

Rule Lodge feel, now that we have a Grand Lodge of our own, the time has come for every Lodge in the province to write its *past history*, so that at some future time a general history of freemasonry in Canada may be compiled from these Lodge histories.

Brother Elisha Gustin is writing the history of Golden Rule Lodge, which has led to a desire on our part, to get possession of the old warrant, (or a copy of it,) as a sacred relic. I once wrote to the Provincial Grand Secretary about it, but he knew nothing about the matter. If I knew who was the Provincial Grand Master in 1823-4, I would write to him, if he was still living, but as I am in the *dark* about the matter, I thought, perhaps, I might get some *light* from some venerable brother, or from some other source, were I to state my desires to the *Pioneer*.

The late Bank Fraud and Forgeries.

Our city has been thrown into a state of excitement at the discovery of certain frauds and forgeries having lately been committed by an individual heretofore holding a good position in our society. To us it is a matter of deep regret that one of the craft has so fallen, giving as it does to the anti-mason an opportunity to indulge in his senseless tirades against masonry. That bad men do gain admission into the craft in spite of our watchfulness, we cannot deny, but where are such not to be found? They abound in every walk of life. 'Twas but as yesterday when a priest in Holy orders stabbed the Archbishop of Paris, does it follow from that event that all priests are assassins? Colonel Blood stole the jewels of his Queen, would this act justify the assertion or even suspicion that all military officers are thieves? Huntingdon, of recent notoriety, was a forger, but from that fact would it be right to stigmatize all merchants as forgers? Assuredly not. Neither then do a few bad men who contrive to gain admission into our order furnish a sufficient reason for its general condemnation. Gaining wisdom by experience then we must continue to exercise increased caution as to whom we admit into the membership of our lodges. We have been on one or two occasions since the discovery of these frauds, taunted with the fact that the individual in question held a prominent position in one of our lodges. We believe he was an officer in a subordinate lodge, whose sittings are held under a warrant imprudently, yet in good faith, restored to the Provincial Grand Master of Montreal and William Henry, and by him unjustifiably and illegally delivered to those who now pretend to work under it. And we derive some satisfaction from the fact that the delinquent in this case is not a mason under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

We have received No. 4 of *The Masonic Observer and Grand Lodge Chronicle*, but the third issue has never come to hand. As we are desirous to preserve the series complete for binding, we shall be glad if our brother, its Editor, will forward the missing number to our address.

Death of Brother Kane.

The loss of one so deeply lamented by the world, (to whom he was known as Dr. Kane, the great Arctic traveller,) in the prime of life, has been the subject of deep regret throughout the civilized globe, his great sacrifices to science and humanity are to well-known to our readers to need any recapitulation from us—but to the brethren of Canada it will afford a melancholy pleasure to know that he too, was one of us; we see from exchanges that he was deservedly held in high estimation among our American brethren, who purpose holding "Lodges of sorrow" to testify their admiration of a brother whose daring enterprise in the noble cause of humanity and science, have brought him to an early grave—a proposition we highly approve, and would suggest that the Lodges in Canada should do something to show their appreciation of "departed worth." In these degenerate days whenever one of our order falls from "his high estate," the uninitiated readily point out the mason but forget the man. Let us then shew the world that if we have occasionally a black sheep in the fold, we have also amongst us the great and good also, and that we mourn their loss, and pay a tribute to their memory.

A correspondent from Brockville, C. W., informs us that on the 9th February last the R. W. D. D. G. M. Bro. W. Simpson, together with a number of brethren, from Brockville and Prescott, met at the St. James' Lodge Room, (Maitland,) with a dispensation from the M. W. G. M. of Canada, authorizing the brethren to labour in their duties as F. and A. Masons, according to the ancient customs and privileges of the order. The D. D. G. M. having appointed officers to the various stations: the Lodge was opened in the First Degree, passed in the Second, and raised to the Third, in which the officers elect of the St. James' Lodge were installed, a list of whom has been already given in a former number of the *Pioneer*.

After the installation the R. W. D. D. G. M., in a most lucid and forcible manner explained many of the advantages of the Order; what manner of man a Mason should be; the care which ought to be exercised by the Lodge in the admission of members; also much useful information as to the working of the Lodge, &c. &c. The address was listened to by the brethren in breathless attention, and received with much applause.

A vote of thanks from the Lodge to Brother Simpson, and a attending from Brockville and Prescott, was unanimously passed, and the New Lodge was closed in due form.

We ought ere this to have acknowledged the politeness of Bro. J. W. A. R. Masson of this city, who, some weeks since, kindly sent

us for perusal "Morris' Code of Masonic Law," a work which should be in the hands of every craftsman desirous of making advancement in Masonic knowledge. Bro. Masson will please accept our thanks.

LIST OF OFFICERS,

- OF GOLDEN RULE LODGE, NO. 8, C. R.
- W. Bro. N. J. Martin..... W. M.
 - " E. B. Gustin..... P. M.
 - " W. B. Colby..... S. W.
 - " W. C. Copp..... J. W.
 - " J. P. Leo..... Chap.
 - " A. McD. Fairles..... Secy.
 - " F. Mack..... Treas.
 - " W. Farwell, Jr..... S. D.
 - " C. E. Stirus..... J. D.
 - " G. R. Holmes..... D. C.
 - " S. W. W. Green..... Stow.
 - " W. W. Jenness..... "
 - " H. S. Taylor..... J. G.
 - " Fred. Holmes..... Tyler.

GREAT WESTERN LODGE, NO. 23, C. R.

- G. Duncan..... W. M.
- T. Perkins..... P. M.
- J. Forbes..... S. W.
- T. N. Johnson..... J. W.
- W. B. Hiron..... Treas.
- Geo. Gilkes..... Secy.
- Rev. G. Elliot..... Chap.
- Geo. Shipley..... S. D.
- Geo. Grant..... J. D.
- W. D. Fraser..... M. of C.
- T. McElroy..... I. G.
- C. Vetter..... Tyler.

SHEFFORD LODGE, NO. 25, C. A. WATERLOO, C. E.

- H. L. Robinson..... P. M.
- M. Mitchell..... W. M.
- B. Savage..... S. W.
- G. C. Robinson..... J. W.
- J. Robinson..... Secy.
- D. Taylor..... Treas.
- A. B. Parmeled..... S. D.
- J. G. Whitcomb..... J. D.
- A. F. Lay..... J. G.
- V. Nutting..... Tyler.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 20, C. R.

- W. Bro. William G. Crawford... W. M.
- " John Finlayson McCuaig... P. M.
- " John Austin..... S. W.
- " David Macintosh, M. D... J. W.
- " Rev. George A. Bull,.... Chaplain.
- " Alfred Booker, Jun.,.... Treasurer.
- R. W. B. Thomas Bird Harris,.... Secretary.
- Bro. William Beatty,.... S. D.
- " Albert Drey,.... J. D.
- " William Tuton Thomas,.... M. of C.
- " Leopold Rosenband,.... Organist.
- " Henry J. Rowe,.... Steward.
- " William C. Armstrong,.... "
- " Samuel S. Rolls,.... Under G.
- " John Morrison,.... Tyler.