

this hospital with food. I shall try it if I get put in Castle Thunder." The result was that he soon had an under current working that supplied that hospital with delicacies and other things which every other hospital failed to receive. And that is what made me a Mason. I had thought, many times before, that it must be a good organization, but I was busy and refrained making application. But I said then, "If there is a power in Masonry that makes men brothers like this, it is something worth having." That is one reason why I became a Mason; and I thank God I did.

It was Bishop Hoadley who, in 1798, defended Freemasonry in the House of Lords, England, and secured the exemption of lodges from the bill to suppress secret societies, then before Parliament. He clearly showed that Masonry cannot be embraced under the name of secret.

## MASONIC RECORD.

### AT HOME.

THE Gananoque *Reporter* says that the Freemasons are negotiating with Mr. D. Brophy for the erection of a new Masonic Hall on the grounds owned by the late Dr. Potter in that village. In Kingston, the proposition of Messrs. Ford & Son to erect a large hall for the accommodation of the Brethren is very favorably received, and will no doubt be carried out. The ventilation of the present hall being very bad.

Yesterday afternoon, (March 12th), the members of Ancient St. John's Lodge conveyed to its rest the body of their late Brother, J. L. Macdonald, whose death followed very soon, and sadly so, after that of another brother, the late Bro. James Fisher. The Masons of all the city lodges attended, and the length of the procession was an evidence of esteem for the departed brother and of regret at his loss. The services at the house and the cemetery were more than usually impressive, and characterized by deep feeling.—*Kingston Whig*, March 13.

ON Good Friday, the remains of the late Bro. John Jardine were buried with Masonic rites, Wentworth Lodge, No. 166, attending in a body. The procession also contained a large concourse of mourning friends.

THE Canada Masonic Relief Society of London, have organized with the following staff of officers: R. W. Bro. G. S. Birrell, 32°, of J. Birrell & Co., President; Bro. H. D. Long, of E. Adams & Co., Vice-President; R. W. Bro. Col. Jas. Moffat, P. D. D. G. M., London District; R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, P. D. D. G. M., Huron District; Bro. James H. Fraser, M. P. for the city of London; Bro. Thomas Beattie, 32°, of T. Beattie & Co., London; Bro. F. Mitchell, M. D., of B. A. Mitchell & Co., London; Bro. Stephen Blackburn, Glencoe; Bro. W. C. L. Gill, London, Secretary; the Bank of Montreal, Treasurer; Bros. Drs. Brown and Niven, Medical Referees; Bro. Dr. Fenwick, Medical Examiner for the city. The objects of the society are to afford relief to disabled members and to the widows and orphans of deceased members.

A NEW Masonic Lodge has been organized at Dorchester station by W. Bro. J. O'Connor, assisted by Bro. J. H. Tracy, and Bro. B. W. Green. The following are the officers of the new lodge: Bro. Freeman, W. M.; Bro. Talbot, S. W.; Bro. Samuel W. Moore, J. W.; Bro. George Wade, Secretary; Rev. Bro. F. W. Raikes, Treasurer; Bro. Francis Chittick, S. D.; Bro. William H. Chittick, J. D.; Bro. T. Newton Burdick, I. G.; Bro. John Beverley, Tyler.

ANOTHER new Masonic Lodge has been organized at Nilestown, by P. M. Bro. James O'Connor, assisted by Bro. P. M. Campbell, of Belmont. The following officers were appointed: Bro. James Campbell, W. M.; Bro. James Armstrong, S. W.; Bro. Wm. Craig, J. W.; Bro. John Lee, Treasurer; Bro. Millet, Secretary; Bro. Joseph Wilson, S. D.; Bro. William Collins, J. D.; Bro. J. A. James, I. G.; W. J. Demans, Tyler.

ON Wednesday evening, Occident Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Toronto, was formally opened in the hall on Little Richmond west, by R. W. Bro. Spry, D. D. G. M. There was a very large gathering of the members of the Fraternity, and the proceedings were unusually interesting. After opening the lodge, the Master elect, W. Bro. James Wilson, was invested by the D. D. G. M., and at once entered upon the duties of his office by investing the other officers in the usual manner. The following is the list of officers: W. Bro. James Wilson, W. M.; V. W. Bro. Bernard Saunders, I. P. M.; Bros. William Watson, S. W.; Josiah Green, J. W.; James Price, jun., Treasurer; John Linton, Secretary; John Campbell, Chaplain; William Walker, S. D.; John Gray, J. D.; William Cruik, M. of C.; William Long, Organist; E. B. Gibson, S. S.; E. J. Firman, J. S.; George Ward, I. G.; B. Saunders, John A. Richardson, C. of G. P.; William Will, Tyler. After the business of the evening had been gone through, the brethren were