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A person residing within the local jurisdiction of a Masonic body must necessarily apply to that body for admission to the Order. He does so and is rejected. Now, while he may renew his application to that body as often as he may see proper, he can not apply to any other body, without the unanimous consent of the first, while he continues to reside within its local jurisdiction. Of course not. And no officer or set of officers can take the right of determining that question from the body itself. We care not what law or rule to the contrary may be enacted by the Grand Body. This we hold to be one of the inalienable rights that never has been and never can be delegated away. Now the applicant changes his residence to some other part of the country, where, after residing a reasonable time—we say one year—he gains a residence; he is now under the jurisdiction of the Masonic body nearest his residence. The first has lost all jurisdiction over him; the second has gained it, and has the sole and entire jurisdiction of his case, without any regard whatever to what may have been the result of his application in the first instance. Such is our rule on the subject, and we hold it to be right."

Under "Wisconsin," on the rule requiring all High Priests to read the Constitution and Proceedings of Grand Chapter in the Subordinate Chapters, Comp. Hacker says:—

"We once had a regulation of that kind in this jurisdiction, and on a certain occasion, while serving as High Priest, we undertook to carry out the law. First announcing to the Chapter what the law required, we went at it, and thought we were putting in our best licks, when our attention was called to a companion who wished to retire; looking up and counting noses, we found with the guard barely a quorum present, and six of that number sound asleep. Realizing the situation, we laid the document aside, and requested the companion to remain and assist in closing the Chapter. This he cheerfully consented to do; the Chapter was regularly closed, and we have never attempted to read that document to our Chapter since, and do not intend to until requested so to do by the Chapter. That is our experience in the matter; others may try it that chose to. Fortunately for us we have no such regulation in force at this time."

We regret that the late date at which we received these Proceedings, prevents us from making any remarks on the above subjects.

M. E. Comp. S. S. Johnson (Jeffersonville), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. M. Bramwell (Indianapolis), Grand Secretary.

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Held at Davenport, October 2nd, 1877.

M. E. Comp. Horace S. Winslow, Grand High Priest.

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