

Hightower's N. C., Mar 8th /91

Dear Sir & Bro'

I beg
leave of you your ruling,
(or what would have been
your ruling under circum-
stances which I shall try
to explain to you) in^a case
where members who have
failed to attend their meet-
ings for 8 or nine months
who come up & pay off all
arrears & apply for dismit.

At our meeting 20 ult & such
applied ~~in like manner~~

I wish to make a plain
statement if I can. I said
above 5 such, that is not quite
correct, 3 had not attended
(was)

P.S.

I did not intend filling so much space, but I hope I have not tired ^{your patience} very much, & have no idea I ever will again. I should not have troubled you this time, but the Bro. seems to ^{think} my ruling was wrong. I know it is ~~certainly~~ unconstitutional for members to affiliate ^{with} two Alliances at the same time. But I doubt whether three of those members knew it. It will not take you 5 min^{utes} to reply. Please do so & oblige yours fraternally

S. M. Stanfield

Pres,

of Hightowers Alliance
No 783

in 8 or 9 months, & 2 had occasionally, one of the^m was our Sec. Those members attended, & affiliated with a sister Alliance some 6 or 7 miles off during the time mentioned. Now I will state the reason they assign for nonattendance. Our Alliance made no arrangements for buying quano on time last Spring, & they did not have money ready at that time to pay cash. The Alliance mentioned above did make arrangements for them & they got their quano. I will say those Brethren are men of excellent character. When those Brethren called for their dimitts one

black ball appeared on
first ballot, + second two.

The business was laid over
till next meeting, + I have
heard no charge except
their failure to attend their
alliance. I thought under
such circumstances they
ought to have their limits.

But before ordering them issued
I invited discussion, + all who
said anything agreed they
should accept one bro. I then
after a bro moved that they
be issued, put the motion.
+ it was save the bro's name
carried unanimously. — they were
limited, Now I ask you Bro's
have^d done wrong. Fraternally
Sam. Stimpert