

worked by Hamilton Sovereign Chapter Rose Croix, and the degrees from 18 to 32 were conferred by the Moore Sovereign Consistory.

Among the prominent Masons present are Mayor McKisson, of Cleveland, who called on Mayor Tuckett yesterday, and J. I. Buchanan, of Pittsburg, son of the late Hon. Isaac Buchanan, of Hamilton.

#### -THE DEATH OF BRO. J. B. HUTCHESON.

We are sorry to have to record the death at Westmount, Montreal, on Friday Jan. 31st, of an old and active member of the Craft in the person of Bro. J. B. Hutcheson, one of the first members of St. Andrew's Lodge in that City, and a Past Junior Warden. Few men were better known in social circles and his loss will be mourned by a large number of friends. His funeral was largely attended, and among the brethren from St. Andrew's Lodge were the following:

Joshua Blackie, James Wilson, William Ware, J. H. Stalker, John J. Lomax, R. C. White, J. T. Edward, A. Sennat, Henry Wilson, George Maybury, William Noble, W. A. Farrow, S. Brown and John McKee.

Bro. John B. Hutcheson was a native of Scotland, having been born at Killmen, Argyleshire, about 55 years ago. He came to this country when a youth and settled in Montreal. For a great many years Bro. Hutcheson followed his chosen profession of accountant, but by no means confined his energies to this alone. He was the chief organizer of the People's Mutual Building Society, of which he was secretary-treasurer. He also filled the same office in the Canadian Investment and Agency Company. In his younger days Bro. Hutcheson took an active part in athletic and social organizations, and was one of the early members of the Victoria Rifles.

The deceased was past vice-president of the Montreal Caledonian Society; Past Junior Warden of St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge, and Past President of the Montreal Caledonia Curling Club. He was also for years a member of the Branch of the Royal Caledonia Curling Club of Scotland. Bro. Hutcheson leaves two sons and a daughter to mourn his loss. The eldest child is Mr. R. B. Hutcheson, notary. The remaining two children are of tender years. The deceased has been a widower for some years.

Up to within a few days Bro. Hutcheson was in his usual good health, and his fatal illness was entirely unlooked for. A complication of diseases had set in, however, and it was beyond the power of physicians to save his life.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Jan., 21, 1896

The Editor of the CRAFTSMAN.

In the December issue of the CRAFTSMAN you inform your readers that a Preceptory of Knights Templar was organized at Charlottetown on the 12th November, but your informant did not give you the manner of procedure.

Before the above date there was only one Knight Templar in the province, he having been installed some thirty years ago.

De Molay Preceptory, St. John, New Brunswick, received petitions from some ten applicants residing here, and to save the petitioners the trouble and expense of visiting St. John's, agreed to come here and confer the degrees.

On the 12th of November three Knights Templar (one each from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Ontario) visited Charlottetown armed with the warrant granted to De Molay Preceptory, which Preceptory was opened and three additional petitioners received, acted upon, and the petitions with those who had already forwarded petitions to De Molay, were obligated *en masse* and instructed. Prince Edward