

The consideration of the last three clauses of this report drew out a discussion, in which many noble Brothers out-poured the essence of their inmost souls, expressing sentiments hallowed by the purest principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth. Yes, men and Brothers of the North and South there met and gave utterance (breathings of peace and harmony) to such expressions as never before fell from human lips. Joy knew no bounds: All seemed to realize that beautiful passage in our Ritual, "That the wolf and the lamb were about to lie down together." Yes, and in reality a little child could easily have lead all assembled there, they were so impressed with the magnanimous, kindly, and brotherly feelings so beautifully portrayed during the occasion. All was peace and harmony.

"The Committee on the state of the Order, gave decisions of law as follows:—

1st. Question—What is meant by the words, "Satisfactory evidence of former connection with the Order." They, the Committee, expounded.

1st. "That the evidence to be satisfactory, must come from the Lodge of which the person was formerly a member."

2nd. "If such Lodge be extinct, then from the Grand Lodge, under whose jurisdiction the Subordinate existed."

3rd. "In case the evidence can be procured from neither of these sources, then the party may be admitted into the order by initiation."

2nd Q. Upon a question as "to how a Brother expelled or suspended, whose Lodge has afterwards become extinct, may regain membership."—The interpretation of the law was to the following effect.

"That a Brother who has been expelled for nonpayment of dues or crime from a Lodge which subsequently became extinct, can only regain membership in the Order through the Grand Lodge, to which the Lodge he belonged to was subordinate; and this rule applies also to the patriarchal branch of the Order."

3rd Q. Upon an inquiry as to whether members of Lodges and Encampments visiting other Lodges and Encampments in a body, and introduced by their own officers, are entitled to the "honours of the Order." The Committee submit.—

"That officers and members of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments visiting other Lodges and Encampments in a body and introduced by their own officers, are not entitled to be received with the honors of the Order."

The following Report by the Committee on Legislation was adopted.

Resolved,—That Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of this Order shall vote by ballot upon all applications for final cards, made in accordance with existing laws; and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, shall be necessary to the granting of such card.

Resolved,—That upon such ballot, should a majority of the members present refuse their consent to the granting of a final card to an applicant therefor; such applicant upon payment of all dues and tendering a written resignation of his membership, and not otherwise disqualified,

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