

sciousness. Mr. Robinson was 55 years of age at the time of his death, and was one of the oldest residents of the old village of Yorkville. He was born in Grimsby, Lincolnshire, England, and came to Canada about 36 years ago. He was a Past Master of Ashlar Lodge A. F. and A. M., Past Prior Z of the Royal Arch-Chapter, a member of the A. O. U. W., and also an Oddfellow. Mr. Robinson took great interest in public affairs, being well informed in both Dominion and municipal matters. Very popular among his neighbors, he could often have held municipal office had he so desired. Our deceased brother leaves many sincere friends to mourn his loss.

#### MASONIC LITERATURE WANTED

Bro. James W. Staton, of Brookeville, Ky., wants the following Canadian Masonic literature :—

The *Freemason's Journal*, Thomas Parsons, Montreal, Jan. 1, 1870. Vol. I, No. 9.

The *Gavel and Freemason's Journal*, Orillia, Ont., and Montreal, Que. Vol. II, Nos. 2, 9.

*Canadian Masonic Pioneer*, Montreal, June 2, 1856. Vol. I. Nos. 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12. Vol II, No. 1 to 12 inclusive.

*Freemasons' Monthly Magazine*, Miricksville, Canada West, Feb. 15, 1858. Vol. I, Nos. 2, 3, 4.

The *Freemason*, Cowan & Co., Toronto, Ont., April, 1881. Vol. I, No. 1, 3.

Bro. Kenning, of Great Queen street, London, Eng., has just issued a new edition of the "Freemasons' Pocket Book," which will be found useful by every member of the Craft in whatever part of the world he may be placed. It contains the most comprehensive records of Freemasonry at home and abroad that can possibly be brought within the compass of a single hand-book, while at the same time serving the purpose of a general diary.

A MASONIC MONK.—A French Provincial newspaper, *The Echo de la Manche*, of July 9th, exhumes a very curious letter written by a member of an ecclesiastical order, conclusively showing that one hundred years since, Catholic priests were not only Masons, but openly avowed their fidelity to the Order. It reads thus :

"Or.: of Paris, 15th day of the 12th month, of the Year of True Light (5775 Feb. 5th, 1776).

*Very Ill.: and very R.: Br.:*—My professional and civil engagements exact my attendance at Brussels, where I am to preach the Lenten sermons before the Court of Prince Charles ; my profession and Masonic engagements necessitate that I shall not depart from the Or.: of Paris without notifying you of my leaving, praying you, very illustrious brethren, to consider the motives for my absence, without diminution of the zeal and fervour I will ever glory in exhibiting for the Royal Art and the fraternal sentiments of which I have the honor of being,

*Very Ill.: and R.: Brethren,*  
Your most devoted brother,  
LOTH, a Minime.

*Deputy to the G.: O.: from the Lodge La Franchise, Or.: of Guise."*

Our German brethren decorate their lodges with flowers. A very pretty custom.

Many of our sporting brethren may probably be interested in the following paragraph, which we extract from the *Sydney Mail* :—On the 9th November, the celebrated mare Chrysolite dropped a fine colt foal to Grandmaster, the sire of Ensign, and the Hon. John Eales has appropriately named the new arrival "The Prince of Wales." The name is admirably chosen, as his Royal Highness is a "Grandmaster" of the Freemasons, and the colt in question was foaled on the anniversary of H. R. H.'s birthday. It is to be hoped that the colt will follow up the coincidence by winning a double.