

GRAND LODGE OF NEW YORK.

At the 108th Annual Grand Communication held on June 4th, 5th and 6th inst., at the Masonic Temple, New York city, Bro. Frank R. Lawrence was re-elected Grand Master for the fifth time, but fraternally declined the office, whereupon the following Brethren were unanimously elected: Bro. John W. Vrooman, of Herkimer, M. W. Grand Master; Bro. William Sherer of Brooklyn, Deputy Grand Master; Bro. James Ten Eyck, of Albany, Senior Grand Warden; Bro. John Hodge, of Lockport, Junior Grand Warden; Bro. John J. Gorman, of New York city, Grand Treasurer; Bro. Edward M. L. Ehlers, of New York city, Grand Secretary, and Bro. Edward B. Harper, of New York city, Trustee of the Hall and Asylum Fund. The late Grand Treasurer Bro. Washington E. Connor, was first elected Grand Treasurer, but declined the office. Bros. Ten Eyck and Hodge were re-elected, as above. When Grand Secretary Ehler's re-election (eighth time) was announced to him, he thanked the Grand Lodge for this evidence of their confidence in his ability; and under the circumstances "he did not think they could do better." This modest speech elicited the liveliest applause, and as an encore he said he meant exactly what he said, and he actually believed every word of it. More hilarious applause followed Bro. Ehler's touch of quaint but fluorescent humor.

Promptness in opening Masonic bodies in conformity to the by-laws is the best method of securing a prompt attendance of the members. It sometimes happens that there is a lack of punctuality on the part of presiding officers, and they often delay the opening, thus making it necessary to hold the meetings to a much later hour. Promptness should be impressed on presiding officers, and when adhered to, will insure prompt and willing attendance on the part of the members.

Miscellaneous.

THE CRAFT OF OLDEN TIME.

BY W. SNEWING.

All honor to our forefathers, the Craftsmen true of old,
Propounders of the sacred truths which we
their children hold,
And guard with jealous caution, as the miser
would his gold,
Safe from the coward's crafty will, and him
who battles bold.

'Twas theirs to rear the stately dome, aspiring
to the skies,
While wond'ring crowds astonished viewed
the stately structure rise:
And deemed the labor magic, in their wonder
and surprise,
Nor knew that science in our hand a giant's
strength supplies.

Nor were their useful labors to brick and
stone confined;
'Twas theirs to mold in beauty's forms the
rude, unpolished mind,
Which by their moral regime, exalted and
refined,
Fulfilled the noble destiny for which it was
designed.

Our ancient Brethren, emulous, in virtue
took delight,
And zealously and fervently contended for
"the right."
Not with the arm of earthly power, or sword
of carnal might
But with the spear of *reason*, and the *force*
of moral light.

Then let us strive to emulate those virtues
which have made
The name of Mason glorious as Sol in light
arrayed,
And demonstrate to all the earth, that ages
have conveyed
Undimmed to us, the holy Light whose
guiding lustre swayed
The actions of our Brethren, the Craft of
olden time.

FREEMASONRY AMONG THE SAXONS.

A great many archæologists have from time to time tried to pierce through the darkness which surrounds the history of Freemasonry, and more particularly as regards the true relations of the Craft to architecture. It is a subject which affords a field for