

Bro. Robt. H. Thomas, Librarian of the Grand Lodge of New York, is in want of Vol. 1 of the Craftsman, to complete a set. We regret we cannot supply Bro. Thomas with the volume he desires, but hope that some one of our readers may be in a position to do so. Bro. Thomas will gladly pay a fair price for the volume.

The funeral of our late Bro. Geo. Ritchie, a prominent merchant of Belleville, took place on the 8th inst., with Masonic honors. The brethren of that town turned out in large numbers to pay the last token of respect to their honored associate, as did also the citizens in general, amongst whom the deceased was equally well esteemed. Many of his brother merchants also showed their regard for Bro. Ritchie as a business man by closing their establishments during the passage of the funeral cortege.

R. A. MASONRY IN PETERBORO'.—At an Emergent Convocation of Corinthian Royal Arch Chapter, No. 36, G. R. C., held at the Chapter Room, George Street Peterborough, on Tuesday, April 24th, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year by R. E. Comp. J. H. Helm, G. Supt. Ont. District, (of Port Hope,) M. E. Comp. Chas. D. Macdonald, P. G. Z., and V. Ex. Comp. John O'Donnell, P. G. S., viz:—V. Ex. Comp. R. H. Green, Z; V. Ex. Comp. J. O'Donnell, P. Z.; Ex. Comp. H. Rush, H.; Ex. Comp. R. Elder, J.; Comp. W. Paterson, jr., S. E.; Comp. J. E. Hammond, S. N.; Comp. H. C. Winch, Treasurer; Comp. E. H. D. Hall, P. S.; Comp. Geo. Munro, S. S.; Comp. D. Cameron, J. S.; Comp. T. B. Collins, D. of C.; Comps. H. B. Merrick, Geo. L. Mitchell, G. L. Sheppie, and Dr. Harrison, M. of V.; Comp. R. E. Birdsall, S. B.; Comp. John Boyd, S. B.; Comps. D. A. Fleming and John Hull, Stewards; Comp. J. A. Jardine, Janitor. At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies, the Companions, with invited guests, adjourned to the Huffman House, where the Annual Banquet was held. The chair was occupied by V. E. Comp. R. H. Green, the newly installed First Principal, supported on the right by R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Helm, of Port Hope, Grand Superintendent of Ontario District, Comps. E. H. D. Hall, Merrick, Jardine, Hammond and others. On the left by V. Ex. Comp. J. O'Donnell, P. Z., P. G. S., Ex. Comp. Charles Doebler, of Port Hope, Comps. Winch, Reynolds, and others. Ex. Comp. H. Rush, occupied the Vice chair, supported by Comps. Dr. Harrison, of Keene, J. Hull, of Lakesfield, E. J. Rogers, W. Paterson, jr., and others. The very extensive bill of fare having been fully and satisfactorily discussed, the retiring S. E., Comp. E. H. D. Hall, read letters of apology for unavoidable absence from a number of distinguished brethren. The following toasts were then proposed by the chairman, "The Queen and the Craft." Song—"God Save the Queen." "H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of England." V. Ex. Comp. J. O'Donnell proposed the "M. Ex., the First Grand Principal, and the Grand Chapter of Canada." Responded to by R. E. Comp. J. H. Helm, G. Supt. Ont. Dist. The Vice-chairman proposed "The Past Grand Officers of Grand Chapter." Responded by V. E. Comp. O'Donnell, P. G. S. "Our Guests" was proposed in a brief speech by V. E. Comp. Jno. O'Donnell. Song: "The Men of Merry England," by Comp. McNeil. Ex. Comp. Chas. Doebler, of Port Hope, Comp. J. H. Holden, of Belleville, and Bro. Kolmer of Toronto, responded. "The Learned Professions" was proposed by Comp. John Hull. Comp. W. Reynolds sang, with splendid effect, "Tim Flaherty." Comp. E. H. D. Hall, responded. Comp. Dr. Harrison proposed the "Mercantile and Manufacturing Interests." Responded to by Comp. Hyman. "The Agricultural Interests" was responded to by Comps. Merrick, Hammond and Holden. Comp. J. Jardine proposed the "Ladies," Comp. E. J. Rogers responded. "The Press" was proposed by Comp. E. H. D. Hall. "The Host and Hostess;" also "The Health of the Peterborough Comps," having been proposed and duly honored, the J. W.'s toast was given by Ex. Comp. R. Elder. The entertainment was brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen." The speaking was practical, pointed and generally brief. Comps. McNeil, Reynolds, Winch, Mitchell and others, sang splendid songs during the evening. The spread was got up in Comp. Allan Huffman's best style, and was highly creditable to him and his house.

Masonry can only be said to be progressive when it moves on in advance of the morals and intelligence of the age, and directs the onward march of civilization.