

to initiate a candidate under the following circumstances?—

Candidate was balloted for twice in open lodge, the second ballot being taken to prevent possible mistake on the part of members, and was rejected on both ballots. The lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, and from refreshment to labor; a third ballot being proposed after private consultation between members, and on this ballot the candidate was declared elected.

Ans.—No. The third ballot should not have been taken. The second ballot is final; the candidate was rejected, and it would be illegal to initiate him.

Installations.

Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Kingston, installed by R W Bro Geo M Wilkinson, P D D G M, Dec 27: I P M, George Durnford; W M, G W Gaden; S W, N Wilmot; J W, H J Wilkinson; Treas, E R Welch; Sec, John Sutherland; Chap, Rev R Garrett; Organist, John Trowell; S D, James Yule; J D, E H Smythe; S S, Allen Bond; J S, W Boakes; I G, G W Andrews; Tyler, E Ball; D of C, Forshaw Day.

The regular communication of King Solomon Lodge, No. 22, G. R. C., Toronto, was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 8th, when the election of officers took place. There was a large attendance of members and of visitors from sister Lodges. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. N. T. Lyon, W. M.; V. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, I. P. M.; Bro. Wilber Grant, S. W.; Bro. P. J. Slatter, J. W.; V. W. Bro. W. S. Lee, Chap.; V. W. Bro. W. J. Hamblly, Treas.; Bro. Joseph Purvis, Sec.; Bro. J. H. Pritchard, Tyler. The retiring W. M., V. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, having been voted a testimonial, said that he considered that the honor of being Master of King Solomon's Lodge was of itself sufficient recompense for any services he had been able to render, not to mention the esteem and goodwill of the members, which he had as W. M. enjoyed. In regard to the testimonial which had been so handsomely voted to him by the Lodge, he would say that after mature deliberation, and considering the large amounts expended in presentations to retiring Masters, he must decline the acceptance of it. Members of the Craft generally are in comfortable positions in life, so that it might be said that they could well afford to follow the practice, still he would have them remember that those of the brethren who were "at rest" had left behind them widows and orphans, some of whom were nearly desti-

tute, and that our first duty was to minister to their wants. The amount proposed to be spent in a testimonial could be more wisely and beneficially expended in carrying out one of the fundamental principles of the Order—that of "Charity."

St. Francis Lodge, No. 24, Smith's Falls, installed by W Bro Ogle Carss, Dec 27: I P M, Ogle Carss; W M, John T Fairgrieve; S W, Geo Brown; J W, Jos A Clarke; Treas, John Shields; Sec, Stewart Moag; Chap, Samuel M Barnes; S D Wm Corbett; J D, David M Stewart; I G, Henry D Chalmers; Tyler, Edward Chalmers; D of C, Richard Locke.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25, Toronto, invested by W Bro C W Postlethwaite, Dec 6: I P M, A F Maclean; W M, C W Postlethwaite; S W, Wm Roaf; J W, J R Roaf; Treas, A R Boswell; Sec, J B Booner; Chap, Rev W H Davies; Organist, Harry Holden; S D, V Sankey; J D, F F Manley; S S, J Massey; J S, A G Leanard; I G, W S S Jackson; Tyler, J H Pritchard; D of C, G S Ryerson.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope, installed by V W Bro Nichols, assisted by V W Bro Chas Doeblor and R W Bro J B Trades, on Dec. 27: I P M, Jas Evans; W M, D J Goggin; S W, B D Deering; J W, Thos Long; Treas, T F Janes; Sec, W B Wallace; S D, T E Shipley; J D, G F Hall; S S, J A Thompson; J S, S Roddy; I G, W Andrew; Tyler, G Reading; D of C, E Peplow.

Strict Observance Lodge, No. 27, Hamilton, installed by R W Bro Reid, D D G M, Dec 27: I P M, C H Foster; W M, F F Dalley; S W, B J Morgan; J W, O S Hillman; Treas, Alex Turner; Sec, J Poole; Chap, John Glasgow; Organist, W Spencer; S D, W C Morton; J D, E W Klotz; Stewards, A McLaughlin, J M Rousseaux, A D Mackay; I G, W F McGiverin; Tyler, W W Summers; D of C, J Raynor.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville, installed by W Bro Parry, Dec 27: I P M, Wm N Braund; W M, Arch'd Couper; S W, John W McCallum; J W, John Sowerby, jr; Treas, David Price; Sec, Wm F Parry; Chap, G A Yeomans; Organist, Wm Scholfield, jr; S D, Richard Flowers; J D, Robt Hall; S S, Samuel Amsden; J S, Geo R Smith; I G, Rich'd Ennis; Tyler, G Wallace; D of C, A Brownscn.

King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, Ingersoll, installed by W Bro Wm Woolson, Dec 27: I P M, Robt Vance; W M, Wm Thompson; S W, H O'Conner; J W, S Martin; Treas, Wm Woolson; Sec, J L Perkins; Chap, Rev E M Bland; S D, H Richardson; J D, O T Wright; S S, R H Young; J S, Chas Jones; HG, W Boles; Tyler, A McLeod; D of C, C I Slawson.