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JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Editor of the CRAFTSMAN.

Some time ago I made application for affiliation with a Lodge in this Province. The investigation Committee reported favorable and at the regular meeting of Lodge I handed in my Grand Lodge certificate, and dimit, from my mother Lodge. The ballot was ordered to be taken, was pronounced *all clear*, and I was declared duly elected a member of the Lodge. The Lodge then proceeded to transact other business, and after a lapse of half an hour or more the Lodge was called to refreshment, when I retired. After the Lodge (as I am informed by Brethren who were present) the S. D. *pro tem* made a statement to the W. M. and brethren that there was a black ball in the ballot box. This created considerable surprise and excitement and upon examination, the box was *then* found to contain *one* black ball no action was taken in the matter that evening, though there was some discussion, and a proposal to take the ballot again, which was overruled, several of the brethren having retired.

I heard nothing about this officially or otherwise until the next regular meeting, when, considering myself a member of the Lodge, and that it was my duty, as well as privilege to attend the same. I took my seat. Shortly afterwards the W. M. called me into the ante-room and informed me of the foregoing circumstances telling me that I was rejected, and I of course retired from a place where there was the slightest objection to my presence.

In view of the foregoing facts) which are unexaggerate. I would propound the following questions which you will oblige me by answering in the next *Craftsman* in your Masonic Jurisprudence department.

QUESTION.—1ST Had the W. Master the power to re-consider the ballot after such a period of time had elapsed and in view of the circumstances I have related above; no objection having been raised in the meantime.

2nd. If so was his final decision of rejection correct.

QUERY.—When was the black ball placed in the box, when the ballot was taken, or while the Lodge was at Refreshment.

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ANSWER.—The proceedings of the Master in the foregoing case were irregular and unwarranted, the result of the ballot having been declared in open Lodge, and the same recorded; it was not in the power of the W. M. to re-open the question, and the reversal of his declaration is unconstitutional and in fact, *null and void*.

QUESTION.—Can a warden of a Lodge reveal the number of black balls in a ballot?

ANSWER.—No. The ballot being a secret one it would be highly im-