

injure and humiliate the two thousand loyal Masons of that Province for a corporal's guard of Masonic sore-heads, the *Freemason* would support papal domination against Masonic independence.

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### PRESENTATION.

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On Thursday evening, third inst., V. W. Bro. C. L. Sanders, P. M. of Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, G.R.C., Barrie, was presented by the brethren with a really magnificent gold P. M.'s jewel, studded with a diamond at the angle. V. W. Bro. R. King, in making the presentation, alluded to the energy and ability displayed by the late Master, pointing out that the funds of the lodge had increased over two hundred and fifty dollars in the balance on hand during the two years during which Bro. Sanders was in the East, and that the peace and harmony now prevailing proved the respect and esteem in which the retiring Master was held. Bro. Sanders, who was thoroughly taken by surprise, feelingly thanked Bro. King for his kindly remarks, and assured him and his brethren that he thought he had only done his duty in endeavoring by every legitimate means to advance the interests of Corinthian Lodge, and that its success was attributable, in a great measure, to the able assistance rendered by the officers and the faithful attendance of the members. Before concluding, he said that so long as it pleased T. G. A. O. T. U. to continue him in health and strength, he should ever remember the kindness displayed to him this evening, and although he valued the jewel intrinsically, though it were made of "tin,"

it would be equally precious in his estimation. Bro. Sanders' remarks were received with applause, and we can add he deserved the honor, as he is a most earnest and faithful craftsman.

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### CRYPTIC MASONRY.

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It is deeply to be regretted that this beautiful branch of Masonry seems fated to wither and die on Canadian soil. At one time it appeared as if there was a prospect of it taking root and growing up a strong and sturdy tree. That it has not done so is self-evident to all who have watched its career, and we believe we are right in saying that there are not three councils really working in Ontario. This is a very poor commentary upon that love of study which should characterize true Hiramites. In the rituals of the Cryptic rite there is much that is both pretty and instructive, and in our humble opinion every Royal Arch Mason should be in possession of the Royal and Select Degrees. They are clearly the climax of Ancient Craft Masonry, and in the words of the lamented Mackey, "complete the circle."

There is much in the Royal Arch that can not and is not properly explained to the neophyte in the Chapter, but which is fully developed as he passes through the nine arches. Sublime lessons are also taught in the council chamber, that every Mason should practice. We trust, therefore, that the lethargy that has for so long overshadowed the energies of our illustrious companions will soon pass away, and that once more our councils will resume their labors and their