

and a sermon was delivered by the V. W. Bro. Rev. R. H. Smith, Grand Chaplain. M. W. Bro. Edgar Crow Baker was elected Grand Master, and Alex. R. Milne, Grand Secretary."

A NEW WORK ON MASONRY BY BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

It will be welcome news to our readers that there will be published, at no distant date, another historical Masonic work by our respected and indefatigable Bro. W. J. Hughan, while to the students of our Craft it will be still more welcome news that the new work will deal especially with Royal Arch Masonry in its association with the English Rite of Freemasonry. It is unnecessary for us to point out that the subject is a difficult one to handle, nor are we venturing into the domain of flattery when we affirm that of the small but diligent band of Masonic writers there is no one more competent to treat of such a subject so exhaustively. The full title of the work will be "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry, especially in relation to the Royal Arch Degree," and in the seven chapters of which it will consist will be severally discussed the following subjects, namely, in chapter 1, Rise of Masonic Degrees; chapter 2, Investigations on the Third Degree; chapter 3, Premonitions of the Schism; chapter 4, Advent of Royal Arch Masonry; chapter 5, Organization of the Seceders; chapter 6, Extension of Additional Degrees; chapter 7, Constitution of the Grand Chapter." The Appendices will contain, as matter supplementary to or illustrative of the body of the work, the Charter of Compact (R.A.) 1767; Laws of Grand Chapter, 1st edition, 1778, Charter of Compact (K.T.) 1780; List of R. A. Chapters, 1769-1818; List of Grand Superintendents, 1778-1818. Among the illustrations will be included "Seals of the Grand Lodge of ALL England" (York)—seal and counterpart; "Seals of the Grand Chapter of

ALL England" (York), Jewel of the "Nine Worthies"—both obverse and reverse; and the obverse of the Centenary Jewel, Royal Arch. The preface will be from the pen of Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York, a worthy friend and collaborator of Bro. Hughan, and the whole will be dedicated to another conspicuous and most enlightened Craftsman, who, we understand, is among the oldest of the author's friends, and his early instructor in Masonry—Bro. Dr. Hopkins, of Bath.

From this synopsis of the contents of Bro. Hughan's further contribution to Masonic history, the reader will be in a position to form some estimate of its character. That is, he will know beforehand the ground that will be traversed, and if he has devoted any time to the study of Masonic history he will probably be able to form a pretty shrewd guess from the order of the contents, of Bro. Hughan's theory of the origin of the Royal Arch Degree. But he will not be able to formulate, even approximately, an idea of the immense amount of labor which an enquiry of this nature must have involved. For ourselves, we have long known that it was in Bro. Hughan's contemplation to write some such work as we are now privileged to announce, though it is only now we are certified of the exact form in which the result of his labors will be presented to the Craft. We were aware he had been busying himself in collecting information about the Royal Arch Degree, and in a very few weeks, or it may be even days, we shall be in the full enjoyment of his elaborate collation. That it will be elaborate we make bold to predict, that it will be so thorough as pretty well to exhaust our present store of knowledge—not only what is food, but likewise what is caviare to the general—we feel tolerably certain, while that it will enhance the fame of the author by showing him at his best—which is invariably when his task is one of exceptional difficulty—