

of Freemasonry all over the land, that so many lodges are now being opened on strictly temperance principles. One of these, Lodge St. George, was started in the Three Towns about twelve months ago, and has proved a success beyond anticipation. Recognizing the value of the principle, and anxious to help forward the object in view, alike in the interests of Freemasonry and of temperance, moderate drinkers, as well as total abstiners, have given the movement their cordial support, and have done their best to make the experiment the success it has so far proved to be. Bro. G. R. Barrett, who was the first elected Master of the lodge, and the Mayor of Devonport, who so worthily succeeds him, are to be congratulated, not only on being associated with so commendable a feature in Freemasonry, but on the result of their efforts to make Masonic total abstinence popular. Bros. Barrett and Brickwood Hutchings, and those who were associated with them in starting this lodge, have shown how easy it is to live down prejudice by example, and the example is one worthy of being largely imitated by the Masonic body throughout the country.—*Western Morning News.*

How little interest is taken by the average Mason in the history of Masonry, and, we might add, in Masonic books generally, is shown by the suspension of the work of preparing and publishing a history of Freemasonry in Maryland, because of a lack of patronage on the part of the fraternity in that State. As prepared by Bro. Edward T. Shultz, this history was proving a most valuable and interesting one, even to Masons generally outside of Maryland; and we trust the brother may yet receive such remuneration as will justify him in completing it. Masons would receive a much greater benefit from their investment of two or three hundred dollars in degrees, if they would invest a tithe of that amount

in such works as would enable them to know something about them more than the mere ceremony of initiation. If many would transfer the amount they have invested in Masonic jewelry into Masonic books, it would start quite a respectable Masonic library, and might add greatly to their utility as Masons.

On the first of July the corner stone of the new Anglican church, Lindsay, will be laid by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, of Hamilton, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Lodges from Peterboro', Port Hope, Omamee, Bobcaygeon and other places are expected to be represented. The ladies of St. Paul's church intend providing a sumptuous dinner in the curling rink for the visitors and the public at a moderate rate. In the evening there will be a grand concert in the opera house in which the best local talent of the town will participate. Proceeds will go to the funds of the new building.

Golden Rule Lodge has been formally opened at Gravenhurst. Rt. Wor. Bro. Ramsay, W. M. of Thorne, No. 281, Orillia, and Wor. Bro. Cockburn, M. P., W. M. of Murray Lodge were present, besides visiting brethren from Spry, Beeton, Orillia, Simcoe, and Muskoka Lodges. The Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. A. W. Irving, assisted by Bro. W. Meinardus, S. W., and Bro. Cornell, J. W., having duly opened the Lodge, the W. M. appointed the following officers, viz.: Bros. Torry, Treas.; Henderson, Sec.; McNeil, S. D. Five petitions for initiation were received. After the business was concluded Bro. Meinardus invited all the brethren to his house, where a really sumptuous banquet awaited them. To say that the Hiramites did justice to the viands of mine host and hostess, Mrs. Meinardus, hardly expresses it. The toast of Golden Rule Lodge being duly proposed, Bros. Meinardus and Cornell