

The Hon. S. Stacker Williams, P. G. M., of Ohio, and representative in the State Legislature, reached his 60th birthday on the 18th of March. When the member took his seat in the Legislature in the morning he found on his desk a handsome bouquet of roses, placed there by some of his friends to remind him of his natal day. Then just before adjournment of the House, a set of ludicrous resolutions were presented by Representative Goodale, donating Bro. Williams \$96,000. The resolutions caused no end of merriment.

This is from the Masonic page of the New York *Tribune*, and we rise to savagely protest against such insinuations upon lodges working night and day to get a big membership record at the end of the year: The following is a copy verbatim et literatim et spellatum of a letter received some time ago: "Dear Sir—Will you rite and tel me how much it costs to joine a free Masons loge. Sumbody tolde me to rite to you and you wood tell me. I want to joine a good lodge because I am told it will helpe me in my biziness. I am a bose carpenter." The letter is referred to Phantom Lodge No. 999, which, in its great hurry to increase its membership, may find time to initiate this desirable "bose carpenter."

Mrs. Mary Grieser, at Ventura, who died in February last, gave San Buenaventura Lodge, No. 214, one hundred acres of fine valley land, valued at \$100 per acre; also, \$1,000, the interest to be used for caring for her grave. She also presented Ventura Chapter, No. 79, O.E.S., with a grand Piano.—*The Trestle Board*.

A new home for the Freemasons of Salt Lake City was dedicated March 19th, with ceremonies. Nearly 500 Craftsmen were in the procession, and thousands of spectators thronged the streets, including visitors from other towns and other States. A reception was given in the evening, at which about 2500 people were present.

Mission Lodge, No. 169, in San Fran

cisco, proposes to build a Temple on the west side of Mission street, between 22nd and 23rd streets, at a cost of about \$40,000. This Lodge has about 400 members, and promises much for the future. The lease for their present quarters expires with June, 1897. Plans are being drawn for the new building.—*The Trestle Board*.

The Masons of western Pennsylvania propose to raise \$800,000 to build and equip a Masonic University in Beaver, by asking every Mason in the country to subscribe \$10. It is expected that most Masons would send their sons to the University, while the children of the dead Masons who could not afford to pay would be educated in it free of charge. Beaver is said to be the centre of the masonic population in the United States, and the Masons of the place will give the proposed institution a site of 80 acres.—*Boston Ideas*.

The Tyler would suggest that the next change in the Ritual of the Institution should embrace a "let out" for the candidate in after life in the charity lesson so impressively taught in the first degree. A provision should be made, "if he has paid his dues and is in good standing in his Lodge."

The Ohio Masonic Home contains 150 rooms, has 154 acres of land, the building cost \$125,000, and the grounds cost \$11,000. The Grand Lodge donated \$10,000, the Cincinnati Lodge, No. 133, gave \$1,000, on the Fiftieth anniversary of its existence, \$500 of which is to be used in furnishing a room to be called by their name. Lafayette Lodge, No. 81 proposes to furnish a parlor, and Columbus, Dayton, Springfield and other places are preparing to follow their examples.

FOREIGN.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will open the new municipal buildings at Croydon, on the 15th May, and an effort is being made to organise in connection therewith a demonstration of the Surrey Lodges. In anticipation, the Mayor, Mr. Alderman F. T. Eldridge,