

CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

The Masonic column in the *Mail* advocates the idea of Treasurers of all secret organizations banking the funds at once—keeping, in fact, a regular bank account. Of course, they should.

Bro. Robert Ramsay has been awarded the medal for literary merit by the Sovereign Sanctuary of England. If we mistake not, the same honor was recently conferred upon Findel, the great German Masonic authority.

The Montreal *Post* editorially declares that the Orangemen of the Province of Quebec at one time called themselves Freemasons, in order to avoid the act against "Secret Societies." We presume the story is a canard.

The lately appointed Manager of the Bank of British North America, Kingston, V. W. Bro. D. Robertson, three years W. M., of St. John's Lodge, No. 2, Register N. Scotia, was also Senior Grand Deacon of the above Grand Lodge.

W. BRO. CHAS. P. SPARLING, P. M. of Alpha Lodge, No. 304, G. R. C., Parkdale, has recently issued what he calls a "Musical Ritual," for use in lodges, which fills a want long felt. It contains Odes for opening and closing, and also suitable pieces for use during the ceremonies of the three degrees. We cordially recommend the "Musical Ritual," and trust it will have a large sale.

Our thanks are due to the Secretary of St. James' Lodge, No. 73, G. R. C., for copy of a sermon on "The Hearing Ear," delivered before that body at St. James' Church, St. Marys, on Jan. 7, 1883, by our Brother, the Rev. J. T. Wright, Incumbent of St. James' Church. The brethren did well in securing so able a brother to deliver so instructive an address.

Bro. Lilley & Co.'s Masonic Charts are the best published, and as the price is really nominal—only fourteen dollars, we advise every lodge that wishes to keep pace with the age to remit the amount to this enterprising firm. These brethren have also a large selection of lodge, chapter, and preceptory furniture, etc. Address Bro. Lilley & Co., Columbus, Ohio.

An exchange publishes a curious spiritualist communication said to have been received through a mechanical medium by Bro. W. B. Lord, a leading spiritualist in Utica, N. Y., from Hiram Abiff. The article in question is well worthy of perusal, and to those who believe in spiritual manifestations particularly interesting. For ourselves we may say we do not take much stock in it.

In the Masonic column of the London *Free Press*, we find the editor has fallen into a mistake about a case we referred to regarding "frivolous Masonic charges." We have not heard even of the one to which he alludes, and have no sympathy with white-washing anybody. We can assure our friend and brother that the one to which we had reference was apparently of a very different character to his little one. Ours was, in one instance, made out of whole cloth. Enough said.

The Grand Mark Lodge of England, by appointing a district grand superintendent within the territorial jurisdiction of a grand body with which it is on friendly terms, has wantonly insulted every Royal Arch Mason in Canada, and it is to be regretted that Col. Hutton, the Supreme Grand Commander of the A. & A. Rite, could have countenanced such a flagrant breach of Masonic etiquette.—*Mail*.

Every Mason should purchase Bro. Rob. Morris' latest work, being a compilation of all that he could find relative to William Morgan, his life