

A CLERGYMAN ON MASONRY.

HE was proud of being a Mason, because the more he knew of Masonry, the more he studied Masonry, the more he found in it to instruct, improve, and enlighten his mind. He spoke what he sincerely felt from the bottom of his heart when he said that he was all the better a man for being a Mason. No doubt there were many clergymen in the Masonic Order; and he wished there were more. Sometimes clergymen who were out of the Order said to him, "Well, but, Holden, you don't mean to say really that you are a Mason." He replied, "Yes, I do." "But," said they, "Surely not a Mason! Why, they are a parcel of heathens." He had rejoined, "Come, be a Mason yourself, and you shall soon see whether we are heathens or not." And he really and truly thought that if all clergymen could only be Masons, they would get rid of one peculiarity there was about clergymen. He did not wish to say a word against his own profession: he was proud of it; and there were many brilliant exceptions to the rule: but he did say if there was one objection against the clerical profession, it was that they were disposed to be rather narrow-minded. He was sure that if the clergy could be all Masons, their narrow-mindedness would be done away with at once and for ever.—*Rev. P. M. Holden.*

JURISPRUDENCE.

A BROTHER asks the following question: A brother having been initiated on Tuesday, the 5th of October, (regular meeting night), can he be passed to the Fellow Craft degree on Tuesday, the 2nd of November?

ANSWER.—Yes. A lunar month having intervened.

MASONIC RECORD.

AT HOME.

At the regular communication of St. Thomas Lodge, No. 44, A. F. & A. M., held on the 2nd Dec., the following officers were elected for the coming year, viz.: Bro. Dr. McLarty, W. M.; Bro. Robert McKay, S. W.; Bro. Dr. Marlatt, J. W.; Bro. P. M. Morgan, Treasurer; Bro. W. A. Cooper, Secretary; Bro. D. Drake, Chaplain; Bro. J. C. Stacey, Tyler.

At the regular communication of King Solomon's Lodge, of A. F. and A. M., No. 22, G. R. C., Toronto, held on the 9th of Dec., in the Masonic Hall, the following officers for the ensuing year were duly elected: Bro. W. J. Hambly, W. M.; Bro. S. R. Richardson, S. W.; Bro. D. McDonald, J. W.; R. W. Bro. D. McLellan, Chaplain; Bro. W. S. Lee, Treasurer; Bro. H. Bickford, Secretary; R. W. Bro. Spry and Bro. Norris, Representatives on Board of Hall Trust; Bro. John L. Dixon, Tyler.

At the regular monthly meeting of Rehoboam Lodge, Toronto, held on Thursday evening, Dec. 2nd, in the Masonic Hall, the following brethren were installed as office bearers for the ensuing masonic year by R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, assisted by V. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, P. M.: W. Bro. Wm. Brydon, W. M.; W. Bro. George C. Patterson, I. P. M.; Bros. T. J. McClelland, S. W.; James Spencer, J. W.; F. Wright, Secretary; James B. Nixon, Treasurer; Rev. J. G. Robb, Chaplain; E. F. Clarke, S. D.; R. Dinnis, J. D.; R. Kirkuck and W. Burradage, Stewards; J. D. Stoodley, Dir. of Cer.; F. Willmott, I. G.; J. L. Dixon, Tyler; V. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon and W. Bro. G. C. Patterson, Representatives to the Masonic Hall Board Trustees. At the close of the installation ceremony, W. Bro. Brydon, the newly installed Master, presented W. Bro. G. C. Patterson with a beautiful gold Past Master's jewel on his retiring from the chair of W. M., as a mark of respect and esteem in which he is held by the members of the Lodge. Bro. Patterson made a suitable reply, thanking the lodge for their kindness.

We learn by the *Belleville Intelligencer* that the large brick building near the junction of Front and Pinnacle streets, facing the upper bridge, which was purchased by the masonic fraternity from Mr. George E. Henderson, has been entirely renovated and re-fitted. The roof was taken off and replaced by a handsome Mansard, covered with tin on the top and slate on the slopes next the street. The building is 56ft. by 60ft., and the lot extends to Pinnacle street, on which it has a frontage of 40ft. It is of three stories, with a cellar beneath. Two large stores, each 24ft. by 60ft., are on the ground floor, one of which is occupied by Mr. James Fleming, confectioner, and the other has been secured for an office for the Inspector of Weights and Measures. On the second floor are entry rooms, and a large and handsome refreshment room, 40ft. by 28ft. Two large rooms on the third floor are devoted to the mysteries of the Fraternity, who here hold their meetings, the Blue Lodge in one room and the Chapter in