

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

QUESTION.—At the regular meeting of a Lodge an application for affiliation is received, and the usual committee is appointed. At the following regular meeting, after the said committee has reported unfavorable, is it within the power, or is it the duty of the W. M. to order the ballot to be passed on the said application?

ANSWER.—The committee having "reported unfavorable," the Constitution declares at Art. 2, "of proposing members," "he shall be considered a rejected candidate." This clause plainly states that a ballot is unnecessary, but it does not prevent the W. M. from ordering the ballot to be passed. We cannot conceive that any Master would desire to do so, with the result so clearly indicated, except it would be to compel the Committee to declare by the ballot that which had already been stated in their report.

QUESTION.—A person came from abroad to reside in a town in Canada, say a year ago. After residing here one month, he made application to be initiated into the privileges of the Order. On application being made to the place of his last residence, the reports were most unfavorable, and the necessary consequence was that the committee of enquiry reported unfavorably, and the candidate was declared rejected, and so recorded in the minute book. Query:—Can this candidate be balloted for again twelve months from the time he came or twelve months from the time of his rejection?

ANSWER.—A rejected candidate for initiation cannot, constitutionally, be balloted for in the same or any other Lodge within twelve months of the date of his rejection. See clause 6, "of proposing members."

QUESTION.—A member of a Lodge a short time since applied for his dimit which, although it was granted by the Lodge, *has not yet been given to him*. He is an old member and a P. M. The members of the Lodge are very desirous of retaining him if it can be done constitutionally and, therefore, desire to have his application withdrawn and the resolution granting his dimit rescinded.

ANSWER.—As soon as the application for withdrawal from membership has been acted upon by the Lodge, and the permission granted, the brother ceases to be a member, and the only constitutional manner of his being again restored to membership is by a fresh proposition and ballot, the same as with any ordinary joining brother. The issuing of the withdrawal certificate is no part of the resignation, for in point of fact it might never be required and, consequently, never issued.

CAPITULAR MASONRY.

The M. E. Grand First Principal, of the Grand Chapter of Canada, has been pleased to authorize the issuing of a Dispensation for a new Chapter at the town of Ingersoll, Ont., to be named "Harris" Chapter, to the following-named Ex-Companions: Ralph A. Wookcock, 1st Principal Z.; Peter J. Brown, 2nd Principal H.; Wm. J. Allison, 3rd Principal J.; Comps. Abel Bristol, James Ralph Walker, Matthew Bixel, Hugh Kerr, Chas. Henry Sorley, James Canfield and Thomas Bird Harris. The regular convocations of this Chapter are held on the First Tuesday after full moon of every month. We cordially wish this new Chapter every prosperity.