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Publishers are requested to send works for review addressed to the Editor of the CANADIAN FREEMASON, No. 2 Place d'Armes, Montreal, Canada East.

A rumor having gone abroad that this journal is to be solely the mouth-piece of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the Editor and Proprietors of the CANADIAN FREEMASON beg to state that this was never their object or intention—but a laudable anxiety to promote the welfare of our order, and the desire to supply a deficiency much felt by the craft, coupled with the hope that it might be the means of assisting in promoting that harmony and good feeling which should ever characterize masons—were the chief reasons for commencing its publication. Our columns are open to all the brethren, and we shall be happy at any time to receive their communications; and while thanking those who have already subscribed, trust they will aid in obtaining as many more as possible, and by so doing enable us to enlarge and improve this journal, and render it equal in size and appearance to any on this continent. To those of our subscribers who are in arrears, we would call their attention to our terms, \$1.00 at time of subscribing or \$1.50 at the end of three months.

It is with sincere regret that we notice in another part of this journal, at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held at Ottawa, that two Lodges in Montreal and one in London; C. W., were declared irregular. From the well known character and standing of the officers of the respective Lodges in our own immediate neighbourhood, we are convinced that there must be some misunderstanding. It will be our earnest desire and heartfelt wish, at no distant time, to be able to inform our readers of a satisfactory settlement of their differences, and that the hand of friendship may again find us all in one common whole, when may it be our only endeavour to see "who can best work, and who can best agree."

The excellency of Bro. Courtlandt's lecture must be our only excuse for occupying so much space with its insertion; to have abridged it, would have spoiled it, and indeed, it gives us great pleasure to find one so bright a mason, whose energies are devoted to the order, and whose pen is not backward in acknowledging its merits, nor expatiating upon its great and wholesome truths.

## DEATHS.

In this City, on Monday Morning, 30th inst., after a few hours illness, Bro. John Thomson, in the 30th year of his age, leaving a large circle of brethren and friends to deplore his untimely end.

Bro. Thomson, though but a young mason, having received the degree of M. M. about a month prior to his death, was fully impressed with the high moral standing of the order, and of the incalculable advantages to be derived from a strict adherence to its precepts. In all the relations of life he was universally beloved; a true friend, "a faithful mason, an honest kind hearted man, and a most affectionate husband." Notwithstanding the unpropitious state of the weather, he was buried according to his expressed wish, by his fellow masons, whose solemn and impressive cortege, as it wound its way towards his narrow resting place, brought tears of sympathy and sorrow, from many a bystander.

The following Lodges were represented,—Kilwinning, Elgin, St. George's, Zetland, and Antiquity, forcibly calling to our minds the beautiful words of the Psalmist, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is; brethren to dwell together in unity."

## EXCHANGES.

The following exchanges have been received up to the period of our going to press, for which the Editors will accept our sincere thanks:—

Masonic Review, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Triangel, Williamsburgh, L. I.

Voice and Tidings, Louisville, Kentucky.

New York Courier.

Brooklyn Standard.

We have sent copies to all the Masonic periodicals in the United States, and sincerely trust they have duly reached their respective destinations.

## List of Officers of King Solomon's Lodge No. 22, R. C.

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| W.    | B. Oliver Gable, Worshipful Master.   |
| "     | " Henry J. Gear, Past Master.         |
| "     | " William Murray, Senior Warden.      |
| "     | " Daniel Spry, Junior Warden.         |
| V. W. | " Alex. M. Monro, Treasurer.          |
| "     | " George H. Graham, Secretary.        |
| "     | " Benjamin Switzer, Senior Deacon.    |
| "     | " Richard Arnold, Junior Deacon.      |
| "     | " Jas. Spooner, Master of Ceremonies. |
| "     | " William Moore, Inner Guard.         |
| "     | " William Windgat, } Stewards.        |
| "     | " Hugh Matheson, }                    |
| "     | " John Clark, Tyler.                  |

## MASONRY IN CALIFORNIA.

The order of F. and A. M. celebrated the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, in San Francisco, and laid the foundation stone of the new Masonic Temple about to be erected at the Junction of Market, Montgomery and Port streets. A San Francisco, paper says:

The Knights Templars presented a Grand and brilliant appearance, being all in full re-

galia and mounted on black horses. They numbered forty-five. The main body of the procession was on foot to the number of 635, making a total of 680. Throughout its progress the long and handsome line, containing a large number of our most prominent citizens, who was the cynosure of all eyes. The streets were thronged with spectators who failed not to express their pleasure at the display, and at the laying of the corner stone even the tops of the houses in the vicinity, affording a view of the scene, were crowded with lady occupants who appeared deeply interested.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of California was organized on the 18th of April, 1850, at which time there were but three chartered lodges in the State, viz:—California Lodge No. 13, holding under the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia; Western Star Lodge, No. 98, holding under the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and Connection Lodge No 75, holding under the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. The above Lodges are now known as California Lodge No 1, Western Star Lodge No 2, and Tehama Lodge No 3, holding under the Grand Lodge of California. The order in this State now includes an aggregate membership of six thousand.

The M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was organized May the 8th, 1854, and there are now twenty-two chartered chapters under its jurisdiction. The Grand Commander of Knights Templar, and the appendant orders for the State of California, was organized by authority of a warrant from the Grand Master of the Order in the United States, on the 10th of August, 1853. There are three Commanderies, viz.: California Commandery No. 1, San Francisco; Sacramento Commandery No. 2, Sacramento, and Pacific Commandery No. 3, Columbia. The Order is in the most flourishing condition, and has done a vast amount of good in our State—*Hamil-ton Spectator*.

## GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The official report of the Grand Lodge of Canada, having not yet been received, we cut the following account of their Annual Communication from the Montreal Herald of the 17th ult.

OTTAWA, July 13, 1860.

The Masons of Canada are now holding their Annual Communications in this City. The number of distinguished brethren present is very large. The Lodges throughout the entire extent of the Province from Quebec to Windsor, and from Stanstead to Owen's Sound, being well represented. The session began on Wednesday Morning the 11th instant, and still continues, and the proceedings, thus far, have been interesting and important, and have been conducted with great dignity and honour.

I have taken some pains to obtain a copy of the Grand Master's address, which I enclose, in the hope that you will find room for it, as I am sure many of your readers will be interested in its perusal.

Since the organization of the Grand Lodge in 1853 the fraternity in Canada seems to have prospered beyond the expectations of its warmest votaries. A large accession of members has taken place, and the number of Lodges has been augmented from 41 to nearly 150. During the last two days the receipts of the Secretary as I am informed, amounted to over \$1,700,—and the revenue of the Grand Lodge for the year, consisting of a mere percentage of the monies paid for masonic purposes, amounted to over \$5,000.

Two bodies of Masons in your City have by unanimous vote of grand Lodge, been declared to be