

protection must be given to the brother casting a black ball.—Nebraska, 1878, p. 15.

7. An unfavorable report by a minority or a majority of the committee does not of itself reject the petitioner when the Lodge has acquired jurisdiction over the candidate, the only way to dispose of his petition is by the ballot.—Oregon, 1878, p. 18.

MASONIC BURIAL.

1. That a Lodge has no right to pass resolutions of respect to the memory of, or bury with Masonic honors, a brother who at the time of his death was suspended for the non-payment of dues.—Alabama, 1878, p. 14.

2. A non-affiliated Mason is not entitled to, and should not receive, Masonic burial.—Alabama, 1878, p. 15.

3. A Lodge attending the burial of a deceased member should perform the service at the grave, even though a Commandery of Knights Templar also perform their service. The custom of burying a brother as a Master Mason, is more ancient than the existence in this country of an organized body of Knights Templar. While, therefore, there is no clashing between these Masonic organizations, the Lodge should perform its own duty or not appear as a Lodge.—Maine, 1878, p. 549.

4. One of our members has committed suicide, his wife wishes him buried by the fraternity, shall we perform the ceremony? Answer—Yes, he was our brother, and as such entitled to a Masonic burial.—Minnesota, 1879, p. 20.

5. Can the members of a Lodge participate as such in the funeral ceremonies of a Companion Royal Arch Mason, who, at the time of his death, was not affiliated? Answer—The Lodge may grant the request for funeral honors made by a non-affiliated Mason at its option. It being a Lodge benefit he could not demand it as a right, but the Lodge might grant it as a favor. Master Masons congregate as such only in Lodges under the direction of the master, and it is only when so assembled that they can wear the clothing and insignia of the Blue Lodge in public. There is no objection to the members of a Lodge, who are not Royal Arch Masons, attending in their individual capacity the funeral of a non-affiliate, conducted under the auspices of a chapter, but no aprons can be worn, or Lodge jewels be displayed, under such circumstances.—Mississippi, 1879, p. 53.

6. If a member of a Lodge whose charter has been arrested by