JAMES SEYMOUR, ESQ.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

In the present number we present our readers with the portrait of R. W. Bro. James Seymour, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada—a gentleman who for the last twenty years has been well known as an intelligent, hard-working Mason, and who during that period has filled many offices of trust and honor, with credit to himself and signal benefit to the Craft.

On looking over his record, we find that the R. W. Bro. was born in Limerick, Ireland, in November, 1825, and came to Canada with his parents in the year 1836, his father at that time holding the position of Armourer to Her Majesty's 85th Regiment of Foot. While still a mere lad, he had the misfortune to lose both his parents—shortly after the Rebellion of 1837, his mother dying in 1839, and his father in 1840, from the effects of cold and exposure contracted while attending to urgent military duties during that trying period. Capt. Domville, A. D. C. to Sir George Arthur, the then Lieut.-Governor of Upper Canada, was thereupon appointed executor of the estate, and under his guardianship our R. W. Bro. was placed at the drug business, which he only followed for about a year, not liking chemistry as then practiced. Early in the year 1841 he entered the *Star* printing office of W. J. Coates, Toronto, with the view of learning that business, which, proving more congenial to his taste, he served a regular apprenticeship of five and a half years, till he mastered the profession. At this time he designed removing to New York, which would doubtless have proved a turning point in his history; but over-ruling circumstances changing his intentions, he remained in Toronto, and worked as a compositor in the *Herald* and *Globe* offices, till, in 1847, he became foreman of the latter—a position at once onerous and responsible, but which he filled