

THE CRAFTSMAN—VOL. XII.

With this number, we begin a new volume; and in accordance with the statement made in our introductory article in the June number, we have made a slight change—for the better, we think, and we hope our readers are of the same opinion—in the form and appearance of the magazine. Those—and only those—who have had some experience in conducting a periodical publication, know that even this slight improvement involves considerable additional outlay; but we made up our mind to this when we undertook the publication of the CRAFTSMAN, believing that our enterprise would be not only appreciated but substantially rewarded by our brethren.

A good deal of space in the present number is devoted to the reports of the election of officers on St. John's Day; but we believe that such reports are of general interest, and are natur-

ally suitable items of news to be contained in a Masonic journal.

In our desire to furnish our readers with items of Masonic news, we have sent circulars to the various Lodges throughout the Dominion, requesting information on all matters of interest affecting the Craft, in their particular locality; and we express our thanks to the Secretaries of those Lodges who have thus far acceded to our request. We should also esteem it a great kindness if the District Deputy Grand Masters would occasionally send us reports from their districts; and we would remind them and others who are willing to furnish us with Masonic news that printers' copy may be sent through the post for one cent per oz; and, moreover, in order to remove misapprehension, we wish it to be distinctly understood that our magazine is not *local*, and we intend to make the CRAFTSMAN the organ of Freemasons throughout the Dominion.

THE MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

After the last form of the June issue of the CRAFTSMAN was printed, we received official intimation of the postponement of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada at St. Catherines until September, by the following circular:—

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hamilton, Ont., 27th June, 1877.

Dear Sir and W. Brother,—I am directed to inform you, that in consequence of the intended adjournment of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge from the 11th day of July next, until the 12th day of September next, the business of the Board of General Purposes will not be proceeded with on Monday the 9th day of July next, but the same will be postponed until Mon-

day, the 10th day of September next, at the same hour and place, when by command of the M. W. the Grand Master, a meeting of the Board will be held.

The M. W. the Grand Master ventures to hope that this adjournment of the Board and of the Grand Lodge will not cause inconvenience to the members of the Board, or to the representatives of the lodges; but, that on the contrary, the convenience as well as the comfort of all will be served by the course which he has been called upon to adopt, of adjourning the proceedings of the Board and the Grand Lodge until the month of September.

Believe me to remain, dear sir and W. brother, yours fraternally,

J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary:

We were previously aware that the