

GENERAL MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, will be held at Toronto, (Ont.,) on Wednesday, the 28th of September next.

This association, during the brief period of its existence, has been of incalculable benefit to the Craft in the United States and in Canada by detecting and exposing "tramps" and other like Masonic imposters and giving prompt and general information of all such to Masonic Boards of Relief and to Freemasons everywhere.

The Association will receive a hearty fraternal welcome at its forthcoming second annual assembly at Toronto, and we sincerely hope that all Masonic Boards of Relief in the Dominion will be represented thereat, that many other leaders of the Craft will also be present, and that there will be a large increase of Canadian membership. Of the officers, Bro. Martin Collins, of St. Louis, Mo., is President, Bro. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, is 2nd Vice-President, and Bro. D. F. Pennington, M.D., of Baltimore, Md., is Secretary.

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To the Editor of CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.

Last evening St. John's Church was filled with Masonic brethren, their wives, families and friends, to witness the marriage of W. Bro. John Piercy, of the firm of T. B. Pearson & Co., to Miss Henrietta R., daughter of Bro. Geo. Mesher, (St. John's Lodge, 1564, England). The bride looked superb in slate colored silk and was attended by Miss Whittaker, daughter of Bro. Wm. Whittaker, as bridesmaid, and who was dressed in

cream satin. The groom was ably supported by Bro. Geo. Russell, J. W., Victoria Columbia Lodge. The marriage was celebrated by the Rev. P. Jenus, and after the ceremony the register was signed by M. W. G. M. Bro. Milne and by G. P. Masters Bros. Brown and Dalby. Bro. Piercy has been a Mason but a few years, during which time he has risen to the highest position in the gift of his lodge, viz: that of Worshipful Master; he is the 2nd Principal in the Royal Arch Chapter, and was recently appointed G. S. D. at the last Grand Lodge Session. Quite a number of very handsome presents were made by the friends of the happy pair. The members of his Lodge and Chapter presented a unique walnut parlor suite and an oil painting of H. M. S. Triumph, elaborately framed and ornamented with Masonic emblems, on which the following inscription was engraved: "Presented by the Masonic Brethren of H. M. S. Triumph to W. M. Bro. John Piercy, on the occasion of his marriage, July 28th, 1887."

The installation of officers of Battle Lodge, No. 38, G. R. M., Battleford, N.W.T., took place on the 1st September, when the following were installed:—W. M., W. Bro. George Applegarth; S. W., Bro. Hugh Richardson; J. W., Bro. John Cotton; S. D., Bro. J. F. Pritchard; J. D., Bro. H. Nash; Chaplain, Bro. T. Clarke; Treasurer, Bro. J. Clinkskill; Secretary, Bro. H. McCleneghan; with Bros. Sykes, Nash and T. Clarke as G. P. Committee. This lodge is only one year old, and started with seven members. It now has thirty, with a capital of about \$600. It has a complete set of furniture, jewels, tools, &c., all new. Battle Lodge has a bright career before it, as may be gathered from the record of the past year. We wish it the most abundant success.