

OFFICERS CANNOT DIMIT.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1881.—Grand Master Crowe decided : "A brother holding the office of Warden of a subordinate Lodge cannot dimit until the expiration of the term for which he was installed."

ARKANSAS, 1881.—Grand Master VanHoose refused to allow Osceola lodge to grant their Junior Warden a dimit. He says : "A Warden must hold until his term of office expires."

MINNESOTA, 1882.—Grand Master Wells decided that neither the W. M. nor Wardens, after installation, can dimit or resign during the term for which they were elected.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1881.—Grand Master Faulkner decided that a Secretary of a lodge cannot resign his office.

According to our constitution "no Warden or *other officer* of a lodge can resign his office." This includes all the above cases and others not enumerated.

ELECTED OFFICERS REFUSING TO SERVE.

MISSOURI, 1881.—Grand Master Stubblefield says : "I refused to grant dispensations in the following cases : To Wellington lodge No. 22, to elect a junior warden, the junior warden having been re-elected, and refused to be installed. He was his own successor, and consequently there was no vacancy. To Mercer lodge No. 35, to elect a secretary, the secretary having been re-elected and refused to serve. If brethren do not want office, they should so state at the time they are elected."

MASONIC BURIAL.

COLORADO, 1881.—Grand Master Greenleaf says : "Special dispensation granted to Denver lodge to confer the rites of Masonic burial upon their deceased brother, Alvin McCune, stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues. There were many palliating circumstances connected with the case of which I was personally cognizant, and which influenced my action in the matter. At the request of the W. M. I was present and conducted the services."

MARYLAND, 1881.—Grand Master Tysen says : "I decided that when Masonic funeral services take place after the church services at the grave, the pall bearers need not be Masons. I disapprove any participation by Masons, as such, with any other society in funeral ceremonies. With the church we can participate in perfect harmony, always yielding to it priority. If the bearing of the body to the grave was part of the funeral ceremony at all, it was part of the church ceremony, that ceremony not having ended, and therefore there could be no objection to it."

NEW JERSEY, 1882.—Grand Master Martin says : "Dispensations have been granted during the year as follows : February 8th, 1881, to Darcy lodge No. 37, to bury with Masonic honors the body of W. Brother John F. Scheuck, a deceased unaffiliated Past Master, aged eighty-two years. The deceased was raised in 1855,