

'Any member in arrears for dues over eighteen months is hereby debarred from voting upon any subject, except only that he may vote upon petitions for degrees.'

"We are obliged to disapprove these amendments as being contrary to the principles of Masonry and the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, inasmuch as they constitute certain actions as Masonic offences, a power exclusively vested in the Grand Lodge, and provide for the punishment of Masons without charges being preferred or trial had, or any of the formalities required by the Grand Lodge for trials and sentences being complied with."

The chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, R. W. Bro. Jas. B. Scot, was voted a Past Master's Jewel, of the value of two hundred dollars, in recognition of his services for several years in that capacity.

The proceedings of forty-three Grand Lodges receive able consideration from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Bro. Jas. B. Scot, chairman. He concurs in the remarks of Brother Wheeler of Connecticut (1872) upon the "quorum" question in his review of Nova Scotia.

We merely stated the practice obtaining amongst us, and in accordance with our law and practice. We are assured by their Grand Master in the decision we have quoted, and whilst agreeing, must claim the *legality* of *three* conducting the business of a Lodge, although at the same time sensible of the *advisability* of having at least *seven* to properly perform all acts of importance. We have nothing in our constitution to prevent the smaller number (ritualistically correct) from assuming all the functions of a M. M. Lodge and conducting all its business; but we think that it is one of these things that can be remedied by the Grand Lodge—by edict—requiring the quorum to be at least seven.

His remarks under the review of District of Columbia, we quote with the comment:

"In the report of the Grand Lecturer, we find the following:

'It is but proper that in this jurisdiction, located as we are, at the capital of a great and powerful nation, the standard of Masonic knowledge should be above that of the surrounding country; and it has given me much pleasure during the past year to meet with many intelligent Masons from various parts of the United States, all of whom agree, when comparing our work with theirs, that for beauty, clearness of expression, and general symmetry and order, the work in the District of Columbia excels that of any other jurisdiction, within their acquaintance.'

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