

CRYPTIC MASONRY, ETC.

We are delighted to learn that a small volume from the able pen of R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, on the history of Cryptic Masonry in Canada, is shortly to be published.

We trust that a new era is about to dawn on this beautiful and instructive Rite, in the Dominion.

Could not Bro. Robertson be prevailed upon to write the history of Craft Masonry in Ontario? and could not M. W. Bro. Graham be induced to do the same for Quebec, and have the great honor of chronicling in the last chapter the final adjustment of the present unhappy interjurisdictional differences between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and England?

Bro. Brennan of Ohio! has given a very complete history of the Craft in the Maritime Provinces in the last edition of his translation of Bro. Rebold's General History of Freemasonry.

The fact is, that steps should at once be taken, and the necessary efforts ought immediately to be put forth to have a complete history of every Masonic Rite in the Dominion from the earliest times. Cannot Grand Lodges and all other Grand Bodies aid by making reasonable appropriations therefor? Let such be done forthwith. We have the materials, the means, and the men.

The *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, Ohio, (68th year) is not only the oldest but one of the best of our exchanges, for "Masonic students" and Craftsmen in general.

A DISTINGUISHED HONOR!

We learn from ocular proof that a Romanist Jesuit, passing under the assumed name of Jean D' Arbray, has been critically examining the published annual addresses of Past Grand Master Graham and others, and studying the reports of the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and has written and published a small volume on the subject in the French language, for the private use of Romanist ecclesiastical officials in the Province of Quebec and elsewhere!

We understand that the book was duly submitted to, and received the approval of the Propaganda at Rome, and has been placed in the hands of those for whom it was intended.

The perusal of a copy was obtained through the courtesy of a friend who somehow got possession of it. Can anyone get us a copy?

The author specially notes the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec,—comments on the growth and extension of Freemasonry amongst the English-speaking people of the Province,—gives special prominence to the vigorous efforts put forth and the advice given to the Craft to take Masonic possession of the whole of the unoccupied sections of Quebec,—notes by name, all the Lodges, some of whose members are supposed to be professed Catholics, &c., &c., and closes with one of the usual exposes of the "diabolical" system of Freemasonry!!!

Dr. Graham having examined the work,—remarked that he could not complain of the general correctness of the translation of the several para-