

After some speaking, Grand Master Davis "said that he held that when a question of right or expediency came into consideration we should do what is *right*. He advocated the adoption of the resolutions in a strong and earnest argument, on the ground that they were right in principle, but that a large number of States had taken the position he advocated—some eighteen or more States—that it was the inalienable right of a brother to receive a dimit—and the duty of a Lodge to grant it without requiring a reason for petitioning therefor, if the brother was in good standing in his Lodge.

"Bro. George F. Skiff briefly opposed the adoption of the resolution.

"The Grand Master again addressed the Grand Lodge, and moved an amendment to the first resolution by inserting the words 'that a reason satisfactory to the Lodge be given.'

"Bro. William Hidden thought the matter better be left where it has been for years past, and moved to dismiss the resolution; which was disagreed to. Thereupon the amendment offered by Grand Master Davis was agreed to; the question being shall the resolutions as amended be adopted. It was decided in the affirmative by a yea and nay vote—yeas 192, nays 39."

We think the first resolution, as introduced, should have been passed without the amendment.

It was decided, that a dimitted Mason has not lost the right to prefer charges, but that such charges should be duly considered in all cases, and

"If, on investigation, they are decided to be well founded, should be prosecuted to a trial. The dimit does not release a brother from his obligation to watch the portals of the Lodge to see that 'the honor, glory and reputation of the Institution may be firmly established, and the world at large convinced of its good effects.'"

Bro. Henry Clarke from the special committee on the invitation of the Committee of Arrangements for the Inauguration of the Ethan Allen Statue in the city of Burlington, July 4th, 1873, reported that it was the opinion of the committee.

"That the invitation should be courteously declined for the reason, that it was not in accordance with ancient custom for the Grand Lodge or its subordinates to join in public

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