

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

Richard Cœur de Leon Preceptory in London is uniforming, and proposes to engage a drill instructor.

The Grand Lodge of California allows the W. M. to be elected from the floor of the lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania proposes to make the election of a W. M. a second term a pre-requisite for membership in Grand Lodge. We dissent.

The *London Free Press* comments on the tendency of many brethren to rush through the Royal Arch simply to become Knights Templar, and very properly condemns the same.

The *Masonic Advocate* evidently approves of our remarks regarding the publication of the names of black-balled candidates in the report of the Grand Lodge Proceedings, as it copies the same in full, but unfortunately gives credit to the *Canadian Freemason*, no such paper being in existence.

It has been suggested in high quarters that it would be a good move to make the Cryptic Rite in this country more or less of a benefit society, based on principles somewhat similar to those of the A. O. U. W. We feel confident such a move would give the Order an impetus, and we see no reason why it should not be adopted.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Canada is publishing its back proceedings, and we are glad to learn a more general interest is being taken in the Cryptic Rite. We are glad to note this, as the degrees are not only beautiful, but in-

structive, and add greatly to the explanations requisite to thoroughly understand the Royal Arch.

We are glad to hear that through the efforts of the M. P. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Canada, M. Ill. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, there is evidently a revival of interest in the Cryptic Rite. The proceedings are already in the hands of the printer, and will be out this week. Several of the Councils are holding meetings regularly, and in a short time we hope to hear of others re-organizing.

A correspondent states that there are many rumors regarding "the irregularities" in the Toronto Benevolent Board of Relief, and until affairs are conducted on business-like principles, such as "vouchers" being taken in all cases, it cannot expect to have the confidence of the craft. We do not question that every "copper" is expended with due caution, but that is not sufficient. Those subscribing have a right to know who gets it.

The Cryptic Rite in some parts of Ohio at all events is in a healthy condition, as we learn from the report of the reception accorded to Ill. Comp. E. B. Juvelt, representative of the Grand Master, on his official visit to Bigelow Council, No. 7, of Newark, Ohio. At the depot the visiting brethren were met by Ill. Comps. Winnegarnier, and our friend S. Stacker Williams. In the evening between eighty and ninety Companions assembled in the hall, and conferred the grade upon nine candidates. At the close of the labors, the workmen adjourned to an elegant repast.