

CONSECRATION OF THE FREEMASONS' HALL, ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On the 31st May, 1869, was laid with due solemnity the foundation-stone of the new Hall in Flinders-street for the use of the English Constitution. The importance which the Order has attained in the colony was felt to warrant the erection of a special building. From various sources money was collected, until it was thought safe to enter upon an undertaking designed to cost between £4,000 and £5,000. On Tuesday, March 22, the ceremonial of consecration and opening occurred, and without doubt exceeded in grandeur and success any display that has as yet been attempted in connection with the Masonic Craft in South Australia.

The delay in issuing the current number, is attributable to the desire of placing before our readers an extended report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which closed its fifteenth annual session at low twelve of Friday, the 15th inst. A large portion of our space is taken up with the report, to the exclusion of other matter, but we can assure our subscribers, that the report, lengthy though it be, will amply repay a careful perusal.

### **At Rest.**

DIED.—At Montreal, on the 8th inst., Brother F. A. Spaulding, Junior Warden Zetland Lodge, No. 21, in the 23rd year of his age.

Brother Spaulding was preparing to attend the annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and parted company with a number of brethren on the evening of the 7th who were preparing for the same mission. On the following day they were shocked to learn that he was no more. He was most deservedly and universally respected by his brethren in Montreal, and by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Our deceased brother was interred with Masonic ceremonies in Mount Royal Cemetery.

At the last regular meeting of the New Brunswick Council of Royal and Select Masters, the following office bearers were installed for the year by M. P. Grand Master Hatheway :

Henry Duffell, Thrice Illustrious Master; Dr. T. A. D. Forster, Right Illustrious Master; Charles U. Hanford, Illustrious Master; Rev. Geo. J. Caie, Chaplain; Peter Campbell, Recorder; B. S. Black, Treasurer; Dr. E. L. Barteaux, Master of Ceremonies; Thos. A. Peters, Captain of Guards; G. Fred'k Ring, Conductor of Council; Henry Card, Organist; G. H. Whiting, Steward; Henry Brown, Sentinel; W. Colebrook Percy, F. L. Lewin, D. R. Munro, Committee of Finance; Robert Marshall, Hall Committee.

A warrant has been applied for a Council of these degrees in Halifax, with Bro. Sircom at its head, and we also hear that some "Canadian" brethren are likely to apply. These are purely American degrees, and although interesting enough when properly worked, they are not of the same value to Royal Arch Masons exalted under the English or Scotch ritual, as they are to those exalted under the American, in which ritual the main portion of the degree is left out, and a great object, in a measure, lost to sight.