

ES. We understand that Illus. Bro. Col. McLeod Moore, 33° Grand Prior of Canada, who as a Scottish Royal Arch Mason of upwards of forty years, and *conversant* with all the Degrees conferred and under control of the supreme Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Scotland, amongst which is the Degree of "*Royal Ark Mariners*" lately revived in England has been affiliated with the Grand Royal Ark Mariners Lodge of England and by them appointed Representative and Inspector General for Canada. These side degrees to Craft Masonry proper and the Chivalric Masonry of the *Temple and Hospital* seems to create greater interest and diversify the ceremonial work of the legitimate Degrees. The *Ark degree* is simple and interesting and does not interfere with any other.

ES. On Monday evening, the 5th June, a new lodge of A. F. & A. Masons (working under a dispensation of the Grand Master of Canada,) was opened with all due formalities, in the Masonic Buildings, Kingston, by M. W. Past Grand Master Simpson. The Worshipful Master is Bro. Major Geraghty, and the new Lodge, in compliment to him and the Military Lodge in the 20th Regiment, so well remembered in Kingston, was named "The Minden Lodge." The two Wardens are Bros. J. Greenfield and S. Wood, and the Treasurer elect is R. W. Bro. J. V. Noel, all members of the other city Lodges, which does not incapacitate them from being members of the Minden Lodge if so inclined. Owing to the great number of members belonging to the two other Lodges in that city, the new one was a paramount necessity. We wish it every success.

ES. We observe from a circular issued from the office of the Grand Secretary that that officer has completed arrangements with all the principal railways for a reduction from the usual fares, and has also made a similar arrangement with the Canadian Navigation Company's steamboats, to Delegates attending Grand Lodge.

### JURISPRUDENCE.

QUESTION.—A party makes application for initiation between whom and a member of the Lodge there exists a bitter enmity, are the brethren justified in giving him a clear ballot knowing this?—H. D.

ANSWER.—Masonry is an institution founded for the benefit and banding together as one common family the just, the virtuous and the good of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, so that all good and true persons are eligible for admission to the privileges of Freemasonry. The ancient regulations of the order clearly declare that private piques and quarrels are not admissible within the precincts of a Lodge. Under the circumstances of the present case it would be the duty of the committee on the qualifications of the candidate to acquaint themselves as to the cause and nature of the difference existing between the member and the applicant, and if possible to effect an adjustment of the difficulty. If this is impossible and it is ascertained that the applicant is in the wrong, the said committee should so report it; if, on the other hand the member is found to be in fault, he has no right to be a barrier in the way of the admission of proper and worthy candidates merely on account of personal and private enmity.