

have before them a long and prosperous career." In which latter sentiment, the Canadian Craft heartily unite.

PRESENTATION.—The Ill. Knights of Myrtle Rose Croix Chapter, 18°, No. 5, last month presented Rt. Ill. Bro. L. H. Henderson, 95°, Provincial Grand Master of Central Ontario of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Egyptian Rite of Memphis, 96°, with a magnificent gilt-mounted sword, with suitable engraving. A very pleasant evening was spent, and suitable speeches made. Rt. Ill. Bro. J. Parker Thomas, 95°, Grand Orator, and Rt. Ill. Bro. W. C. Clark, LL.D., Grand Prelate, were particularly happy in their remarks. A large number of members of the Memphis Rite were present.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia in 1851 adopted the following rule:—"Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the imperative duty of the Master of each subordinate lodge within this jurisdiction, immediately upon the death of a regular member of the same in good standing, to have a record made of said death upon the Record Book of his lodge, and report the same to the Grand Secretary, who shall thereupon transmit to the Master of said lodge a Grand Lodge Diploma, filled up with the name of the deceased brother, free of expense, for the benefit of the widow and orphans or either." The "Masonic Review" also says the Grand Lodge of Tennessee has a similar rule.

Bro. John W. Simons argues:—"One of the best means of accomplishing our aims and making known

our principles is through the medium of public installations and other gatherings of the Craft, where the families and friends of the brethren being present, may learn to some extent what Masonry is, and the work it proposes to do. We inaugurated the custom in 1844 in the lodge of which we were then Master—probably the first of such meetings, at least since the close of the Morgan excitement, and we have attended hundreds more since that time, and we declare our sincere belief that with the aid of the press they have been largely instrumental in conciliating public esteem and helping the institution to win its present exalted position."

The "Keystone" says under heading of "Knights of Birmingham":—"This beneficial organization, so very popular among the Freemasons of Philadelphia, is constantly increasing in numbers, and the relief it has afforded to the families of deceased brethren is probably unknown to a large number of our readers and to the fraternity at large. There are in Philadelphia eleven lodges, one in Bristol, one in Chester, all under one Grand Lodge. The amount paid at the death of a member is one thousand dollars, thus making the assessments light and easily borne by all. On Saturday last five hundred members of the K. B. with a full brass band left the city for Reading to establish Lodge 14 in that city." We should like to secure a copy of the constitution of this Order.

THE Masons of the Province of Oxfordshire, of which H. R. H. the Duke of Albany is Provincial Grand Master, presented him with a mag-