

THE Craft in Lancaster, have recently secured a fine hall in A. McArthur's new block. It is being highly ornamented, and it is said that when the artist has completed his task, Lodge No. 207 will have one of the most exquisite Masonic Temples in the country.

ON Friday, Dec. 18th, when attending his Masonic Lodge, Brantford, Bro. W. E. Week, was re-elected as Secretary, and while writing, fell from his chair to the floor unconscious. He was immediately removed home and a doctor summoned, but in a very short time he passed away. Death is supposed to have been caused by an epileptic fit.

GEORGINA Lodge, No. 343, has lost one of its best loved members. Bro. George E. Brown, its active secretary, was called to the Grand Lodge above after a short illness. Bro. Brown was well known as a member of the I.O.F., having been for a number of years an employé in the head office.

THE Sick Children's Hospital in this city, is to all intents and purposes a Masonic Charity, M. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, M. P., Past Grand Master, having donated to the institution over \$50,000, with the proviso that the Children of Masons in Ontario shall always be provided for. A large number of Lodges vote sums of money annually to its support. We trust the time will soon come when every Lodge in Ontario will celebrate the commencement of the New Year with a donation, as every Lodge has an equal interest in the welfare of the little ones. M. W. Bro. Robertson has again added to his former gifts a further donation of \$2,

500, to aid in liquidating the heavy debt on the institution.

WE do not like to find fault with our friend, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, but surely he does not think it the duty of a Grand Secretary to use the official channels of Grand Lodge to advertise the private business of a Hamilton firm. It is bad enough to find our members of Parliament misusing the franking system of the country to oblige their friends, and save them the necessity of paying their just debts in the way of postage, without our Grand officers following their footsteps. It was only a few years ago, that some of our leading officials persuaded Grand Lodge to do one of the "shadiest" transactions for the benefit of the said individual, that has hardly been exceeded by our worst political hoodlers, but we did not expect to be again called upon to refer to the matter. Masonry calls for a higher standard of morality than apparently is understood by our Hamilton friends.

NOVA Scotia has to be congratulated on having a very active and worthy Grand Master, in the person of M. W. Bro. John W. Rowland. He has been reading of the feats of M. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson of Ontario, in visiting all the Lodges during his term of office in this jurisdiction, and not to be behind Ontario, Bro. Rowland has paid fraternal visits to all the Lodges in Nova Scotia. W. Bro. Charles C. Whale, I.P.M. of Georgina Lodge, No. 343, who has been working in Nova Scotia in the interests of the I. O. F., speaks very highly of the courtesy of Nova Scotia Masons and its Grand Master.