

I would commend 'the revised Ritual of Craft Freemasonry, by an old Past Master,' published only this year—its notes are of the highest value. I personally belong to the number who regret our literature does not possess any authorized ritual, and that there are not any genuinely authorized lectures published, the latter being principally the irresponsible productions of Masonic enthusiasts. It is true that Dr. Hemming was authorized by the United Grand Lodge, soon after the Union in 1813, to revise the system of *lectures*, and it is true the Prestonian lectures were authoritatively used in the last century, but we can hardly be said to possess any Lecture under authority at the present time, although the great American authority, Mackey, holds that Hemming or "Union" Lectures are to be considered as still under authority. The safest plan to follow when placing a Literary value on published Lectures, is to see that they are in harmony with the most perfect Ritual obtainable."

THEOLOGICAL MASONS.

The Lodge Reunion des Etrangères, founded at Paris in 1784, counted among its members a large number of distinguished ecclesiastics, the famous Abbé Baron, a prolific author, being its Orator. Among the other craftsmen were Leclair, a priest of the Sorbonne (the Theological Seminary of France); the Abbé Denis, Prior of Talizieux; the Abbé Barse de Gevigny, Doctor in Theology; Armand, Chaplain to Hollandish Embassy; Duperron, Vicar-General of Montauban and Grand Cross of St. Louis; Guy de Champeaux, Vicar General of Nîmes and canon of St. Honoré; Denis, Canon of Semur, etc., etc. It would be difficult to find any lodge in any country comprising so vast an array of theological talent, and it must be remembered that all these divines adhered to the Romish Church, which has placed Masonry under its ban.—*Liberal Freemason.*

AN OLD MASON.

The Bishop Auckland Herald says that Comp. Babington Boulton, acting as Grand Superintendent of Durham (in the absence abroad of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.), has appointed Comp. G. J. Wilson, of Darlington, to the office of Prov. G. J., which became vacant in January last, by the lamented death (at Ventnor, I. W.) of Comp. J. J. Clay, of Sunderland. Comp. Wilson is the oldest Freemason in England—if not in the world—having been initiated so far back as 25th April, 1833 and though over 80 years of age he regularly attends lodge and chapter. He has been W. M. of Restoration Lodge, No. 111, four times, viz., 1835, 1843, 1844, and 1857. He was appointed Prov. J. G. D. in 1835, Prov. G. D. of C. in 1846, and Prov. J. G. W. in 1850. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted as a companion of the Chapter of Vigilance, No. 111, in 1834; elected J., and installed in 1845, elected H., and installed in 1846, elected Z., and installed in 1850. He was appointed Prov. G. 1st A.S. in 1883, and is now Prov. G. J. During the 56 years of Bro. Wilson's Masonic career he has served under six successive Prov. Grand Masters, viz., John George Lambton, Esq. (afterwards first Earl of Durham), Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. (father of the present Prov. Grand Master), John Bowes, Esq., John Fawcett, Esq., the Marquess of Londonderry, and the present Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart.

The quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, F. A. M., was held last month at the Masonic Temple. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Henry Endicott of Cambridge, presided, and there was a full attendance of officers and members. About 150 lodges were represented. Much routine business was transacted. An able memorial in honor of the late Grand Chaplain, Rev. Fielder Israel of Salem, was read by Rev. C. H. Leonard, D.D., of College Hill.