

Masonry has reached. The efforts put forth by Grand Z. Hungerford to infuse new blood into it have proved successful, and his re-election was a fitting compliment to an energetic officer.

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Several brethren have, during the past month, sent the editor marked copies of papers containing Masonic news. The favours are appreciated, and hereby acknowledged: T. C. Macnabb, Chatham; E. J. Salmon, Victoria, B. C.; H. Currie, Collingwood, and Frank W. Baxter, Highgate, Vt.

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The *Trowel* says:—"The Grand Lodge of Arkansas does not allow any of the lodges in that jurisdiction to charge an affiliation fee. Non-affiliates should be encouraged to join a lodge rather than discouraged." We fully concur with the above, as it would certainly reduce the army of non-affiliates.

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Hon. T. B. Pardee, late Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Ontario Government, died at his residence, Sarnia, on July 21st. Bro. Pardee took an active interest in Freemasonry some years ago, and at the time of his death was the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick near the Grand Lodge of Canada.

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The movement leading to the formation of a Grand Lodge in New Zealand is gaining ground. In New Zealand there are 51 lodges, 19 under the English constitution, 15 Irish and 17 Scotch. It is probable that His Excellency the Governor, Lord Onslow, will be the first Grand Master should the movement succeed.

We understand that the G. M. of South Australia, Chief Justice Way, contemplates resigning his Grand Mastership in favour of the Earl of Kinmore, Governor of the colony. The Masons of South Australia, however, will not lose the valuable active services of the Chief Justice, as he will accept the position of Pro Grand Master.

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It appears that Cryptic Masonry is not flourishing in Canada to that extent which its adherents desire. Grand Master Slatter in his address did not paint a glowing picture of the condition of the Rite, preferring to speak of matters as they are. For this he is to be commended, as nothing is so distasteful and pernicious as misleading those who trust you.

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We have received from some thoughtful brother in Boston a neatly printed copy of the proceedings connected with the Knights Templars' celebration in Boston and Plymouth on St. John's Day. The publication is intended as a souvenir of the celebration, and was prepared by Sir Knight Charles E. Pierce, of St. Omer Commandery, South Boston.

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The incessant meddling by Blue Lodges, Grand and Subordinate, in the quarrel between the Rites has a tendency to make one sick—yes, leathery sick.—*Canadian Craftsman*. The *Masonic Trowel* commenting on the above says:—"Yes, indeed. What do Blue Masons know of the Cerneau Rite or any other Rite up in the sky? We have become disgusted with the whole business."