

THE HISTORY OF MASONRY.

M. W. Bro. J. Fred. Walker, P. G. M., delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture in St. George's Lodge, No. 10, Q. R., Montreal, March 29th, on the third degree in Masonry. M. W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Stevenson presided and about 200 Master Masons were present, amongst them being R. W. Bros. Dickson Anderson, D. G. M.; James Fyfe, D. D. G. M.; I. H. Stearns, grand treasurer; J. H. Isaacson, grand secretary; Henry Dunne, grand registrar; Rev. Dr. Smyth, grand chaplain, and W. H. Whyte, grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. The lecturer traversed the history of Masonry back to the earliest times and cited a number of Biblical illustrations, after which he sketched the progress of symbolic Masonry and explained the meaning of the various terms. The lecture was listened to throughout with the closest attention. The proceeds were in aid of the projected Masonic home.

We understand that it is proposed to have a course of lectures in Montreal on Masonic subjects. This is much to be commended.

STRAINED INTERJURISDICTIONAL RELATIONS.

The somewhat startling fact has been recently evolved in individual, home and foreign correspondence that an alliance of the "concurrent jurisdictionists" in England, with the few of such still remaining in "the Colonies" (especially in Canada,) is being "mooted" by some.

We reluctantly say what we have reason to believe.

Let all true Canadian Freemasons be forewarned.

United States brethren may also do well to give due heed to the foregoing. Exclusive territorial Sovereign Grand Lodge jurisdiction is now "on trial." What is the verdict to be?

GOOD K. T. WORK.

The work of the regular degrees as performed by the Sir Knights of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, is one of the most beautiful ceremonies we have ever had the pleasure of witnessing. R. E. Sir Knight E. T. Malone, P. Prov. Prior, V. E. Sir Knight H. A. Taylor, V. E. Sir Knight N. T. Lyon, and the other officers of the Preceptory, are deserving of the highest praise for the painstaking manner in which all acquit themselves in their several positions. If all our Preceptories were as efficiently officered we would hear no more of half dead Preceptories or the difficulty of securing a sufficient number of members to form a quorum. We would very much like to see the Sir Knights of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar demonstrate the work before Sovereign Great Priory at its next annual meeting in Toronto.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

We are pleased to hear such satisfactory reports from all parts of Toronto District. R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, District Deputy Grand Master, has visited a great many of the Lodges, and his method of imparting instruction and advice has won for him the warmest expressions of regard. An excellent worker himself, he is most anxious that all the officers of the Lodges under him shall be equally efficient. R. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson has a worthy successor in R. W. Bro. Malone, and Toronto District is to be congratulated on securing the services of two such energetic workers successively. The work throughout the District has immensely improved, and we bespeak for the present popular D. D. G. M. a second term by a very large majority.