

RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE.

The order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, which had lately been introduced into this Dominion, and to which we referred in *THE CRAFTSMAN* of a previous number, is fast extending itself, and already we learn of Petitions having been sent to the Supreme Conclave in England from this City, Montreal and London, and that preparations are being inaugurated for opening Conclaves at Toronto, Kingston, Peterboro', Collingwood, and other places. We hope to be enabled in our next to give the names of the officers, and other particulars, in connection with this beautiful order.

THE *Halifax Citizen* furnishes the following particulars of a Masonic Festival at Goldenville, N. S.:—"On Friday evening, 11th Feb., the members of Queen's Lodge, Sherbrooke, and Hiram Lodge, Goldenville, with their lady friends and guests, numbering in all about 180 persons, sat down to an excellent supper in the large public Hall at Goldenville. The Hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the supper—prepared by Mr. Farington of the Blockville House,—excellent. The chair was occupied by Bro. McNab, W. M. of Hiram Lodge, ably supported by Bro. Stewart, S. W. of Queen's Lodge. The following toasts were given from the chair and heartily responded to:—*The Queen*,—Song, "God save the Queen." *Masonry throughout the world*,—Bro. Dr. A. Falconer, Hiram Lodge. *The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia*,—Bro. N. Snow, Grand Lecturer. *Our Sister Lodges*,—Bro. J. Pitblado, and song by choir. *Our absent Brethren*,—Bro. J. McMillan. *The Fair Daughters of Acadia*,—Bros. M. Sinclair, and J. C. Ains, Hiram Lodge. *Queen's Lodge*,—Bros. Stewart, and R. W. McDonald, Queen's Lodge. *Hiram Lodge*,—Bro. N. McLean, and the W. M. of Hiram Lodge. At the conclusion of the speeches, songs, &c., the tables were removed and dancing commenced, which was kept up with spirit until the 'we sma' hours,' when the company separated, after an evening of thorough enjoyment."

A SWINDLER.—The *N. Y. Tribune* gives the following warning:—"Some time ago David Reiss, a German, was expelled from a Masonic Lodge for improper conduct. Since then he has been engaged extensively in swindling Jewish Masons and others. His plan is to call on a business man, and present what purports to be an order from an acquaintance of the latter, asking for a loan, the amount ranging from \$10 to \$100. The standing of the person whose name is forged is so high, that the person called on never hesitates to furnish the money. One of the persons whose name he has forged to many of these requests for loans, is John A. Wurbstein, a well-known business man, and Master of Zerubbabel Lodge, F. A. M. The amount of Reiss's operations will reach thousands of dollars, and in many cases the victims can ill-afford to lose the money. Reiss is about 28 years of age, is slim built, of light complexion, a good talker, and of engaging manners. The police have been long on the lookout for the operator, but thus far without success."