

FREEMASON'S HALL.—The Halifax *Chronicle* thus refers to the new Masonic Hall recently erected in that city:—"The handsome building erected by the Masonic brotherhood in this Province is being decorated internally in a manner that reflects great credit on the artists engaged in the work. When the painting of the various rooms is finished the Masons of Nova Scotia will possess a Blue Lodge Room and a Knights' Templar Room far superior to similar rooms in others parts of Canada. The Blue Lodge Room has been painted by Messrs. Bottani & Rusca, of New York, under the superintendence of Mr. G. T. Smithers, who designed the general plan. The walls are panelled in stone color, in imitation of pilasters and heavy cornice. On the eastern wall, directly behind the Master's seat, the panel represents the sun rising in the open sky; the corresponding panel on the western wall, behind the Senior Warden's chair, shows the setting sun. The sun at noon is painted on the centre panel of the south wall, behind the Junior Warden's chair. The ceiling is painted to represent the firmament with the crescent moon in the south. Masonic emblems, used in the ceremonies of the craft, are painted in similar panels, and are at once ornamental and useful. This room will not be occupied till after the consecration ceremonies in June next. The furnishing and ornamentation of the Knights' Templar room have been entirely designed by Mr. G. T. Smithers. The woodwork is by Messrs. William & Leverman. The stalls of the Knights are ranged round the sides of the room and are richly decorated. The work in this room is not yet finished, but when completed and lit up at night the effect will be striking. Mr. Smithers and Messrs. Bottani & Rusca deserve praise for the manner in which they have executed their task."

NEW LODGE.—M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, having granted a dispensation for a new Lodge at Streetsville, in the Toronto District, to be called "River Park" Lodge, a large number of brethren from Oakville, Brampton, Toronto, Eglinton and Cooksville, assembled at the Masonic Hall, on the 27th instant, when R. W. Bro. D. Spry, D.D.G.M., assisted by R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns, P.G.R., conducted the ceremonies of organizing the Lodge. The officers nominated in the Dispensation are: W. Bro. Jos Barber, W.M.; Bro. D. Moore, S.W.; Bro. J. G. Owen, J.W.; Bro. Beatty, Sec.; Bro. Robt. Barber, Treas. After the investiture of the officers, R. W. Bro. Burns, read an interesting essay entitled "Practical Suggestions for the Successful Management of a Masonic Lodge," for which the thanks of the lodge were tendered to the R. W. Brother. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting hall, where they partook of a sumptuous repast provided by the Lodge. We cordially wish the new Lodge a long, useful and prosperous career.

At a special assembly of the Hugh de Payne's Preceptory of Knights Templar, held at the Masonic Hall, Kingston, on Thursday evening, 29th instant, V. E. Sir Knight † J. A. Henderson, Q.C., D.C.L., Provincial Prior, installed the following officers for the ensuing year:—

E. Sir Knight	† DONALD ROSS, E.P.
" "	† THOMAS GORDON, Constable.
Rev. " "	† J. GALLAGHER, Marshal.
" "	† T. A. PARNELL, Chaplain.
V.E. " "	† JOHN KERR, Treasurer.
" "	† W. D. GORDON, Registrar.
" "	† P. BAJUS, Sub-Marshal.
" "	† H. NUTTALL, Captain of the Guard.
" "	† JONH MUNROE, Almoner.
" "	† D. W. ALLISON, 1st Standard Bearer.
" "	† G. J. LAZIER, 2nd Standard Bearer.
" "	† THOMAS SEALE, 1st Herald.
" "	† W. H. ORCHARD, 2nd Herald.
" "	† E. BALL, Guard.

VERULAM LODGE.—On the evening of the 5th inst., the brethren of Verulam Lodge, No.268, Bobcaygeon, received a fraternal visit from Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro'. W. Bro. Rogers, assisted by W. Bro. H. Winch, R. P. Boucher, Charles E. Stewart, performed the ceremony of installation, W. Bro. R. K. Connell, being installed W. M.; W. Bro. Chas. E. Stewart, I. P. M.; J. G. Edwards, S. W.; Wm.