THAT LANSINGBURGH BRIDGE.

Some Minor Inaccuracies Corrected—

Reminiscences.

Responding to an inquiry by the Engineering News, Mr. T. A. Knickerbacker, president of the Troy and Lansingburgh Bridge Company, states that the union bridge at Waterford was built in 1803. A reporter of this paper was this morning shown a copy of the Lansingburgh Gazette published April 10, 1804, containing the following advertisement:

"Stone masons wanted.—We wish to employ forty stone masons to build the abutments and piers of a bridge across the Hudson river, between Lansingburgh and Waterford, work to commence May 5, 1804.

John D. Dickson, President.

Charles Selden."

According to this advertisement work was not commenced until May 5, 1804, or one year after Mr. Knickerbacker states the structure was completed. Mr. Knickerbacker, in his reply to the Engineering News, also says that "when the bridge was opened there was as much ado made as for opening the Brooklyn bridge, and the Governor, Senate and Assembly were asked to come up and walk over the bridge." If the state officials accepted the invitation at that date they must have crossed the bridge before work was commenced on the abutments and piers, a feat which would tax the abilities of the officials of the present time. The Gazette of the above date also contains notices of assessments on the shareholders of the bridge, one of $3 to be paid on or before March 24, 1804, and another of $3 to be paid on or before April 23, 1804. The bridge was not covered until 1815.