

GRAND SECRETARY'S CONCLUDING REMARKS.

We have to apologise to our readers for the unusual delay in having our proceedings issued this year.

The real cause of our delay arose from the Foreign Correspondence Committee failing to write up their part of the work within the time required. To the credit of R. W. Bro. T. V. B. Bingay, even with his busy life as Bank Manager, the 21 volumes assigned to him were promptly and carefully reviewed. R. W. Bro. W. E. Thompson was behind time, but some excuse may be made for him from the fact that "he married a wife" and wandered away pleasure seeking and visiting places of interest in the Dominion and the United States, but, after all, he succeeded in reviewing 22 of the Proceedings assigned to him. Coming now to the third person on the Committee, after much pleading, we were compelled to withdraw the books sent him for review, finding when wanted that he succeeded in reviewing only one book. No one should assume or undertake any Masonic duty unless ready to perform it within the time assigned to him. But professional duties were the excuses given why our work was set aside and left unread and unreviewed. The writer then, without time to read and carefully examine the ably prepared Proceedings of other reviewers, was compelled to undertake the review of 17 other Grand Lodges, a duty for which he feels himself incapable of properly performing. In our early years we had not the slightest knowledge of the English language, and the little we do know was acquired without the advantages of a High School, Academy or College. We therefore feel that our command of the English language is so limited that we fail to clothe our ideas in that smooth polished manner which we so much admire in the work of other reviewers. This is our apology for the imperfect manner in which our part of the work was performed.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and Oklahoma reached us too late to be reviewed, and we have no records from the Grand Lodge of South Australia on which to base a review. A well bound book of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Hungary was received, but we have not yet met the man who is capable of reading it for us, and hence the reason why not assigned a place in our issue.