

us send him our "V's" for his beautiful work of Masonic poems. It is the handsomest volume ever published in connection with the Craft, and the man who has ascended the stairways of over five thousand Lodges, and whose lectures have been heard and essays read in almost every land where Freemasonry exists, should not be left in want, now that the hand of God has smitten him. May God long spare Bro. Rob Morris.

How is it the Past Grand Masters on the Board of General Purposes, have been so thoroughly ignored on the committees? They are the very men whose experience we particularly require.

It is probable the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Canada, will succeed in introducing the Cryptic Rite into Australia. He has received several letters upon the subject, and proposes to consult the Executive Council in regard thereto as soon as the Grand Recorder returns from Europe.

We understand that R. W. Bro. T. S. Bulmer, M.D., 18°, Grand Representative Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and of Fitzroy, Victoria, proposes to immediately organize a Rose Croix Chapter, of the Supreme Rite of Memphis, in that city. Bro. Bulmer has for many years taken a very active part in Masonry. He was for many years Superintendent of Quarantine, and Health Officer for the Victorian Government.

The Oriental Order of Sat B'hai, or Sitka, is the only branch of Eastern Masonry known to Europeans and Americans, as practised by the Hindoos. There are, doubtless, other rites, but so far they are an "unknown science" to us. The Sitka Rites are very peculiar, the Chief of the Order, or Apex, being only known to the Arab Couriers, of which there is a Senior and Junior in each country where it is practised.

R. W. Bro. Arthur Maginnis, P. D. D. G. M. of the Prince Edward District, is gathering a most interesting collection of the Masonic lore of this district, amongst which he has secured a minute book of the transactions of the Lodge which was organized in the Village of Thurlow, situated at the mouth of Meyers' Creek, now the City of Belleville. From this time-worn record we make the following extract:—"Thurlow, 28th May, 1812.—Lodge was opened in due form at nine o'clock p. m. Members present:—Thomas Sparham, W. M.; Roswell Leavens, S. W.; Seth Metcham, J. W.; Thos. Nelson, Treas.; Simon McNabb, Sec'y; John W. Meyers, S. D.; George W. Meyers, J. D.; Thos. Harris, Tyler. The business of the evening consisted of the raising to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason of Bros. Neil McArthur, Jonathan Selden and Edward Craner. The Treasurer receiving from Bro. Neil McArthur the sum of nineteen shillings and nine pence three farthings, when the Lodge closed in harmony at ten o'clock." The names of many of those worthies above mentioned are still household words, and many of their descendants still reside in Belleville and its neighborhood.—*Intelligencer*, Oct. 2.

GRAND MASTER Coppin, M. L. A., in his address at the banquet following the reception, at Melbourne, July 10, said: "The Grand Lodge of Victoria is already recognized by seventeen Grand Lodges, representing 2,250 private Lodges and 110,000 members. * * * The Grand Lodge of New South Wales by thirty-five Grand Lodges, representing 4,310 private Lodges and 188,596 members." The Grand Master also pointed out that whilst those in authority in South Australia permitted the discussion of Masonic independence in their Lodge rooms, the reverse was the case in Victoria, as proved by the fact that the following circular letter was sent to every Wor-