

Masonic Notes.

Being in different sections of the country on Masonic business, we thought that a few notes of the condition of Masonry in the several parts would be of interest to the readers of the CRAFTSMAN, we therefore send our notes along. We begin our trip in the Ontario District, starting from your good town of Port Hope, in which place your lodges are in a flourishing condition, under the able guidance of R. W. Bro. J. Wright, and V. W. Bro. C. Doeblor, and also having for a considerable time the valuable services of the different Deputy Grand Masters of the District as residents of the town, so that, if anywhere, good work and true should be found here. By rail we go north to Millbrook, and find the J. B. Hall Lodge under the care of that old and well tried Mason, V. W. Bro. Dr. Might, who has a staff of efficient officers under him. The Lodge Room is neatly furnished, and everything is in good order. The CRAFTSMAN will get good support from this point; indeed, at Bethany, some seven miles from this, every Mason in the village became subscribers. We next reach Peterboro', and Masonry here has its interests cared for by two Lodges, Corinthian and Peterboro'. The Lodge Room is being thoroughly refitted—ceilings raised, and otherwise improved, so that it will be second to none in the Province. The CRAFTSMAN is getting fair support, but the hard times is rather against a successful canvass. At Peterboro' the higher orders of Masonry flourish under the able guidance of such brethren as R. W. Bros. C. D. Macdonnell, Dr. Kincaid, Clementi and others. But we hurry on to Lakefield, where Clementi Lodge flourishes. This is one of the model Lodges of the country in the rural sections, and all the members we meet are good men and true, and Masonry would take a still higher stand if all were like them. We were much pleased with our visit to the brethren here; and we fear not

for the success of Masonry in the hands of W. Bro. Seppi and his officers. We next reach Bobcaygeon, and were surprised to find so many members belonging to Verulam Lodge. We were pleased to see that they have a hall of their own, which is plainly but comfortably furnished. It is only one storey in height, but isolated, with care in its structure. The brethren showed us every attention, and we will long remember our visit to Bobcaygeon. By steam we arrive at Lindsay, where we find a most fraternal greeting from the officers and members of Faithful Brethren and King Hiram Lodges, the latter of which you had the honor to resuscitate. The work done here is good, and the two Lodges act most harmoniously. The Hall is a model of neatness and the jewels and furniture of the best description. We are indebted to the brethren for many courtesies shown us. We drove next to Cannington, and met Brock Lodge U. D. in session. Since its organization in January last, it has made rapid strides—almost too much work. The Hall is very neatly furnished and large, a better hall than many larger places have, chiefly through the exertions of the W. Master, Bro. Vardon. W. Bros. Milne and Wallace, of Lindsay, conferred the degrees. At Port Perry we meet the brethren of Prince Albert Lodge. The hall is good and fairly furnished. Before leaving the district for a short time, we cannot omit mentioning the very high manner in which the officers of the different Lodges spoke of the D. D. G. M. of Ontario District, R. W. Bro. E. Peplow, jr. We congratulate the District on the uniformity of the work, which is mainly due to the persevering and untiring energy given by him to the fulfilment of his duty. Long may he be seen in the same position, and we trust that he will be re-elected to fill it again. We are now in London, and have received a most hearty welcome from the officers and brethren of the six Lodges meeting