gone over all the very voluminous papers laid before them, the Board have concluded that they cannot at present see their way clear to recommend the removal of the suspicion of Bro. Scott.

11. *King Solomon Lodge, No. 43, and Oxford Lodge, No. 76 vs. Stevenson Lodge, No. 218.*

Complaint by the Lodges in Woodstock against Stevenson Lodge for not refunding certain monies expended by the Lodges in Woodstock in the relief of a member of Stevenson Lodge who met with an accident in Woodstock in December, 1874.

The Board, while acknowledging the very creditable conduct of the Lodges in Woodstock, cannot admit that Lodges have a right to be recouped in cases of this kind.

And they recommend that this matter be referred to the Toronto Central Board of Relief for consideration.

12. *Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, vs. Bro. A. W. Browne.*

On the charge of embezzlement, Bro. Browne was tried by the Lodge, suspended, and recommended for expulsion.

He has been summoned to attend at the meeting to show cause why he should not be expelled, and in answer to this summons he states that he is unable to come as he cannot afford it.

He also shows sufficient cause, in the opinion of the Board, to warrant a delay in inflicting so severe a penalty as expulsion.

The Board, therefore, recommend that this matter be referred to the D. D. G. M. of the St. Clair District, to investigate the circumstances and report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

13. *Dominion Lodge, No. 213, vs. Bro. Wm. Atkinson.*

This is an appeal from a suspension by Dominion Lodge. Bro. Wm. Atkinson was charged with unmasonic conduct comprised in eight specifications. On the trial he was found guilty on all the charges except the seventh, and excluded from membership in the Lodge. The principal charges are for revealing the secrets improperly, and for violating the secrecy of the ballot.

Neither party appears before the Board, and the case must consequently be decided upon the papers presented.

Upon reading and considering the charges, the evidence, the sentence and the appeal and the grounds stated therein, the Board are of opinion that the charges were sustained by the evidence and that the grounds of appeal are not sufficient to reverse the sentence.

The Board recommend that the appeal of Bro. Wm. Atkinson be dismissed.

14. *St. John's Lodge, No. 284, vs. Bro. Wm. Ferguson.*

Bro. Wm. Ferguson has been suspended by St. John's Lodge, No. 284, for gross and immoral conduct, and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion.

The Board recommend that Bro. William Ferguson, be summoned by the Grand Secretary to attend the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and show cause why he should not be expelled from the Craft.