

Of the decisions reported, the following are of most interest:—

"2. No rescinding vote can be had in case of a ballot when a candidate has been once declared rejected.

"3. Members of a Lodge who become petitioners for a new Lodge are liable for dues to the date of the Dispensation, and the old Lodge retains penal jurisdiction of them for the purpose of collecting the same, even after the new Lodge is constituted.

"10. A Brother has a right to object to the initiation of a candidate, and if absent at the time of the balloting, it would operate as a black ball, and, until the objections are withdrawn, the Master has no right to confer the degrees on the candidate.

"11. Seven being the number necessary to form a Lodge, I consider that number necessary to form a quorum when voting is to be had.

"12. A Lodge on the borders of another State should not initiate any resident of that State without first obtaining the consent of the Grand Master of said State and of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the applicant resides."

The Grand Secretary in his Report says:—

"In submitting a statement of my official labors, I congratulate the Grand Lodge that harmony abounds throughout our borders—the voice of contention is scarcely heard—a fact to be noted in favor of the spirit that imbues the fraternity in this jurisdiction.

"The Lodges have done little work during the Masonic year. Twenty-one Lodges have done nothing. Forty-two have taken one initiate each, and so on—two, three and twelve. The returns show really a decline in the jurisdiction at large, but the spirit of Masonry is still abroad. The depression of labor and the financial stringency have undoubtedly retarded, in a measure, the increase of members. The correspondence with other Grand Lodges has been very large during the past year, requiring a large amount of time to be devoted to it. As our years increase and our importance and rank is understood, the burden of this department will become heavier. Much of the correspondence is historical, which requires time and care to make a proper and intelligent response."

During the Session, a beautiful gold watch and chain were presented to Past Grand Master Park Davis, as a testimonial for his distinguished services as an officer of the Grand Lodge.

Accompanying the Report is a very valuable "Digest of decisions of Grand Masters of Vermont, upon questions of Masonic Jurisprudence."

There is also appended a "List of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of