

candidates will doubtless be large, and we wish them every success. The Scotch Rite is proposed to be worked, viz: that which includes the Mark, Past and Most Excellent degrees, these, though not given in English Chapters, are very necessary, and have very properly been unanimously adopted by the Grand Chapter of Canada.

We are delighted to know that Bro. A. A. Stevenson has gained his election. No man could fill the office he has been elected to better than himself, and while wishing a quiet year's work, trust he may be able to convince the electors of the West Ward that they have not mistaken their man. "The power of the Master's word" usually has some influence, and we are inclined to think it was not lost in this case. We wish him a hearty success.

We beg to call our readers' attention to the fact that Bro. Hill has now copies of the Constitution of the G. L. C., as amended in 1859, for sale, neatly bound in blue cloth, and at the low price of 62½ cents each.

Stratford, C.W., Feb. 2, 1861.

Sir and Brother,—Allow me, through your columns, to notice the opening of "Tecumseh Lodge" in this town, on Thursday, 21st inst., for which a dispensation has lately been granted by the M. W. Grand Master. The following are the Officers for the current year:—

V.W. Bro. John Dutton, W.M.
 " Worsley Ebbs, S.W.
 " R. Macfarlane, J.W.
 " Chas. M. Smith, Sec. & Treas.
 " James A. Carrall, S.D.
 " Jos. C. Small, J.D.
 " Thos. Milder, I.G.

A number of brethren from "Tudor Lodge, U. D.," Mitchell, and "St. James Lodge," No. 73, St. Mary's, were present, and after the Lodge closed were entertained by the brethren of the new lodge at a supper provided by Bro. Carey of the Albion Hotel.

After ample justice had been done to the viands, the usual loyal and masonic toasts were given, and the brethren separated, highly pleased with the manner in which they had spent the evening, and wishing success and prosperity to the new lodge.

The regular communications of Tecumseh Lodge are held on the Thursday on or preceding each full moon.

Yours fraternally,
 W. E.

Stratford, C. W., Feb. 25th, 1861.

THE MASONIC BALL.

This brilliant reunion of the "Brethren of the Mystic Tie," on Monday evening, February 11th, proved, as we predicted, one of the leading events of the season, and, probably, the best masonic ball that has ever been given in Montreal. The magnificence of the Hall, the beauty of the decorations, the quality of refreshments and supper, and the excellence of the arrangements for the convenience and com-

fort of all, evidently demonstrated the greatest amount of care and forethought on the part of the energetic Ball Committee, for which they deserve every praise. The Masonic Temple on the platform of the Hall, got up by Mr. J. C. Spence, of the firm of McArthur & Spence, was one of the most beautiful and appropriate *tableaux* of the kind that we have ever seen: the back of the platform was occupied by the three masonic chairs, above which was a large allegorical painting of the three first freemasons, namely, King Solomon, Hiram Abiff, and Hiram King of Tyre, the former is in the attitude of pointing to a tracing-board, whilst the two latter are each employed with implements of masonry in the attitude of labor. The centre was occupied by a column representing an altar, on which was an open Bible, in front of which was the cushion and cross swords. The altar was surrounded by the three emblematic or lesser lights of Freemasonry, represented by three burning tapers in massive candelabras; the whole of the centre of the groupe was placed on a floor of tessellated pavement surrounded by a deep fringe of crimson and gold drapery. On the right was a very fine and appropriate group, suggestive of the "arts" represented by an artist's easel, painting a column and marble bust and other implements of art; and on the left another groupe of the "Sciences," represented by an enormous globe, an astronomical telescope and other philosophical and scientific instruments. Two large medallions, representing the arms of the Grand Lodges of England and Canada, found their appropriate places, whilst the whole was surmounted by a magnificent star, draped with flags, in the centre of which was the square and compasses in brilliant gas jets. A large arch, inscribed "Grand Lodge of Canada," having masonic emblems at each end, formed the finish to the upper part of the temple, which, taken as a whole, formed a most beautiful and tasteful design. The dancing commenced shortly after nine o'clock to the music of the magnificent band of the Royal Canadian Rifles, and at ten o'clock about 300 persons were present, all evidently in the highest state of enjoyment. Shortly after this hour, it being announced that his Excellency the Administrator of the Government had arrived, the Company formed a procession through which his Excellency passed, preceded by the Master of Ceremonies and District Deputy Grand Master A. A. Stevenson, to a raised platform appropriately decorated for the occasion, and took his seat amidst the enthusiastic plaudits of the assembly. Amongst those who accompanied his Excellency, we noticed Lieutenant-Colonel Bradford, Capt. Earle, A. D. C., and Col. Irvine, A. D. C., &c. Shortly before midnight, supper being announced, his Excellency and Staff and nearly the whole of the assembly proceeded to do justice to the good things provided by the renowned "Dolly," who certainly outdid all his previous efforts on this occasion. The supper tables literally groaned with the weight of everything provided either to tempt the appetite or appease hunger, and the satisfaction of the guests was best proved by the ample justice that was done to all the creature comforts and delicacies that were provided. A. A. Stevenson, Esq., the District Deputy Grand Master, having requested silence, proposed the health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, which was drunk in brimming bumpers of champagne, and received with that loyalty which is the distinguishing characteristic of Freemasons' hearts. The health of the Administrator of the Government was next proposed, and received with the greatest enthusiasm, to which his Excellency responded in a neat and appropriate speech expressive of the pleasure and satisfaction he experienced on the occasion. The health of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, T. D. Harrington, Esq., was next proposed, and the District Deputy Grand Master took this occasion to inform the Brethren, that it was fully anticipated that the ball would have been honored by his presence, but that a telegram had been received late that afternoon from the Grand Master expressing his extreme regret that the recent dead lock on the railroads prevented his leaving Quebec in proper time to be present on the occasion. This toast, like the preceding ones, was received with unbounded applause. At the conclusion of supper, dancing was resumed

and kept up with great spirit till three o'clock in the morning.—*Herald*.

CANADA.—The ball of the masonic fraternity, Jan. 4th, in one of the suite of rooms on Toronto street was a grand success. The ball was got up by St. Andrew's Lodge, to defray the cost of furnishing these particular halls, which they had done at their own expense. The only novel feature of this ball from those of the other years was, that it was held in rooms of its own, which therefore were reserved for those who were privileged with initiation into the mysteries of the craft. This feature of the ball, no doubt, tended to excite the curiosity of the beau sex, and of course the gentlemen had to give way to their seductive smiles and entreaties. The result may be imagined; the hall was crowded—we do not care to use a milder word—by as brilliant a gathering as ever assembled in Toronto on any similar occasion. There were between 300 and 400 persons present.

The rooms were magnificently decorated with emblems of the Order. All around the room hung the banners of the various Lodges, Chapters, and Encampment, representing historical and Scriptural subjects; from above each of the chairs at the ends of the main hall glared the All-seeing Eye, and over the main chain glistened in beautiful crystals a star—a Royal Arch emblem. The rooms at the sides of the main hall were the Grand Templar's and the Chapter's, and another apartment set off for a supper room, all of which were beautifully decorated.

Shortly after nine o'clock the fraternity entered the principal hall in procession, two and two. The St. Andrew's Lodge officers led the way, followed by the Master Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, and, lastly, the Grand Lodge. The procession marched up to the head of the hall, and then opened to admit of the passage of the Grand Master and his officers. The Grand Master having taken his seat on the throne, the brethren saluted him with Grand Masonic Honors, and the Most Worshipful having said a few kindly words of greeting and congratulation to those present, dancing commenced in good earnest, the music being supplied by Maul's Quadrille Band. The programme of the dances was the best we have seen selected for a long time, and we need hardly say the dancing was kept up with the greatest vigor until long past the "witching hour of night."

On Tuesday, Jan. 8th, the brethren of Central Lodge No. 110, Prescott, were called together to meet the M. W. G. M., Bro. T. D. Harrington, who had kindly consented to install and invest the officers elected for the ensuing year.

The officers of Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburgh, which has just received a dispensation, being present, the M. W. then proceeded to invest and install them.

Before leaving the Lodge, M. W. Bro. Harrington feelingly expressed the pleasure he felt in visiting the brethren, and the desire that both Lodges might prosper. He stated that as an intimate friend of Bro. Twonley, on whom he had, some year since, conferred the third degree, he felt sincerely interested in his welfare, and regarded his election to so high an office as a convincing proof that he possessed the confidence and esteem of the brethren. He then presented Bro. T. with a Past Master's jewel, as a token both of personal regard, and a memento of his first making the acquaintance of the Lodge. The Master elect returned thanks briefly, but to the point, and the brethren separated with expressions of congratulation.—*Voice of Masonry*.

"Good morning, Mr. Henpeck, have you got any daughters that would make good type-setters?"

"Not exactly, but I have got a wife that would make a first rate devil."

The bishop of Reiz thanked the bishop of Liège for having consecrated him. "It is for me," said the latter, "to thank you. I was the ugliest bishop in France until you were elected."