

"CRUSHING THE BEAST!"

The *Illinois Freemason* gives the following first-class notice of the anti-Masons who lately congregated in the anarchists' city,—“A ‘Congress of Christian Churches’ was held at Chicago last week to devise ways and means for crushing the ‘beast,’ the aforesaid beast being the Masonic Fraternity. To faintly show the mendacity of these truly good men we append the following, being one of the utterances of ‘Christian ministers’ in condemnation of the Institution: ‘While Christianity has its hundreds of institutions of charity and education, yet with all its boasted age you may travel from Maine to Oregon, from Dakota to Florida, from Palestine to North America from Asia over the islands of the Pacific to Great Britain, and not find one home for the friendless, one orphanage, one asylum for the poor, or one hospital for the afflicted built or sustained by Masonic charities.’ The foregoing is attributed to the Rev. James Williams, presiding elder of the M. E. Church, and is published and distributed by authority of the ‘Congress.’ Comment is unnecessary.”

On the 3rd ult., at Hamilton, the remains of the late Bro. Joseph Hancock were interred at Burlington Cemetery. There was a large turn out of friends and acquaintances of the deceased, and a delegation from St. John's Lodge, Toronto, was present. Rev. T. Goldsmith officiated and the beautiful service of the fraternity was read by W. Bro. W. R. Job, assisted by R. W. Bro. Bull, V. W. Bro. C. R. Smith and W. Bro. John Hoodless. The pall-bearers were: V. W. Bro. C. R. Smith, W. Bro. W. Hancock, Bros. H. Hammill, Wm. Findlay and T. H. Butler.

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THE sixth and last volume of Gould's magnificent *History of Fræmasonry* is now in press and will soon be ready for delivery to subscribers.

W. Bro. Hewitt, W. M. of Orient Lodge, Toronto, has presented Ald. Jones with a Master's gavel made from the foundation oak log of the first house built by Governor Simcoe on the banks of the Don River.

BRO. Æ. D. MCKAY, an old member of No. 27, Hamilton, has returned home from Central America, where he has been for the past four years. He says the craft is now in a prosperous condition there. A large number of Lodges, both black and white, are working under the English Grand Registry.

On the evening of 9th May, R. W. Bro. A. W. Thompson, D. D. G. M. of the Seventeenth District, accompanied by W. Bro. W. S. Beaver, District Secretary, held a Lodge of Instruction in connection with Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, G. B. C., at Port Arthur, for the exemplification of the first Degree, and on the evening of the 10th, for the exemplification of the second Degree, with W. Bro. T. S. C. Rodden, W. M., in the East on both occasions—and on the evening of the 12th, for the exemplification of the third Degree, with R. W. Bro. A. W. Thompson, D. D. G. M., in the East. Considerable interest was shown in these Lodges of Instruction, and the hope was expressed that although these were the first ever held at Port Arthur by any D. D. G. M., they would not be the last.