

Ans. Yes, provided none are admitted under fourteen years of age. (See Art. 2.)

8th. Is it a violation of Art. 3 for a Bro. to buy whiskey for his wife to use as medicine?

Ans. No, it not being used as a beverage.

9th. Can more than one candidate be balloted for at once in a Lodge?

Ans. Yes, provided not more than four black balls appear, but if more than four appear the ballot shall be taken for each separately.

10th. Can a Lodge rent its hall for dancing parties?

Ans. No; the Order does not countenance dancing or other vain amusements in any way, but most emphatically insists that Lodges only permit their halls to be used for religious and moral purposes, being set apart for no other use by our Dedication Rituals.

11th. If a member is present when a charge is preferred against him and demands an immediate investigation, and the Lodge proceeds to investigate and refers it to a Committee; should the accused agree to meet said Committee without a written notice, but fail to do so, could the Committee report him guilty of contempt?

Ans. Yes, the spirit of the law was fulfilled.

12th. How can a member, with an expired card, be restored to membership in his own Lodge?

Ans. By re-obligation and payment of dues.

Besides these, I have answered a great many questions that are too well settled to be noticed here. Well-informed members often propose questions, that disputes in Lodges may be settled by the authority of the M. W. C. T. A course which is highly commendable.

MEMORIALS.

The following Memorials will be submitted for your consideration: From Ontario Grand Lodge, asking that an "Open Department" may be established in connection with our Order. From Haldimond County Lodge, to amend Sec. 16 of Art. 16 so that Lodges have the power to fine, reprimand or suspend for violation of Art. III; and from New Brunswick Grand Lodge and Northumberland County Lodge respecting the changes in Constitution passed and recommended at the last Annual Session.

WORK OF THE YEAR.

The past has been one of the most laborious and anxious years in my experience; my ministerial duties were unusually onerous, and the duties of this office were far more than I had anticipated, but by the help of God I have been enabled to do promptly and cheerfully, and "with all my might, whatsoever my hands found to do," and have reason to believe that it has been the most useful year of my life; to His great name be all the praise. By request of the Executive I prepared a Circular on the Origin, Objects, Principles, Working and Peculiarities of the Order, which appeared in the "Ontario" and "British Templar," and 10,000 copies of which were struck off and circulated throughout the empire, which I believe will be seed sown from which I trust in future years we shall reap an abundant harvest. Aside from official decisions, my correspondence has been extensive in the interest of the Order, particularly into new territory, having received and answered over 100 letters, and written nearly as many more; also signed and mailed the circular on the Order to about 300 persons, besides signing 150 charters, commissions, &c., and preparing the circulars on the Organ and Book-room, and Temperance Union.

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