

Heaven-born lawmakers have neither judicial minds nor judicial training. They remind us of the cross-roads bumpkin who was great on opinions and rhymes. He was accused of being a lawyer in disguise, but resented the accusation as follows:—

“ I never studied Blackstone,  
And know nothing of his works ;  
But lived next lot to Coke,  
Who wound me up in jerks.”

Most of the legislation recently introduced into Grand Lodge, and some that the Craft at present groans under, is of a “jerky” character, and the indications are that the wound-up are not yet nearly run down. Probably they resemble the “Whitby Whizzers,” a species of time-piece made in that town several years ago, the peculiarity of which was their ability to run so long as they were carefully wound up ; failing that, they went off with a whizz and a whurr, revealing a spring of extraordinary length but of great weakness.

Among our European exchanges we have received from Paris the *Bulletin Magonnique*. It contains two or three matters on which we would like to touch only it comes to hand just as THE CRAFTSMAN is going to press. We can only quote one item. The *Bulletin* says:—“We are glad to read that the Government of the Republic of Venezuela has erected a magnificent Masonic temple in the centre of the capital. The President of the Republic himself conducted the inaugural service, and pronounced a discourse which is in every way calculated to urge forward the march of this happy Republic towards the golden age of prosperity and liberty.”

## GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada will be held in Toronto, on 18th of July, a week later than usual, as arranged at the last Annual Communication. The sessions of Grand Lodge will be held in the Grand Opera House, Adelaide street, a central location, being near the railway stations and wharves, and convenient to the leading hotels, where ample accommodation will be found for all who may visit our city on the occasion. The Board of General Purposes will hold their meetings in the Toronto street Masonic hall.

The Toronto brethren are making every arrangement for the convenience and comforts of visiting brethren, which does not include a concert in the Pavilion or some such fashionable form of a Turkish bath. A moonlight sail on the lake, however, would be refreshing. Addresses will be presented on behalf of the local lodges and the city, the latter to be read by Bro. Mayor Clark.

It is undoubtedly the desire of the Craft that R. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, should be advanced to the Grand East at this Communication, as M. W. Bro. H. Robertson will then have completed a two years' term,—the limit allotted to our Grand Masters since M. W. Bro. Moffatt's unexpectedly brief tenure of office. In Bro. Walkem the Craft will have a ruler of marked and admitted ability, whose master mind and judicial training cannot but prove advantageous to our Institution.

The names of two worthy brethren are frequently mentioned for the Deputy Grand Mastership, and both