

THE Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England was held on the 3rd ult. The Earl de Grey and Ripon was duly installed as Grand Z., and Lord de Tabley as Grand J. The Earl of Carnarvon was to have been installed as Grand H. but was unavoidably absent. Petitions for four new Chapters were received and granted. The Board of General Purposes reported that they had had under their consideration a letter from Comp. John Doherty of the Melita Chapter, No. 449, Malta, elected to the Third Principal's Chair in that Chapter, whose eligibility to be installed was objected to, on the ground that, although a Past Master of an Irish Lodge, he had never served as Master of an English Lodge. The committee were of opinion, and their decision was sustained by Grand Chapter, that to render a Companion eligible to be elected a Principle of a Chapter under the English Constitution he must be the actual Master or Past Master of a Craft Lodge under that Constitution.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Enquiries from correspondents in Nova Scotia.

QUESTION.—If a brother takes his first and second degrees in a lodge outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, what certificates are necessary to entitle him to receive the third degree under the Nova Scotia Grand Lodge.

ANSWER.—He should be furnished with a Grand Lodge Certificate if such can be obtained, also with a certificate of standing from his mother lodge, and he must be regularly proposed in open Lodge, balloted for and accepted, and must pay the fee, if any, prescribed for the third degree in the By-Laws of the lodge accepting him, in addition to the regular affiliation fee. This however does not interfere with the right of the lodge to confer the degree upon the applicant at the request of his mother lodge.

QUESTION.—If a brother receives his first degree outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and pays the full fee for the three degrees, as is the case in Canada, how is he to act to prevent his requiring to pay for the second and third degrees in this jurisdiction, where they are paid for separately.

ANSWER.—The proper course is for the Brother to apply to his mother lodge for permission, and obtain from it a request that the lodge in the place of his present residence will confer such degrees on its behalf. If either decline there is no help but to pay the extra fees, or return to his mother lodge where he would be entitled to receive them.

QUESTION.—What work is it proper to do at an emergency.

ANSWER.—None but that for which the meeting is specially called.

QUESTION.—Can the minutes of a previous meeting, or any minutes, be confirmed at an emergency.

ANSWER.—No, the reading and approval of minutes can only be done at regular meetings. Confirmation of minutes means simply a declaration that they have been correctly entered in the minute book by the Secretary, and this declaration should be made at the then next regular meeting.

QUESTION.—A Worshipful Master is called away from his Lodge at a regular meeting. The Senior Warden takes the chair, and in the regular mode of business he announces an emergency to be held for certain business. He instructs the Secretary to issue summonses to that effect, and it is so recorded on the minutes. Is it competent for the W. M. to alter that order, if so, how must it be done—can the minutes be altered at his order?