

they have to ride or walk a little distance to attend its meetings. In any case they will find a compensation for the inconvenience to which they are subjected by the better appointments of the lodge-room, the larger attendance, and the increase of power to do the work for which Masonry exists.—*Freemason's Repository.*

The *Repository* says:—"The Egyptian Rite is said to be grandly successful in Toronto and the regions adjacent. It offers an extended preferment for a little money." As the fees are twenty dollars for the Chapter, twenty for the Council and twenty for the Mystic Temple, we think they are quite sufficient, and shall be glad to hear of them being reduced, as in our humble opinion, Masons should be allowed to obtain more light without paying an enormous premium for the same. In a young country like Canada we cannot afford to pay exorbitant fees, and the *Repository* may rest assured the executive of the Egyptian Rite in Ontario will act fairly and squarely with the Craft. Is it right to place entrance fees at such a figure as to virtually exclude the poorer members of the fraternity?

PERSONAL.

M. W. Bro. John Yarker, Grand Master of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Great Britain and Ireland, has kindly supplied us with some valuable Masonic information of which we may avail ourselves on some future occasion.

M. W. Bro. the Chevalier Comte Pessina, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge at Rome, has kindly furnished

us with important information regarding the formation, history and jurisdiction of this Supreme Body, an account of which we propose to lay before our readers at an early date.

M. W. Bro. W. B. Lord, Grand Master of the Oriental Rite of Mizraim, U. S. A., writes to us stating that he is receiving letters from all parts of the neighboring Republic regarding this interesting branch of the Craft, and that he expects at an early date to open several bodies of the Rite in the West.

Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, the distinguished Masonic archæologist and writer, kindly sent us an invitation to attend Ebos Preceptory, but we regret to say our business engagements prevented us crossing "the big pond" in time to accept. We may, however, some day avail ourselves of his courteous invitation.

Last week we received a letter from that enthusiastic Mason, R. W. Bro. H. D. Brown, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Liberia, in which he informs us that Masonry is both flourishing and practical in that far away Republic. We wish the Grand Lodge of Liberia all success; it is recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England and other European Supreme Masonic Bodies.

Our thanks are due to R. W. Bro. R. P. Negus, 95°, Provincial Grand Master of Australia for the Egyptian Rite, and Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, etc., for interesting communications and important matters regarding the formation of the Grand Lodge of Vic-