

Masonic Jurisprudence.

T. L.—What works do you consider the best on Masonic Jurisprudence?

ANSWER.—Oliver's Jurisprudence is decidedly the best for Canadian Masons, although we would also advise the study of Mackey's and Simon's. The former is particularly interesting, whilst the latter is very practical and condensed into a very small space. Chase's Digest is also an invaluable work of reference.

AN EXAMINER.—A Brother, from New York, presented himself at our Lodge the other evening, and in the course of examination admitted that he was initiated one week, passed the next, and raised two weeks afterwards. Could the Lodge that gave him those degrees have acted constitutionally, and under the circumstances had we any right to admit him?

ANSWER.—Our correspondent must be aware that sometimes dispensations are granted to allow a Brother to take the three degrees, without the requisite intervening space of time demanded by the constitution; for example, on the 18th of October last, the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, granted a special dispensation to St. Andrew's Lodge No. 45, for the purpose of conferring the three degrees of E. : A. : C. : J. : & M. : M. : in the course of one evening, upon H. R. H. Prince Rhodocanakis. But according to the constitutions of the Grand Lodge of New York, Ohio and others, it is not necessary to wait a month between each degree, it is simply requisite that the candidate shall be versed in the lecture of the preceding degree, and wait till the succeeding regular communication of his Lodge, and as many Lodges in the United States meet weekly, a man might be proposed April 1st, initiated April 8th, passed April 15th, and raised April 22nd, thus legitimately and constitutionally, according to the regulations of these Grand Lodges, taking the three degrees of symbolic Freemasonry in the short space of three weeks. The brother, therefore, that "An Examiner" alludes to, was, in all probability, legitimately raised, and his Lodge in so doing did not infringe the constitution of its Grand Lodge.

ENTERED APPRENTICE.—I am obliged to leave for Toledo before I can receive my second degree; as I expect to make it my permanent residence, should I not take a demit from my Lodge and at once apply to some Lodge there for the other two degrees?

ANS.—We regret to inform our young friend that according to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, an E. : A. : has to reside one year in the State before he can receive the degree of F. : C. : The law we deem most unjust, but so it is.

Y.—Can a brother taking the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, receive the 33rd in this country?

ANS.—The thirty-third degree of the A. : A. : S. : R. : is an executive grade, and cannot be obtained anywhere, unless the illustrious brother about to receive it has been strongly recommended by some of those possessing the degree; there are only, at present, in Canada, five, who have had that distinction conferred upon them, viz., Ill. : Bros. : Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Capt. Wilson, T. D. Harington, J. W. Murton, and T. B. Harris.