

The Ancient York is therefore the Ritual for the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The following are the elected and appointed Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

- M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Newcomb, Grand Master.  
 R. W. Bro. James Henderson, Dep. Grand Master.  
 R. W. Bro. John W. Harris, Senior Grand Warden.  
 R. W. Bro. E. George Conklin, Jun. Grand Warden.  
 R. W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson, Grand Chaplain.  
 R. W. Bro. John J. Johnson, Grand Treasurer.  
 R. W. Bro. Col. John Kennedy, Grand Registrar.  
 R. W. Bro. John H. Bell, Grand Secretary.  
 V. W. Bro. Dr. D. Young, Grand Senior Deacon.  
 V. W. Bro. Archibald McNee, Grand Junior Deacon.  
 V. W. Bro. Simon Duffin, Grand Lecturer.  
 V. W. Bro. James Munroe, Grand Sword Bearer.  
 V. W. Bro. John Villiers, Grand Organist.  
 V. W. Bro. Hugh McCowan, Grand Pursuivant.  
 V. W. Bros. Wm. G. Scott, A. W. Mee, James Taylor, James M. McGregor, A. J. Belch, D. B. Murray, H. J. Cameron, Grand Stewards.  
 Bro. D. McArthur, Grand Tyler; and the following compose the Board of General Purposes:—M. W. Bro. Kennedy, P. G. M.; M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Newcomb, G. M.; R. W. Bro. J. Henderson, D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris, S. G. W.; R. W. Bro. E. Geo. Conklin, J. G. W.; and R. W. Bro. Rev. S. P. Matheson, V. W. Bro. Dr. D. Young, R. W. Bro. Bell, V. W. Bros. McNee, Symonds and Johnston.

The following notices of motion were given:—

By R. W. Bro. J. H. Bell—That at

the next regular communication he will move that the time of holding Grand Lodge be changed from June to February or March.

By R. W. Bro. Col. J. Kennedy—That at the next annual communication he will move that the resolution recommended by a portion of the Committee to Exemplify the Work, and adopted by the Grand Lodge at its session held on the 16th day of June, A. L. 5877, be and is hereby rescinded.

[N. B.—R. W. Bro. Col. Kennedy, who is well and favorably known to the brethren in Peterborough, as a former resident in that town, favors the adoption of the "Canada Ritual" by the G. L. of Manitoba.—Ed. CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.]

#### Jurisprudence.

QUERY.—Has not a member of a lodge the right to enquire of the W. M. or Wardens how many black balls a candidate has received, and if the W. M. or Wardens answer such questions in lodge or out, do they act unmasonically.

ANSWER.—It is most important that the secrecy of the ballot should be strictly preserved. Anything tending to violate that secrecy in any particular is severely discountenanced. No member has a right to ask the number of black balls cast in a ballot, and it would be highly improper for the W. M. or Wardens to state the number. The only statement that should be made is, that the ballot was "against" the candidate. We need hardly say that no statement whatever is to be made "out of the lodge," that is to persons who are not Masons. It is the duty of the Secretary (but no others) to inform the applicant, and him only, of his rejection.

Q. Is it absolutely necessary that the age of candidates for initiation should be placed in the summons, and if objection is taken on that ground would the omission be of sufficient importance for the W. M. to hold the candidate over until the next R. C., in order to give the constitutional notice.