

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

A FEW WORDS PERSONAL.

READERS will perceive that THE CRAFTSMAN comes to them this month in a new dress. We have secured for it an outfit of beautiful old style type, cast by Messrs. Stephenson & Blake of London, of smaller size than that used heretofore, so that the magazine will not only be neater, but the reading matter furnished will be considerably increased in quantity. At the same time other changes have been made: A Brother, connected for many years with the press of Canada and the United States, has been engaged to take editorial charge, and distinguished Brethren have promised to contribute from time to time papers bearing upon the history and the operations of Masonry. From among these we are permitted to mention the names of M. W. Bro. William Mercer Wilson, LL. D., of Simcoe, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Thomas White, Jr., of Montreal, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, 32°, of Montreal, Past Grand Prior; W. J. B. McLeod Moore, 33°, of LaPrairie, Grand Prior; and Ill. Bro. Jno. W. Murton, 33°, Hamilton. With the valuable aid thus secured, and with a free use of our large exchange list, embracing all the principal Masonic journals published throughout the world, we hope to be able to make THE CRAFTSMAN indispensable to the Fraternity in Canada. In especial we shall endeavor to make it valuable for articles illustrative of the history and traditions of Masonry, and of the scope, design and workings of all orders and grades of Masonry; for its monthly record of all the principal events connected with Masonry throughout the world; and for its Department of Jurisprudence. The first article in the present number, copied for *The (London) Freemason's Magazine* from a manuscript in the 'British Museum, is an example of the first. We hope to be able to so educate the readers of the magazine in Masonic history that they will not be liable to set up ridiculous and baseless pretensions on the one hand, nor be willing to suffer abatement from the dignity and reverend history of the order, on the other. In our Editorial Department we will endeavor to bear in mind that Masonry, like Christianity, is first pure, then peaceable—that its informing characteristic is charity. What divisions soever unhappily exist among the Brethren, we cannot doubt for a moment that charity and patience will yet find means of healing them, or that the differences of to-day will be buried and forgotten in the larger love and unity of to-morrow. There may be occasions when it is better to let time smooth down asperities, but charity suffereth long and is kind, and will in good time lead to peace. The Department of Jurisprudence will be of great value, not only to officers but to all Brethren who wish to be well-informed respecting the order to which they belong; and the monthly record will keep its readers *au fait* with the doings of Masons throughout the world.

Hitherto, owing to various causes, delay has been incurred in issuing the magazine. We have made arrangements now that will secure the publication promptly on the first of every month. The only exception will be when it is found desirable to delay it for a very few days in order to get important information which would otherwise