

THE Cross is not distinctively a Christian symbol. It has been found on all the oldest remains of the works of man.

A MEETING of the joint committee appointed by the various Masonic lodges of Hamilton, in response to a request by the managers of the Queen's Jubilee celebration, was held on the 3rd ult. After due consideration it was deemed inexpedient for the Order, as such, to participate in the procession. At the same time the fraternity wished every success to the celebration. Hundreds of their number doubtless took part in it as members of the volunteer force, as school trustees, aldermen and members of other public bodies. This was a wise decision, and the only one open to the meeting.

MASONRY IN SCOTLAND.—Candidates in Scotland may be initiated into Masonry at eighteen years of age, and for not less than £1 12s. 6d., including fees for registration and diploma (11s 6d.). This is an exceedingly low sum, and I feel assured should be raised to *two guineas* as the minimum, exclusive of the foregoing fees; better even to be inclusive than as now. There are, of course, reasons, good and sufficient, why the *minimum* should be less than that of England (five guineas), but none to my mind are strong enough to prove the wisdom of so insignificant a sum as £1 11s. 6d., which, as it includes the fees payable to Grand Lodge, simply leaves the Lodge with *one guinea*, and, as a rule, no subscriptions to be levied. Be it remembered also that the fee includes the *Mark Degree!*

W. J. HUGHAN.

ON Wednesday evening, 1st ult., the Brantford Masonic Lodges were honored by a visit from eminent brethren of the craft from Hamilton and other places, and the city brethren put their best foot forward to do honor to the distinguished visitors. The Lodges were very prettily and tastefully decorated and the members of Doric and Brant Lodges were out in full force. After the opening formalities, the visitors were received by W. Bro. Dr. Secord and the officers of Doric Lodge, W. Bros. H. Howell and B. H. Rothwell being Directors of Ceremonies. Among the eminent visitors present were M. W. Past Grand Master Hugh Murray, Hamilton; M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, P. G. M., Preston; R. W. Bro. W. Kerns, M. P. P., D. D. G. M., Eighth Masonic District, Burlington; R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler, D. D. G. M., Sixth Masonic District, Ingersoll; R. W. Bro. E. H. Long, P. G. R., Waterford; R. W. Bros. Richard Bull, Gavin Stewart, D. McPhie and Geo. Russell, and others, principally from Barton Lodge, Hamilton; V. W. Bro. Dr. E. E. Kitchen, W. Bros. Fred Miles and W. G. Nellis, and a large number of brethren from Burford and other Lodges. After remarks from M. W. Bros. Murray and Klotz, R. W. Bro. Kerns and W. Bro. Hoodless, acknowledging the welcome extended by W. Bro. Dr. Secord, on behalf of the Brantford Lodges, the business of the evening was proceeded with.

V. E. COMP. JOHN S. DEWAR, of London, has been appointed the Representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire near the Grand Chapter of Canada. The appointment is an excellent one.