

Craft Tidings.

BRITISH.

In Scotland the Mark Masters degree is now given in the Blue Lodge, as an adjunct to the F.C. degree.

If a companion ceases to be a contributing member in a Blue Lodge, in New Zealand he loses his standing in the Royal Arch.

A question has been raised in Knight Templar circles of an anomaly which exists in the qualification of a candidate for Degrees. By a statute of the Temple, no one except a Royal Arch Mason can be received as a candidate or admitted into the Order of the Temple. The Royal Arch, however, in England recognizes as candidates Master Masons, while in Ireland and Scotland, an applicant for Royal Arch Masonry must be a Mark Master. The question is, can a Knight Templar preceptory of Scotland receive a Royal Arch Mason of England, or must he first conform to the rule in Scotland by qualifying himself as a Mark Master?—*From "Mallet," Glasgow Evening News.*

A QUIANT CEREMONY.—A quaint and interesting Masonic ceremony took place on Monday afternoon at Hereford, when a memorial stone was laid to celebrate the restoration of the south side of All Saints' Church. A similar ceremony has not been witnessed in this cathedral city for the last quarter of a century. Full Masonic honours were accorded, and there were present, besides Lord Glanusk, Prov. G. M., who was the central personage, very many of the Provincial Grand Lodge and representatives from the various lodges in the district. The ceremony was impressive and dignified. The organ in this church was destroyed in a recent disastrous fire.—*The Freemason.*

LAPSUS LINGUÆ.—A laugh was created when R. Wor. Bro. Smith, in investing Wor. Bro. Simmons with the

P.M.s jewel, after enumerating two or three commendable features displayed by him during the year, innocently went on to say, "This completes the sum of your virtues." Such a left handed compliment touched the sense of humour of the brethren, and subsequently in the South Wor. Bro. Emery, in proposing the toast of the Installing Masters, facetiously referred to the slip remarking that hereafter Wor. Bro. Simmons would be liable to be dubbed "the man of few virtues."—*Australian Keystone.*

FOREIGN.

A spurious body has been recently established in Boston styling itself: "Ancient Landmarks Lodge No. 1," A. F. and A. M. Nearly one hundred Bostonians were duped by that body. \$10 and \$15 were the fee for making Master Masons therein.

Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania for 1901. Exaltations during year 1901, 1400; Admitted to membership 151, Resigned, died or suspended 671, Total membership December 27, 1901, 20,141. The above shows a net gain of 880, the largest increase in Grand Chapter in any one year.

There is a case on record where the man who came in at the eleventh hour fared as well as those who came early and did all the work. But that is a dangerous precedent, for as a rule the eleventh-hour man gets left.—*Masonic Standard.*

In Cuba there are forty-five Lodges, with a membership of 502, which during the past year initiated sixty, a net gain of seventy-seven. "Ignacio Agramonte" appears to be the largest Lodge.

The President-elect of Cuba. Thomas Estrada Palma, was made a Master Mason in 1868 in the Lodge at Bayamo.—*Exchange.*

The Masons of Havana have one of the best and most spacious Lodge-rooms in the Island. In addition to having a large room fitted up with billiard and pool tables, card tables,