

ENQUIRER—I was present at a lodge the other evening during the election of the officers for the ensuing year, which was done by open vote. Was that constitutional?

ANS—Certainly, such a course was irregular as in the Constitution, under the heading of "Private Lodges," we find in the second clause, "Every Lodge shall annually elect its Master, Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer and Secretary by ballot." Every Brother should, upon his initiation, be presented with the Book of Constitution, and then these mistakes would not so frequently occur.

R. : A. :—Have I the right to wear my Royal Arch Regalia in a Blue Lodge?

ANSWER.—Certainly not. The Constitution is very explicit upon this subject, and while you have the privilege of wearing your Royal Arch Jewels on the breast, you must in Blue Lodge wear the apron of your work, viz., that of E. : A. : , F. : C. : , M. : M. : , or Past Master. We would here remark that as the Grand Lodge of Canada does not recognise the Templar degree, it is not constitutional to wear the Jewel of the Order. Custom, however, has almost done away with the regulation, and the Fratres now very generally, in addition to their R. : A. : Jewels, adorn their persons with the Star and Cross of their Knighthood.

THE NEW GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.—The Earl of Zetland, after holding the responsible position of Grand Master of England for over a quarter of a century, has resigned, and the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl de Gray and Ripon, has been unanimously elected in his stead. It is very generally understood by the Craft in England, that in future the Grand Mastership shall not be held by the same individual for a longer period than three years. This is decidedly a move in the right direction.

NEW LODGES.—We find by the *Craftsman*, that the Most Worshipful the Grand Master has authorised dispensations for the following new Lodges, viz. :

"Norwood," at Norwood—W. : Bro. : W. E. Roxbury, Master.

"Zurich," at Zurich—Bro. : William Carrick, Master.

"Bernard," at Listowel—Wor. : Bro. : George Towner, Master. We wish them all every success.

NEW ENCAMPMENT.—We learn that Sir † Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Prov. : Grand Prior of the Dominion of Canada, has authorised the granting of a Dispensation for a new Encampment to be called "Mount Calvary," at Orillia, Ont. Frater † Robert Ramsay, to be Em. : Com. : Fratre † M. H. Spencer, to be first Captain, and Fratre † J. K. Kerr to be second Captain.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, KINGSTON.—The Brethren of Kingston dedicated their new hall, and gave a grand banquet on St. John's Day; in our next number we shall present our readers with a full report.

OFFICIAL VISITATION.—The *Keystone* announces that the Grand High Priest, M. : E. : Comp. : Geo. Griscom, of Pennsylvania, is paying a series of official Visitations to many of the Chapters within his jurisdiction. The result is a greater interest in Capitular Masonry.

If ever there was a man determined to be "known by his *walk*, rather than by his conversation," it is a party in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, called "Crazy Odell," who has for twenty years, with necessary intervals for sleeping and eating, walked in shine and storm, from Meadville to Penn Line, a distance of twenty miles. No matter how hard it rains, snows or blows, he continues his incessant tramp, tramp, tramp. The old man imagines himself the Duke of Wellington, and is always marching to the battle-field of Waterloo.