

ability, and enthusiasm of the late Bro. Robert Wentworth Little, who had the valuable assistance of the esteemed Bro. H. G. Buss, both being personal friends of the Grand Sovereign. Col. Sir Francis, Burdett, Bart., P. G. W. of England, and Prov. G. M. of Middlesex, is now the Grand Sovereign; some 150 warrants have been granted at home and abroad, and if the degree is not a success in the future, as it formerly was, the cause cannot be owing to any deficiency in its continuity from the last century, nor from any lack of beauty in its ceremonies.—*The Freemason, London, March 28.*

A meeting of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Council to revise the Statutes of the Order, was held at the Masonic Rooms, 16a Great Queen street, on Thursday the 9th inst., under the presidency of Sir Knight A. M. Broadley, Deputy Intendant General Malta and Tunis. There were also present Sir Knights W. R. Woodman, Grand Recorder; T. C. Walls, A. G. T.; C. F. Hogard, Grand Preceptor; Foulgar Moon, G. Std.-Br.; and W. Lake, Assistant Grand Recorder.

The whole of the laws were dealt with *seriatim*, and, after some discussion, the alterations proposed were unanimously agreed to and ordered to be printed.

A vote of thanks to Sir Knight Hogard, who had prepared an exhaustive draft of proposed alterations, and whose suggestions were nearly all carried out, was carried unanimously, as well as a similar vote to Sir Knight Broadley for presiding.

Another meeting will take place to-day. The establishment of officers for the Executive in London, and the improvement effected in the laws of the Order, will, we believe, give renewed life to a degree which is second to none of the Chivalric Orders, either for beauty of ritual or the historical interest of its origin.—*Freemason, April 18.*

## PROTECTION AGAINST IMPOSTORS.

This is a matter of great importance to the Masonic Fraternity. It is a fact that there are a large number of persons subsisting on Masonic charity. They are travelling over the country, generally in the guise of Masons who have met with some misfortune in journeying to some distant point, and need a small amount of money to enable them to complete their journey. They tell a plausible story in explanation of their misfortune, and of the importance of their reaching their destination without delay. A Mason's heart always responds in sympathy to a tale of distress, and the impulse is strong to help a needy brother and send him on his way rejoicing. This is as it should be. It is the true spirit of Masonry. To know that he has relieved a worthy brother in distress is a great pleasure to a true Mason. But, as Hamlet says:—"Ay, there's the rub." In our younger days as a Mason we enjoyed this happiness at the expense of several \$5 bills in as many instances. Finding the tax on our resources a little onerous, we began to investigate the value of our stock in Masonic charity. Having taken a memorandum of the name of each applicant and the lodge of which he was a member, letters were written to each of these lodges, and we soon learned that we had been imposed upon in every instance. Every one we had assisted was proved to be an impostor or unworthy. Since that time we have been a little more wary, but must acknowledge that we have been caught in the same way upon several occasions. The experience of others is probably the same. Nineteenths of those who have received assistance as Masons were impostors and swindlers of the vilest kind. It was a casting of bread upon the waters that returned not after many days.

We have learned some wisdom by