

## Jurisprudence Department.

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Q.—A Brother is a member of two Lodges in Canada—he is suspended by one for N. P. D. Does it affect his membership in the other, in which his dues are paid up?

Q.—A Brother is a member of two Lodges, one in Canada the other in the United States; he is suspended by the United States Lodge for N. P. D. How will it affect his standing in the Canadian Lodge, on whose books he is clear? Please answer in next issue of CRAFTSMAN.

ALPHA.

ANS.—These two questions will have the same answer. Suspension by one Lodge is suspension from all. It affects the standing of the Brother in all Lodges, and he has no right to visit or attend any Lodge until the suspension is removed. The suspension by a Lodge in the United States is just as effective as by a Lodge in Canada.

Q.—In the event of the death of a member in good standing in the R.A. Chapter, who is suspended for non-payment of dues in the Blue Lodge, is he entitled to Masonic burial?

A.—No. Suspension for any cause is a deprivation of all the Brother's Masonic rights and privileges for the time during which the suspension is in force. The right of Masonic burial belongs only to Master Masons in good standing.

If the Chapter had a burial service of its own, the case might be different, but being in good standing in the Chapter is not sufficient to authorize the Lodge burial service over a suspended Mason.

Q.—A Brother takes up his residence in a place where the Lodge is

not over-stocked with good workers; being a Past Master and well up in the work, the members propose to make him an honorary member; he accepts the proposition, and a *resolution* making him an honorary member is *regularly moved, seconded, and declared carried* by the W. M., and is *so recorded in the minutes*. About four years elapse, during which the P. M. has been of considerable service to the Lodge, when the irregularity of his election as a member is discovered. Could the Lodge refuse to recognize him as a member? There is some hardship in this case, as probably now, having displeased some parties, he would be rejected if he applied for affiliation in the regular way.

A.—No Brother can become a member of a Lodge except by ballot. This rule applies to honorary membership as well as to ordinary membership. The lapse of time cannot cure a defect of this kind. The admission of this Brother Past Master as an honorary member was not according to the Constitution. It was illegal, and consequently void. This Brother never became a member of that Lodge and he is not entitled to be recognized as such.

There may be some hardship in this case, but we do not see how that consideration can affect the decision of the question. All trouble could have been avoided at the outset by reading the article of the Constitution on honorary members. It is there plainly stated that the election must be by a ballot of the Lodge. If any hardship should arise, the Brother himself is as much to blame for it as the Lodge. He should have known the proper method of procedure, especially in a matter so easily ascertained.

Q.—1. Would the W. M. be justifi-