

## CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

The *Toronto Mail* say:—R. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, P. G. S. W., is engaged on a "History of Freemasonry in Canada during the last one hundred years."

A History of Freemasonry in Maryland is being issued in parts of 122 pages each. The first lodge was instituted in 1750.

W. Bro. H. A. Combs, of Stoney Creek Lodge, who has left for California, was the recipient of a P. M.'s jewel from his brethren before leaving for the Pacific slope.

Probably the oldest Mason in Ontario, if not in Canada, is the venerable Joseph P. Huyck, of Belleville. Mr. Huyck, who was born near Albany, New York, was initiated in Moira Lodge, No. 11, G. R. C. (then Beloville, 496, English Register), early in 1819, nearly 69 years ago. Bro. Huyck, who is still hearty, has continuously remained a member of his mother lodge up to the present time.

Among the "Masonic Elders" in Rhode Island, Bro. Waterman Clapp, of Manchester Lodge, deserves a place of recognition. Bro. Clapp is ninety-six years old, and his Masonic life covers a period of seventy-four years, he having been initiated in Mt. Vernon Lodge, Providence, in 1814. He is a worthy brother, held in much esteem by the members of his lodge, and others.—*Repository*.

The Craft of Hespeler held a very successful ball recently. Glick's hall was most elaborately decorated for the occasion with bunting, flags, suitable mottoes, etc., and was made a fitting arena for many of the handsome ladies of Galt, Preston and Hespeler, who promenaded it in their gorgeous habiliments. There were about forty couple belonging to the above mentioned places present. The music was Lämpert's orchestra, and

all things were harmonious and pleasant. About midnight all sat down to one of the best suppers the county could afford, tastefully and artistically prepared under the direction of Mrs. O. F. Baker, of the Commercial.

The London, Ont., *Frees Press* says: The Masonic library boom is at its height, and during the week no fewer than 63 volumes have been donated by the brethren of this city and lodges. The matter is being advertised to at the several lodge meetings by brethren who have taken hold of the project, and the response promises to be most liberal in character. Those who have not yet sent in their donation should lose no time in doing so as early as possible. It is a request which the humblest of the Craft should feel it an honor to respond to. R. W. Bro. Hungerford acknowledges the receipt of the following volumes since last report:—W. Bro. R. W. Smylie, 10 volumes; W. Bro. R. W. Irvine, 1 do.; Bros. C. J. Miers, 6 do.; H. H. Penny, 7 do.; Titus McNaughton, Alex. Irvine, Wm. Willis, Kenneth McDonald, John Wright, (of Tuscan), 1 each; F. J. Hammond, 3 do.; Tuscan Lodge, 11 do.; St. George's and Kilwinning Lodges, 17 do.; Mrs. and Miss Shaw, 2 do.; Mrs. John Pigot, 1 do. Total, 63 volumes for the week. Every lodge should have a library, even if it only consists of a few volumes on Masonic subjects.

ISIS ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, No. 25, G. R. C.—On the 30th ult., Bro. Robert Ramsay, Sub. Grand Master-General of the Egyptian Rite, assisted by R. Ill. Bro. John Moore and V. Ill. Bro. J. B. Kennedy, instituted Isis Rose Croix Chapter, No. 25, at Pembroke, and subsequently installed the following officers:—Ill. Bros. J. H. Burritt, 95°, (P. M. Pembroke Lodge, No. 125, G. R. C.), M. W.; G. Ed. Joseph, M., 95°, I. P. M. W., A. Johnson, 95°, S. W.; John P. Miller, 95°, J. W.; Allan Cameron, 95°, Orator; J. C. Worthington, 95°, Prelate;