

ry that entitles it to a place in a work like this;" and, to crown all, on pages 69 and 70, he gives a list of degrees and officers, among which is "DEPUTY-AT-LARGE, ROB. MORRIS, L.L.D., 96°;" and also in his "Dictionary of Freemasonry," published in Chicago, 1867, he has a long article on Memphis Masonry, stating that the Rite had been reduced, 24th May, 1866, from 96° to 33°, and is now known as the Ancient and Primitive Rite."

Bro. Rob. Morris, 96°, L.L. D., can not deny he was a member of the Rite from 1865 to 1867, and published articles favoring it. How is it, then, that at the present time he says:—"As to the Rite of Memphis, it makes one smile even to read the title?"

In conclusion, I would only say that I believe Bro. Rob. Morris knows as well as I do, that the A. & P. Rite has much that is "beautiful, instructive, and impressive" in it, and although it has been abused in some places, it is not in Canada, where it exists in a legal and constitutional manner, the same as in England, under a Sovereign Sanctuary, which also controls all of the bodies of the Oriental Rite of Misraim, 90°, and Supreme Rite of Memphis, 96°, in the Dominion. In haste,

Yours fraternally,
- ROBERT RAMSAY, 33°.

To the Editor of the CRAFTSMAN.

SIR,—I observed in your valuable magazine in April last a letter signed "Skillet," referring to an official visit of St. John's Lodge, No. 75, G.R.C., to Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, G.R.C., and perhaps "Skillett" may think that the remarks therein contained were witty and amusing. I, along with several brethren of the Craft, fail to see where the amusement was. But perhaps such amusement was only meant for the "classic suburb" in the northern part of the City of Toronto. I think it would be much better, if

"Skillett" cannot write a more intelligent letter, to apply his skill at something congenial to his dejected countenance, as it only, in my opinion, lowers him farther in the estimation of the Craft, and if I did not judge who "Skillett" was, I would say that perhaps through the position he holds in Royal Arch Masonry that his mind must be affected by the honor conferred upon him. I think a Masonic Lodge is something sublime and noble and whether in the lodge or refreshment room, brethren should conduct themselves in a becoming manner, so that the outside world may not hold Masonry up to public ridicule. I am personally acquainted with nearly all of the officers of Ashlar Lodge and I was not aware that any of the subordinate officers could pen such a nonsensical and unintelligible letter.

I am, &c., CRITIC.

To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

SIR,—As the numerous misrepresentations contained in P.G.M. Kennedy's address to the *Lugus* Grand Lodge of Manitoba in December and January last have not been contradicted by the genuine Grand Lodge, officially, in *THE CRAFTSMAN*, I have to ask for space to reply on my own account to the opinions ventilated by "G. F., Jr.," in the 15th May issue, upon the Masonic Schism here.

I shall only attempt to answer a few of the statements which are liable to mislead the unbiased reader. I have observed that the opinion of the Grand Lodge of Maine taken upon the same evidence, differs from that of "G. F., Jr.," but being at a greater distance and entirely unacquainted with any of the Masons here may have something to do with it.

I expect "G. F., Jr.," to substantiate upon competent, reliable evidence his unjust accusation that I am "a strong supporter of the A. Y. Rite." The truth is I have always voted in accordance with my opinions recorded on page 33, Proceedings, 1876.