

P. G. M. Kennedy's motion to elect officers on that evening was lost, every member of Grand Lodge then present must have understood that the election of officers was to be the first business on the following morning. The effort of Bro. Kennedy to persuade a certain Grand Lodge officer of the A. Y. Rite party to absent himself from Grand Lodge at that time shows that he, Bro. P. G. M. Kennedy, was aware of it. That his party were ready for the election, is made still more apparent by the motion from one of his adherents, Bro. F. T. Bradley, to proceed with the election at once. I had not noticed that the proceedings of Grand Lodge did not mention this arrangement until directed to them by "G. F., Jr.'s" criticism, who appears to have accepted the statements of Bro. Kennedy in his address to have been true in every particular.

I do not understand Bro. Kennedy to have stated that the election of officers was not understood by him and his party to be the first order of business on the morning of the 14th, as did "G. F., Jr.," neither do I think even he would dare to venture that far. I here state emphatically that any arrangement made by me to Bro. Kennedy, his party, or Grand Lodge, was carried out to the letter; that at the request of one of his strongest supporters, the election of officers was proceeded with, *regularly*, and at the time (or about an hour after) he, Kennedy, understood it was to take place, and not hurriedly as he alleges; that ingress and egress to Grand Lodge was not prohibited until the ballot had been distributed the third time for Grand Master and ordered to be collected, and this prohibition did not prevent ingress and egress in the usual way, (by announcement) between the passage of the ballot for each officer; that those whom Bro. Conklin discovered to be in the ante-room after he had improperly left his station had not sought to be admitted. Thus it may be seen from the foregoing, that the election of officers was not at an

unusual early hour in the morning, as Bro. Kennedy stated.

As the Board of General Purposes will probably reply to the statements contained in P. G. M. Kennedy's address, in full, I shall not intrude further upon your space unless forced to do so. The reader will discover that the "impartial criticism" of "G. F., Jr." is partial in the extreme, and that his opinions, ventilated indiscreetly, I think, and hastily, do not accord with those supposed to be less interested in the character of work adopted.

GEO. F. NEWCOMB,
P. G. M. G. L. of Manitoba.

Festival of St. John the Baptist.

Following are the officers of Lodges recently installed:—

CANADA.

Barton Lodge, No. 6, installed by R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell; I. P. M., W. Bro. A. Macallum; W. M., W. Bro. Colin Munro; S. W., Bro. Geo. Russell; J. W., Bro. Herbert Munsie; Treasurer, Bro. E. S. Whipple; Secretary, Bro. Thos. Clappison; Chaplain, Bro. Fred. Bennett; Organist, Bro. A. E. Davies; S. D., Bro. Geo. H. Ball; J. D., Bro. M. Overholt; S. S., Bro. F. V. Jones; J. S., Bro. W. F. Haskins; I. G., Bro. R. E. Simpson; Tyler, Bro. W. W. Summers; D. of C., Bro. J. B. Rousseaux.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa, installed by R. W. Bro. W. Kerr, P. D. D. G. M.: I. P. M., W. Bro. H. Merrill; W. M., W. Bro. E. D. Parlow, re-elected; S. W., W. Reynolds, re-elected; J. W., H. W. Bennett, re-elected; Treasurer, W. Anderson, re-elected; Secretary, G. B. Greene, re-elected; Chaplain, M. M. Pyke; Organist, E. A. Selwyn, re-elected; S. D., A. Agnew, re-elected; J. D., C. Campbell; Stewards, Jas. McCullough, Alex. Fleck, jr.; I. G., Robt. McKenzie; Tyler, John Sweetman, re-elected.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia, installed by R. W. Bro. Allworth, D. D. G. M.: W. M., W. Bro. E. A. Vidal, re-elected; S. W., Jas. Alcock; J. W., D. McMaster; Treasurer, M. Fleming; Secretary, John J. Clement, M. D.; S. D., Wm. Brown; J. D., Alex. Ingram; S. S., D. Callum; J. S., Charles Wilson; I. G., Jas. Woods, L. D. S.; Tyler, W. H. Hill; D. of C., E. H. Johnston.