

Canadian Masonic News.

INTEMPERANCE is the enemy of every virtue which Masonry inculcates.

HELD OVER.—A communication from "A Member of Grand Lodge," also one from "Senior Warden," and other interesting matter are held over until next month.

THE corner stone of a new church was laid at Brighton on Wednesday, 10th inst., by M. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. A full report in our next issue.

LABORING under the impression that six numbers constituted a volume of THE CRAFTSMAN, we changed the number and volume in July, but having discovered our error it will be observed we have corrected it in this issue.

WE are glad to learn that our R.E. Comp. David McLellan, of Hamilton, has been appointed the representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania near the Grand Chapter of Canada—his credentials having been but lately received.

IMPROVED.—The Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, Toronto, has been much improved lately, needed repairs having been made to the building and furniture. It is now probably the best fitted hall belonging to any society in the Dominion.

It is our painful duty to have to record the sudden death, on the 20th September, of the Rev. Canon James A. Preston, Rector of Cornwall, and P. G. C. of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Our late reverend brother had been attending as a delegate at the Provincial Synod held in Montreal, and was returning home, when he was taken suddenly ill on the train, and expired in a few minutes. Our deceased brother was earnest and zealous in the duties of his profession, and was universally loved and respected. He leaves a wife and six children.

THE funeral of our late Bro. James Nesbitt took place at Fredricton, N.B., on the 30th ult., the Craft of the city turning out in large force on the mournful occasion, did also the citizens generally, the deceased having been held by all in high esteem. At the grave the Rev. Dr. Brooke officiated; A. F. Street, Esq., W. M., and Rev. G. M. Campbell led the Masonic service.

OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE CRAFTSMAN.—We beg to call the attention of our Canadian brethren to the following extract from the address of the M. W. Grand Master delivered at the recent meeting of Grand Lodge of Canada at St. Catharines:—

"The importance of having amongst the press an exponent of the views and objects of our Order, will perhaps justify me in calling your attention to the claims of THE CRAFTSMAN upon all Freemasons within this jurisdiction. At considerable outlay, the new proprietor has improved the usefulness of this organ for the dissemination amongst our members of such information respecting Masonic matters as may properly be made known through such a medium. I therefore most cordially commend THE CRAFTSMAN to your support."

MASONIC PICNIC AT CAMPBELLTON.—The Masonic picnic held at Campbellton, N.B., recently, came off with great eclat, and brought together a large number of persons from different parts of the country, as well as from Bathurst and Miramichi. The day was fine, and those of the party who had not before seen the unrivalled scenery of the Restigouche witnessed it in its most enchanting aspect. On the summit of a hill in the rear of the town a floor had been laid, and here dancing was kept up by the younger folks till the stars began to twinkle. The games, consisting of jumping, running, throwing the hammer, &c., were entered into with much spirit by the more athletic portion of the crowd, and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. In the evening, a ball given under the auspices of the Masons, in the Temperance Hall, was largely attended.