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M. W. Bro. William H. Weller, Esq., G. M. Grand Lodge of Canada.

In commencing a series of biographical sketches of eminent Canadian Freemasons, the first to demand our attention is the present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, William H. Weller, Esq., of Cobourg.

M. W. Bro. Weller was born in the State of New York; two years afterwards the family removed to Canada. Having received his education at Upper Canada College, he decided to enter the legal profession, and in the year 1842 commenced his studies in the office of Messrs. (J. S.) Smith & Crooks; and after the usual term of five years, was called to the Bar in 1847. He practiced his profession for many years in the town of Cobourg, and was appointed, some years ago, Master in Chancery, an office which he has since held, and now fills with honor to himself, and with the respect and esteem of all with whom his position brings him in contact.

The Masonic career of our M. W. Brother is a long and honorable one. He was admitted to the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry on the 20th January, 1846, in St. Andrew's Lodge, of Toronto, No. 487, English Register—V. W. Bro. Fran-

cis Richardson, who was afterwards Provincial Grand Secretary, being the Worshipful Master for that year—and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on the 19th May, 1846. He afterwards served as Senior Deacon and Senior Warden respectively in the same Lodge, and during his residence in Toronto also filled the office of Junior Warden in Zetland Lodge in that city. In 1848 he assisted in the formation of Corinthian Lodge, Peterborough, was one of its charter members, and appointed to the office of Senior Deacon.

In 1854 we find that our M. W. Brother had transferred his allegiance to St. John's Lodge, Colourg, of which Lodge he was Secretary for that year.

In 1855 he succeeded his father as Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge, and was re-elected for the years 1856, 1858, and 1864.

He was a member of the Committee of Grand Lodge to whom was entrusted the duty of re-arranging the different Districts under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, and was elected the first District Deputy Grand Master of Ontario District, and was again elected in the years 1861 and 1866.