from his parent lodge, that moment he loses all claim upon it for sick benefits in case of sudden illness. At the same time the lodge he is seeking to join may delay action upon his transfer card. He therefore finds himself in the position of being a bona fide member of the Order, with no resourse for sick benefits in case of illness. Another point is that the brother, though fully entitled to full benefits in his parent lodge up to the time of leaving it, can claim merely the minimum benefit in his new Pythian home until six months have passed. This is the question that No. 22 has sent to the Grand Lodge for adjustment, for there is manifestly an injustice and hardship being worked by the Statutes as at present existing."

Now let us look at the facts:

Bro. Nelson introduces a resolution which reads as follows:

"Doc. 36, Page 77, Grand Lodge Proceedings, session 1898, held at Kamloops.—In a number of subordinate lodges in this domain will be found a by-law providing that a member must belong to the lodge or Order for a stated period of three to six months before he is entitled to draw sick benefits, while the lodge from which he takes his transfer only carries him for one month, or until it receives notification of election in the other lodge, when his membership in the first ceases. Consequently, that member, though never losing his good standing, does lose his benefits in case of sickness, or on the other hand, must the lodge with which he deposits his transfer card be liable from the time of his election therein?

(Signed) C. F. NELSON.
New Denver Lodge, No. 22."

On motion of G. R., J. Irvine, the document was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On page 83, Document 41, is to be found the report of the Committee, as follows:

"We respectfully submit that the Grand Constitution and By-laws of the subordinate lodge govern the case mentioned in the petition. As to the question of benefits, it is entirely in the hands of the subordinate lodges, this power being given them by the Grand Constitution. The by-laws are simply approved by the Grand Lodge, through its Grand Chancellors, and not compiled by them. It is not compulsory for a subordinate lodge to have any time limit if it decides to the contrary.

(Signed) W. D. MEARNS.
R. SAMPLE.
H. J. ANSTIE."

Now, I ask in all fairness, is not the above report plain? Does it not state that it is in the hands of the subordinate lodges to do as they desire in the matter of benefits; that it is not compulsory for lodges to have a probationary period if they elect to the contrary? Such being the case will the brother inform us what section of the Grand Statutes needs amending to suit his case? May I ask how you can amend a statute that does not exist? It is to be regretted that not enough of care and attention is paid to the present laws of the Order. That they are not studied enough by the members of the Order is only too true. If the brothers will only take the laws as they find them and place on them a fair and liberal construction, they will be less inclined to find fault, and will find there is a provision made to fit practically every case.

I know at least one lodge in this Grand Domain that has a provision in its by-laws that covers the case most admirably. For the benefit of the brother I quote the section referred to:

"It is further provided, that a brother applying for membership by transfer card, who has been a member of the Order for six months or more, and has been a member in good standing in the lodge issuing the transfer card, for a period of six months or more, shall immediately on his acceptance and election become a beneficiary member in the full sense of the word, and will not be compelled to undergo the probationary term of six months, as provided in Section 1, Article 5."

From the foregoing it would appear that this lodge had discovered that it had the power to apply the remedy and has completely healed the "injustice and hardship being worked by the Statutes as at present existing."

W. D. MEARNS, G. V. C.
Ex-Member Judiciary Committee.

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