

her. The CRAFTSMAN will go on and prosper should the same reception meet us at this point. The work done in the Lodges is good, and the material of best description. We were particularly pleased with the work of W. Bro. Tracy, Architect, of this city, who would make an excellent Grand Lodge Officer, as he unites all the good qualities requisite therefor.

We will now give something of the state of Masonry in London. Here we find six prosperous Lodges, two Chapters, Council and Encampment, with a Lodge of Perfection up to the 18°. As to the prosperity of the Lodges and Chapters we can speak in the highest degree—the attendance large—the work well up to the standard, and the order and punctuality admirable. Five of the Lodges, St. John's, 20; St. George's, 42; Kilwinning, 64; Tuscan, 195; and St. John's 209a, meet in their hall on Richmond Street, which is well furnished and of medium size, but not such as should suit the energy, ability and numbers of the London Masons; but such a state of affairs will not long continue. The site for the contemplated magnificent Masonic Temple is the most eligible one in the city, and it will be a structure worthy of the fraternity, as well as an ornament to London. It will be built on the corner of Richmond and King Streets, adjoining the City Hall, at a cost of some \$80,000, a large share of which amount is now subscribed through the liberality of the members and of the several Lodges. Corinthian, 380, meets in a hall in London East, and has made rapid progress during its two years of existence. The membership consists chiefly of young men, and these are most enthusiastic Masons. We were much pleased with the zeal of many of the brethren in meeting weekly for instruction, of which an expert brother takes charge, and the work done will be lasting and tend greatly to the success of the different Lodges. We were particularly delighted with the work done in St.

John's Lodge, No. 209a, known as the Irish Lodge, and who are privileged to work the old ritual. As the work is so different from that of the Grand Lodge of Canada, we would advise all our brethren who possibly can, to make it a point when visiting London on the meeting night of this Lodge to visit it, and they will be amply repaid. W. Bro. Hawthorne is a model Master, having the work perfectly, with excellent elocutionary powers, and is ably assisted by his officers and the brethren. The ceremonies are most impressive, especially in the second and third degrees, and every brother having his work perfectly, the candidate cannot but be deeply impressed with the mysteries of Free Masonry. St. John's Lodge, No. 20, also uses the Irish work, but we had not the privilege of seeing it in operation. The Masons in London gave us a most courteous reception, and we will long remember the many kindnesses accorded us.

From London we went to Nilestown, some seven miles distant, and there visited Lodge No. 345, having W. Bro. O'Dell as its Master. We were much pleased with the working, and we must say Bro. O'Dell has the most distinct enunciation of any Master we have met. He is a rigid disciplinarian, and everything has to be done in order. Although not two years in existence, they own a fine hall, recently furnished, worth some \$1,200. This is certainly creditable for this young country lodge. They are very careful as to the material brought in.

At St. Thomas we find *three* prosperous lodges, *two* chapters, and an encampment, but as we are to visit them in October we will defer our remarks till then. The Masons are extending the right hand to us wherever we go, and with the same success as we have had, the CRAFTSMAN will be in the hands of thousands of readers in a short time. More anon.