

ard, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, has just allied himself with the same, and accepted the position of "Minister of State." The organ of this body, the "Masonic Chronicle" of New York, is a most interesting periodical to those desirous of studying up this branch of Masonry, and we consequently advise those interested in the subject to remit their subscription of \$1.50 for the same.

Jurisprudence Department.

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Query—Suppose a person belongs to the Blue Lodge and the Chapter for a number of years, and has been looked upon as a good member, in good standing in every respect, but at this point he joins himself to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario. For this unmasonic conduct his mother Lodge (the Blue Lodge) suspends him. Then the Grand Lodge of Canada expels him. In what manner of standing is he now with the Chapter, and how should they deal with him? Should they notify him to show cause why he should not be expelled, or merely let him drop out by not sending him notice of their regular meetings? Is the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Canada all one and the same, or are they two separate bodies? And if a member is in bad standing in one does it affect him in the other?

Answer.—When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent Masonic authority, suspends or expels any brother for unmasonic conduct, who is a Royal Arch Mason, such companion shall be suspended or expelled from his chapter for the period during which the Craft suspension or expulsion continues in force.

As soon as this brother was suspended by his Lodge he was suspended from his Chapter, and as soon as he was expelled by the Grand Lodge he was also expelled from the Chapter. His standing in the Chapter was affected as soon as the sentence of suspension was passed by the Lodge,

and it was not necessary for the Chapter to take any separate action.

The Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter are two separate bodies, but according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, all companions must be in good standing in their lodges in order to retain their good standing in their chapters (except in cases of suspension for non-payment of dues.)

Q.—A brother is suspended for non-payment of dues. Can the Lodge remit the dues and give the remains Masonic burial?

A.—We think not.

Q.—Is it legal and proper to collect dues from a brother during the term of suspension, or after suspension for the term he is suspended?

A.—A member suspended for non-payment of dues is liable for dues which accrue during the period of his suspension.

A member suspended for unmasonic conduct is not liable for dues accruing during the term of such suspension.

Q.—If, at a regular meeting, the Lodge being closed, and before the brethren left the room, they thought of some important business that should have been brought before the Lodge, would it be constitutional for them to open up again and proceed with that business, it being then only 9:30 p.m.?

A.—We are of opinion that it is not proper to re-open the Lodge on the same evening after it has been closed, but if none of the members have gone away and the business forgotten was very important, the irregularity would probably be excused.

Q.—Is it not Masonic, at St. John's Festival, to give three cheers for Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, when the toast is proposed, "the Queen and the Craft," and then after that the Masonic honors may be given?

A.—At all Masonic gatherings Masonic ceremonies and honors have precedence.

The toast of Her Majesty forms no exception to this rule. After the toast is proposed and drunk, the usual Masonic honors should be given, and then the cheers may be