

to which he had been condemned, he was sent to the infirmary, where he was released upon the demand of the British Minister, as a subject of the King of England. He was, however, ordered to leave the country. This, it may be supposed, he gladly did, and repaired to London, where he published the account of his sufferings in a book entitled "The Sufferings of John Coustos for Freemasonry and his refusing to turn Catholic in the Inquisition at Lisbon, etc.," London 1746; 8vo., 400 pages. Such a narrative is well worthy of being read.

John Coustos has not, by his literary researches, added anything to the learning or science of our Order; yet by his fortitude and fidelity under the severest suffering, inflicted to extort from him a knowledge he was bound to conceal, he has shown that Freemasonry makes no idle boast in declaring that its secrets are locked up in the depository of faithful breasts. And it might be added further, that Freemasons living in a land of freedom like ours, should be ever vigilant to resist the encroachments of that power which seeks to overthrow the free institutions of our country.

Royal Arch.

TUSCAN CHAPTER BRAMPTON.

A despatch from Brampton of a recent date mentions the fact that one of the most important Masonic gatherings ever held there was a special convocation of Tuscan Royal Arch Chapter, No. 95, for the purpose of doing honor to the outgoing First Principal, V. E. Comp Geo. J. Bennett, of Toronto. A large number of Toronto Companions were present, and the brethren of Tuscan Chapter and Ionic Lodge of that town were out in force. After the business of the Chapter had been attended to, an adjournment was made to the banqueting room, at which the present Z. of the Chapter Comp. J. A. Sharp,

presided. The toast of the evening's guest having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. A. Morton, on behalf of the Brampton brethren, presented to Bro. Bennett a massive silver epergne, bearing an appropriate inscription, and a handsome silver water-pitcher and goblets. The donor spoke in cordial terms of Bro. Bennett's zeal for Masonry, and specially alluded to his generosity in aiding to organize and maintain Tuscan Chapter, over which he presided for eighteen months, often attending from Parkdale at great personal inconvenience. Responding, Comp. Bennett briefly dwelt upon the necessity for adherence to punctuality in attendance, and modestly disclaimed all the credit for the chapter's success which the companions had given to him. He expressed his appreciation of the good will of his Brampton brethren as conveyed in their valuable gift to him. Drs. Robinson and Moore, Messrs. McKechnie, Woods, Colvin, Anderson, Golding, Manning and others of the local brethren endorsed the views expressed by Bro. Morton with regard to their guest, and the visitors from Toronto found exponents in Messrs Postlethwaite, Morson, Wills and Oliver. Bros. Davies, Huxley, and Mansell contributed excellent songs, and added not a little to the pleasure of an evening that will long be remembered by the brethren of the mystic tie in Brampton.

When present at a meeting of your lodge don't retire before the close of the lodge. It is not only ungentlemanly but a direct insult to the Worshipful Master.

A woman in Georgia sat up late in the night recently to see a pail of ice-water she had hung above the door overturn on her husband when he returned from the "club." She got tired and went to bed. In the morning she forgot all about the pail until she opened the door to admit her mother. The two ladies are still as mad as wet hens.