

CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

PETERBOROUGH, ONT.—On Thursday, October 6th, the new, spacious and well equipped Freemasons' Hall, at Peterborough, was dedicated with the usual Masonic ceremonies, by D. G. M. Walkem, of Kingston, assisted by a large number of officers and brethren. The several halls are admirably adapted for the work of the Lodge, the Chapter, the Preceptory, &c., and the several rooms adjacent are most convenient. The work of dedicating this beautiful hall was admirably performed, and all the Masonic exercises passed off to the general satisfaction of the large number of brethren present, from home and abroad.

The conversazione in the evening was a brilliant affair, and over three hundred of the leading citizens—ladies and gentlemen,—of Peterborough and vicinity, graced the assembly. The brief addresses, the social intercourse, the music, the dance, the banquet, and in fact, the whole programme, was so carried out as to make the occasion most enjoyable and one to be pleasantly remembered for many a day.

We heartily congratulate the brethren of the "city" of Peterborough upon the completion of their magnificent Masonic headquarters. May they long enjoy therein, an era of great prosperity in every department of the good work.

PERSONAL.—We regret exceedingly to learn that R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Montreal, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, has been suffering severely for some time, from a bronchial affection. We sincerely hope that "Richard" will soon be himself again.

MR. JAMES HUTCHINSON, who died at the home of his daughter in Pawtucket, R. I., on the 8th ult., at the age of 88 years, was the oldest Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He was born in Scotland March 23, 1799, and came to this country when young. In January, 1821, he joined the Masonic Fraternity, becoming a member of Union Lodge of Pawtucket, advancing in quick succession through the Chapter, Council and Commandery, being created a Knight Templar in St. John's Encampment February 4, 1822. He was Master of Union Lodge in 1832-3, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island in 1842-53, Deputy Grand Master in 1855, and Grand Master in 1857-58. He was Grand H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island in 1852-53, and M. Em. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1851-53. In a notice issued to the subordinate commanderies of the Grand Commandery informing them of the death of "Father Hutchinson," as he was endearingly spoken of by his associates, referring to his character it says: "His opinions were honorable and honestly formed; his courage in maintaining them was conspicuous; his fidelity was proverbial; his manliness of character and goodness of heart were so nicely balanced that the example of his life has been and will remain a constant benediction to the fraternity he loved, served and honored.—*Boston Journal.*"

We are pleased to learn that M. W. Bro. Dr. Graham, of Richmond, Quebec, has recently been spending a well-earned brief "vacation" in several of the leading cities of New England, where he met many of the foremost of American Craftsmen.