

The Senior Grand Warden refers in terms of commendation to the "efforts made to render Lodge communications interesting and attractive by means of lectures, historical reminiscences, or other exercises of a like character," in instances where work was not to be had.

We congratulate the Grand Treasurer on his pleasant total of \$14,740.89 to the credit of G. Lodge.

The Grand Secretary reports the investment account the same as last year. The minutes of the last Annual Communication had been distributed as usual, "together with copies of the Constitution, &c., &c. &c." Has it ever occurred to Bro. Hough, that other Grand Lodges would like to read the Constitution, By-laws, Rules of Order, &c., &c., of New Jersey? Why not publish these with the Proceedings?

The Grand Instructor (an officer we presume appointed by the G. Master, as his name does not appear in the list of elective officers) thinks that the frequent changes in the officers of Lodges prove a source of difficulty in maintaining the correctness of the Ritual. He calls the Grand Master's attention to the grammatical errors that still exist in the work, and thinks that an amendment of this evil among others, without producing any structural change, would add materially to its purity and strength.

Decidedly so, Brother Grand Instructor; unauthorized changes, grammatical inaccuracies and arrant absurdities are doing their fatal work in this age of intelligence and mental culture. How repugnant to common sense it is, for instance, to hear a comparison instituted between the *close* of the day caused by the setting sun and the *opening* of a Lodge.

The Grand German Visitor reports the greatest willingness on the part of Lodges working in the German language, to hear and receive instruction.

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom had been referred the matter of "suspension for non-payment of dues," close their report as follows:

"It must be admitted that in the 17th General Regulation, authorizing suspension for non-payment of dues, the Grand Lodge has exhibited a kindly consideration for those in arrears by directing the subordinate Lodges to