

WE learn from our exchanges that a re-print of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan has just been completed, but we have not yet seen a copy. We hope the indefatigable Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. P. Innes, will not overlook THE CRAFTSMAN when he is mailing press copies.

THE Grand Lodge of New South Wales has donated five hundred pounds sterling (\$2,500), to the Widows and Orphans Fund of the Australian Contingent for the Soudan. Leicester Marine Royal Arch Chapter of Australia also gave twenty-five pounds, and contributions are pouring in from other lodges and chapters.

THE *Corner Stone* is apparently upholding Agnosticism. If a Freemason does not believe in the God of Truth, although he will not deny there may be one, he should be driven from our fold. How can he study our science, founded as it is on the divine teachings of T. G. A. O. T. U., unless he acknowledges the existence of a Supreme Being?

BENBROOK.—Officers of Harmony Lodge, No. 57, G. R. C., installed by W. Bro. John Brown:—W. Bro. Chriptal, I. P. M.; W. Bro. E. J. Daffy, W. M.; Bros. David Greenhill, S. W.; W. D. Rees, J. W.; W. Bro. John Brown, Treas.; Bros. James Russell, Sec.; S. G. Harris, Chap.; James Muir, S.D.; James Wilson, J.D.; Wm. Chapman, S.S.; Joseph Senn, I.G.; Robert Bell, Tyler; James Duncan, D. of C.

We are requested to contradict, officially, the statement which appeared in our columns, that the Royal Alpha Lodge has a by-law excluding visitors. It has not, and never had, any such by-law. The actual position simply is, that the lodge meets in a small room, which only just accommodates the members, and therefore there is no accommodation for visitors. It would be rather hard that the

members should be turned out for visitors, who can only enter a lodge when there is room for them.—*London (Eng.) Freemason.*

Our Masonic friends in the Northwest are doing their duty well, and we wish them glorious victories and a speedy return home. Send us Masonic items from "the seat of war." All ranks of the craft are to be found amongst our brave volunteers from Grand Master Forrest, and Past Grand Master Major-General Laurie, to plain Brother so and so. May they return home in safety to their friends and families, is the sincere wish and prayer of their brethren at home.

BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, York, England, again has our thanks for English Masonic papers, including his splendid lecture on "Masonic Duties," and the reception of the Apollo Sir Knights by Ebor Preceptory, of which time-immemorial body V. E. Frater Whytehead is so distinguished a member. He also has our thanks for "photo", in Templar garb, which we have mounted and framed. Will he not kindly furnish us with an article occasionally, as his writings are always read with pleasure and profit by Canadian and American Masons?

INDIAN TERRITORY.—The Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:—

"Resolved, That any Mason in this jurisdiction found with a book purporting to be a Masonic Ritual, shall be dealt with according to Masonic law, and, if found guilty, shall be punished in accordance with the nature of the offence."

We most cordially approve of this action of the Grand Lodge. It is wise. This book-Masonry has given infinite trouble to the craft in many of the old jurisdictions. We are rejoiced that the young Grand Lodges intend to depend on their brains, and not, parrot-like, memorizing from books. Very rarely these books are