

would be revived, if that were legally possible. If the Lodge had not become extinct in 1834 and in 1847, it would not have been necessary to apply for new warrants; the payment of outstanding dues to Grand Lodge would have reinstated the Lodge and the brethren could have gone on with their work.

Chase says in his *Masonic Jurisprudence*, "I have been unable to find any authority vesting me with power to resuscitate a dormant Lodge, that has not surrendered its charter to the Grand Lodge; especially when its original members had been reduced to a less number than is required for the formation of a new Lodge, and they asking for authority to meet in a town where they were not originally located by their charter."

Oliver says: "Although every member except three should resign the warrant remains intact so long as the fees are paid to the Fund of Benevolence, although the remaining members would be incapable of initiating an candidate into Masonry. They would still retain the power of attending as its representatives, so long as they continued to pay the usual contributions; but if these were withheld for twelve months, the fair presumption would be that they also had withdrawn from the Lodge, and the warrant would then become extinct, and its powers revert to the Grand Master."

The Montreal brethren, by the acquisition of the jewels and warrant of the old Lodge, could not thereby appropriate to themselves the past history or prestige of that Lodge. No one pretends that any present day Lodge in this province can, by any stretch of imagination, logic or jurisprudence, appropriate to itself the history of any of the lodges which, beginning with the Annapolis Royal Lodge established in 1738, have ceased their work. If such is the case, *Masonic Jurisprudence* should be rewritten. I submit that on a fair consideration of the facts, there can be no doubt that The Lodge of Antiquity is not entitled to date its origin back of July 1st, 1847.

Albion Lodge, No. 2, G. R. Q. The claim of Albion Lodge, No. 2, Quebec, to be the oldest in the Empire overseas is as fallacious as that of "The Lodge of Antiquity." The following facts are taken from the *History of Freemasonry in Quebec*, by M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, (1892).

On June 22nd, 1752, a Lodge was warranted as No. 9 by the Ancients in the 4th Battalion of the Royal Artillery. The Lodge ceased working in 1760, and in the course of time