

seminating its moral and enlightening influences.

Rev. Bro. Campbell, who has been so energetic in laboring for the welfare of his pastoral charge, and through whose exertions, principally, his congregation are getting such a magnificent building wherein to worship, said that it would be unbecoming in him to let the occasion pass without tendering his thanks on his own behalf, and on behalf of his congregation, for the very large attendance of his Masonic brethren, to aid in the performance of the ceremony which had just been so happily concluded. He loved the Masonic order. It could accomplish a great deal of good in our land, and he trusted it would long live, and its work rapidly advance. His prayer was that its members not only love the order, but as it taught us, love God, the Great Architect of the Universe, so that when our meetings and partings were ended here below all would meet in that grand gathering above, where friendship's ties would not again be severed.

R. W. Bro. Peplow, D. D. G. M., Ontario District, intimated to the brethren present his intention of holding a Lodge of Instruction in Cobourg, in January or February, of which timely notice would be given, and he hoped to see many of the brethren from Brighton and vicinity there.

R. W. Bro. Mason, G. S., expressed his thanks to the Lodge for their kindness and courtesy to him on this occasion. It was always a pleasure to him to meet with the brethren on occasions such as the present, or to engage in Masonic work of any kind, and he had always met with the utmost courtesy and kindness at the hands of the brethren wherever the duties of his office called him.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Grand Trunk and Midland Railways for bringing Masons to Brighton at a reduced fare, and the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, the visiting brethren returning home highly pleased with the successful ter-

mination of their work, and gratified by the kind and courteous manner in which they had been treated by their Brighton brethren.

FOR THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.]

The Fruits of Freemasonry.

The following excellent address (which has been crowded out of our columns for the last two or three numbers of THE CRAFTSMAN), was delivered by Bro. the Rev. R. G. Sutherland, of Hamilton, before the Brethren of that city on St. John the Baptist's Day. We commend it to the attentive perusal not only of Masons, but also of those of the uninitiated who would like to know something about Masonry:—

St. Matthew, vii., 16. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

BRETHREN,—This is the test our Lord gives us whereby to examine every teacher like St. John the Baptist, and every Society. When we come to speak of a saint like this -- of him who was the second Elias, the friend of the bridegroom, the child of promise like Isaac and foretold by the prophets -- the man appointed like Samson, a Nazarite from his birth; consecrated to the Lord like Samuel; ordered like Elijah to prepare a people for the Lord and to rebuke princes like him, the burning and shining light, at whose coming the voice of prophecy that had been silent for 400 years was again heard; the man of whom as if anticipating the "well done thou good and faithful servant," it is written in the book of the Acts as the testimony of God Himself that "*He fulfilled his course,*" and, like his Master, "did the work that was given him to do." How instructive, yet how solemn and difficult the task! For who can rightly set forth and paint the inward experience of one on whom the spirit of God rested from his very infancy—who can duly describe the inward purity of him—the stern rebukes of sin, alike on Jordan's banks and in Herod's palace? Where shall we find words to set forth the intense conviction of his faith in the Lamb of God—the depth of his joy when he beheld the Bridegroom, and said, "*This, my joy, is fulfilled,*"—that firm hold upon the world to come which made him quail not as he bent in the lonely dungeon of Macherus, beneath the licitor's sword? We can only judge of those inward workings of the mind—we can only estimate the power of the grace which sanctifies him when we mark the spiritual fruits, the decision of character, that lofty, undaunted