

provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of the Grand Lodge. The By-laws must be submitted to the D. D. G. M., for the approbation of the Grand Master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary, and also to the D. D. G. M.; and, when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted; and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

QUESTION.—Our W. M. was installed while working under dispensation in March last. In July we obtained a warrant of Confirmation from Grand Lodge. On St. John the Evangelist's day we elected a new W. M., and he was installed. Query!—Is the brother installed under the dispensation, entitled to the rank of P. M., under the circumstances?

ANSWER.—The installation of the brother under the dispensation, was irregular, and should not have been done. If the brother was not subsequently installed after the warrant was authorized by Grand Lodge, we consider that the brother is not constitutionally entitled to take past rank.

QUESTION.—Where a candidate for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry, upon the evening of the ballot, two black balls appeared against him, when at the same time he is well known to be a gentleman of good standing in society, is the rejected candidate to be for ever debarred from enjoying the advantages of the craft.

ANSWER.—Not necessarily. He may renew his application after the expiration of twelve months.

QUESTION.—How many days notice is required for a regular meeting when candidates are to be balloted for. I know an emergency calls for seven days notice, but I can see nothing in the constitution that applies to the regular meeting. Q. 2ND.—If a brother does not receive any but a verbal notice one hour before the time of meeting of the regular meeting, when candidates are to be balloted for, he accepts the verbal notice and attends, and does not object to the proceedings as irregular, can he, at the next regular meeting, object to the initiation of the candidate and call for another ballot to be taken.

ANSWER 1ST.—Although no time is specified, it is clearly the intention of the constitution that such reasonable notice shall be given before the meeting, as to permit of every brother being present and expressing his opinion by the ballot previous to the admission of candidates. A. 2ND.—In the case stated it would not be competent for the brother to object to the regularity of the ballot, but a brother may, at any time, object to the initiation of a candidate on good and sufficient grounds.

CORRECTION.

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To the Editor of the *CRAFTSMAN*,

DEAR BRETHREN,—In your last number, an error was made with regard to the authorship of the excellent paper upon the "History, Antiquity, and Beauty of Freemasonry," read at the recent meeting of the Lodge of Instruction, at Port Hope. The credit, therefore, is due solely to our talented brother, W. Bro. James D. Henderson, late Worshipful Master of the Colborne Lodge, but now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio. This brother was accustomed, from time to time, while he occupied the oriental chair, to prepare and deliver addresses to his Lodge upon Masonic topics. Such an admirable practice cannot be too highly commended; but as I wish, merely with a view to correct an error made through inadvertence, I must not trespass upon your valuable space.

Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM McCABE.