

sale of these reports. With the view of giving the fullest information concerning our Order, I suggest to this Grand Body the desirability of presenting each member paying capita tax this year with a free copy. The importance of our reports as a means of enlightening the English public on the principles and objects of our institution, cannot be over estimated. In them we have a true and faithful account of our work and progress. In this connection I desire to ask the serious consideration of this Grand Body to the importance of preserving the annual records of Grand Lodge sessions, and having them consolidated in one volume.

I desire to point out two errors which appear in the Grand Lodge balance sheet of last year, and which escaped our notice at the time of reading proof sheets; the item, sale of Constitution, \$12.66 should read \$21.66, and after regalia on the 10th line should read cap. tax for the year, \$531.20; the totals are all correct.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge session, (see printed proceedings, page 36), a Past Grand President's Jewel was provided and forwarded to Bro. Southcombe of Essex Lodge, for presentation in the name of the Grand Lodge, to Bro. J. W. Higginbotham. Bro. Higginbotham acknowledged the honour in very suitable terms.

By virtue of the adoption of the committee's report on emblem, (see printed proceedings, page 33), I procured the necessary number, several of which are now in the hands of our printers.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge session, (see printed proceedings, page 38), for new Constitution, tenders were asked for printing the necessary number, with alterations and amendments passed at Grand Lodge; the contract was awarded to Bro. Moore, of Somerset Lodge.

The contract for printing different forms of Lodge notices, was awarded to Bro. London, of Oxford Lodge. The contract for printing 30 black books, was given to Bro. Williams, of Albion Lodge. The contract for printing registration books, to Bro. Moore, of Somerset. The printing of quarterly return forms, to Bro. James, of Wellington Lodge. Small lots of job printing have been divided between Bros. Williams and Moore.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Grand Lodge session, empowering the executive to open up communication with the order of Sons of St. George, (see printed proceedings, page 37), I beg to report having done so, with no satisfactory result up to the present time. I had expected a copy of the last Grand Lodge session, of the order Sons of St. George, to lay before this Grand Body, but up to the present time I have not received one. The question is one that must, sooner or later, force itself upon the consideration of this Grand Body. I am confidentially informed that efforts will be made to organize Lodges of the order Sons of St. George, in Canada, and if I am not mistaken a Lodge has already been instituted; this is a direct violation of an honorable pledge given by the Grand Lodge officers of the order Sons of St. George, in Buffalo, July 4th, 1881, that they would not attempt to institute Lodges in Canada. However, the ques-