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"IN HOC SIGNO VINCES."

One lovely morning in June, several years ago, a lady and two gentlemen, with servants and guide, were riding along the road leading from Athens to Corinth, in Greece. The lady was young and very beautiful, her rich, dark habit adding very much to her slender, graceful form. The elder of the gentlemen was her father, the Earl of Lorne, and the other her betrothed, the young Marquis of Kingsley. They were all from England, and were enjoying their holiday abroad to the utmost. The rest of the party had remained at Magara, a picturesque place a few miles back; some too timid to venture on a road so famous in history as the stronghold of the banditti, and others having no desire to see the city of Corinth.

But not so with the Lady Rose. It was the greatest wish of her heart to visit Corinth, or to express it more plainly, to pass over the banditti territory. Her slightest wish was law to her father, as she was his only child, and her lover was only too eager to accompany her.

"Rose," said the Earl of Lorne, checking his horse, while a look of pain passed over his face, "I am afraid we will have to turn back, much as I dislike disappointing you. I feel one of my nervous headaches coming on, and it would be folly for me to try and reach Corinth."

"Oh, father, I am so sorry!" cried

Rose, riding close to her father's side, "but if you feel badly, we must return immediately."

"I think I can arrange it, Lady Rose, if you will trust yourself in my care," said Harry Kingsley. "Your father can take his servants and ride back; there is surely no danger, and you and I can go on to Corinth. We can reach the city about mid-day, and return in the morning. What do you think of it, Earl?"

"Ah, Harry, my boy, that is the very thing," replied the Earl of Lorne. "I do not think that there is any danger at this time. Very little has been heard of the banditti for several months. And then, Rose, you will not be disappointed."

"Oh, father, that will be grand! Harry will take care of me I know. This will be a rare opportunity to test his devotion, before I give myself up entirely to his keeping. I can almost see just how some of our party will draw down the corners of their dainty mouths, and arch their eyebrows, when you tell them that Harry and I have gone to Corinth alone. How careless I am. I have lost my scarf-pin. Father, let me have the pin on your coat. I know it is your Masonic badge, but I will be more watchful and return it to-morrow."

"All right, my child, it may be of service to you. I have heard that some of the leaders of this banditti

have been Masons in former days, when they were better men."

And the Earl bent over and fastened the pin on his daughter's scarf, then kissing her, and bowing to Harry, with a last word of caution, he turned his horse and rode back towards Magara.

Harry and Rose rode on in silence for some time. Rose had been watching the guide for a few moments and thought that she could note a frown of displeasure on his dark face when her father turned back.

"Harry," said Rose thoughtfully, "I do not like our guide. He has an evil eye. I have a strong conviction that it would have been better had we turned back with father."

"There is no danger, Rose. It is a characteristic of the Greek guide to have an evil eye; but I agree with you fully, that our guide is not a being calculated by nature to inspire child-like faith and confidence."

"Yes, Harry, but that is not all. He seems to be looking for some one, don't you think so?"

"Why, of course he is, Rose," said Harry, with a merry laugh. "It is his business to be watchful and ready to warn us at the first approach of danger."

The actions of the guide were certainly calculated to arouse suspicion. He was gazing into the recesses of the wood that bordered the road, with a keenness and eagerness that were unmistakable.

"This is a lonely place," said Rose, with a shudder of dread. "I do not believe there is a house within a distance of miles. Oh, Harry, let us turn back, I feel it is rash to go on."

"As you will, darling, I would not lead you into danger for my life," said Harry tenderly.

They halted, and Harry called to the guide, and acquainted him with their determination to return to Magara, but just at that moment, a sudden, sharp whistle coming from a thicket near at hand cleft the air like a knife."

Harry and Rose turned instinctively to fly, their servants acting with them, but it was too late. A dozen men in picturesque garb, led by their chief, a tall, handsome man, burst out upon them from behind bushes and rocks effectually cutting off their advance or retreat. The strangers were evidently brigands, all were armed and presented revolvers covering the persons of the travellers.

"Surrender, my lord, it is useless to resist," said the chief in a pleasant voice, "we do not seek your life. You are safe so long as you are quiet."

Harry was brave, but he saw at a glance that resistance was worse than useless, and his hand, that at the first alarm had sought his trusty revolver, returned to his side.

"It is well, my lord, follow me," said the chief with a smile and a bow.

Harry turned to Rose with a look of distress upon his handsome face.

"Forgive me, Rose, for being so indiscreet as to bring you to this. I care not for myself; it is you, darling, that I fear for."

"Not so, Harry, no one is to blame but myself. I do not think the chief intends to harm us. It is only an arrest for money," said Rose.

"My lady, and my lord, allow me to conduct you to my humble retreat," said the chief, with a look of deep admiration toward Rose. "It has been honored by the presence of many a fair one, but by my soul, such rare beauty as this my eyes never rested upon before. Forward, my boys!"

The chief laid his hand gently upon the rein of Rose's horse, while the lieutenant took Harry in charge. The rest of the brigands surrounded the servants, and soon they were in motion. The cavalcade went rapidly on for perhaps an hour, then a halt was made, and each prisoner was blindfolded, and after a tedious march of another hour, the final halt was made at the entrance to a large cavern. The bandages were removed from their eyes, and dismounting, they were led into a spacious cave. The

chief then conducted Harry and Rose into a second cave, fitted up with all the taste and elegance of a millionaire's drawing room. Silken couches of crimson satin, easy chairs, tempting the beholder with their soft curves and hollows—silken hangings upon the rocky walls of the same warm crimson, and rugs of velvet, whose rarely brilliant blossoms seemed too lifelike to be trodden under foot—formed a picture of oriental magnificence.

Harry noted not the splendor, for his heart was filled with alarm at the admiring glances the chief cast upon Rose, and with flashing eyes, and haughty mien, he exclaimed :

"Sir, this thing has gone far enough. What is your desire with us? Are we to be held for ransom, and what are your modest demands?"

"Ah, the young eagle grows restless, I see," replied the chief. "Allow me to explain. I hold you at a ransom of five thousand pounds. But, by my life, there isn't money enough in Greece to ransom this lady. She shall be the banditti queen, the light of my life, the bride of Genarro, the chief of the bandits."

At the fearful words of the chief, Harry stood as though turned to stone. He realized fully all the shame and disgrace that was reserved for Rose as the banditti's favorite, and felt how utterly powerless he was to defend her.

"Oh, sir, take back those cruel words!" cried Rose, springing forward and clasping her hands in agony. "I am already betrothed, I cannot be your bride."

"Cannot, lady? Know you not, that to Genarro, the chief, there is no such word? My wish is law here; were you ten times betrothed, I would make you mine."

"Villain, are you man or fiend," exclaimed Harry, clasping Rose in his arms. "She is mine, you dare not do this wrong. Take my life, if you will, but do no harm to the Lady of Lorne. It were far better had you died in your infancy."

"Ah, I begin to see how the land

lics," replied the chief, with a hard, cruel smile. "But, my boasting friend, you shall be my guest long enough to see your lady-love mine. Do you understand, my lord, mine, body and soul! Come my queen."

Rose sprang away from Harry and fell at the feet of the chief, crying out in her anguish :

"Oh, sir, take my life, let me die, but I cannot be your bride!"

The chief threw one arm around her slender form and raised her to her feet, and as she sought to free herself from his embrace, the little pin that held her scarf caught on his sleeve and became unfastened, and fell in his hand.

The chief turned it over and read the inscription: "In Hoc Signo Vinces," while wave after wave of crimson swept over his dark face. He forgot the lady—forgot all save the little trinket that was so meaningless to some, but so significant to him. Harry saw the change, and a ray of hope came to his troubled soul. Rose too saw and remembered her father's words. She waited a moment, then said in her low, sweet voice :

"Sir, the badge belongs to my father, and does it not remind you of some duty toward his daughter?"

"Yes, lady," said the chief sadly, "it reminds me of the lost dream of my manhood—the one link left between Genarro the bandit and Genarro Rocco of other days. Fear not, you are as safe as though you were my sister. I dare not harm the daughter of my brother, although I have forfeited my right to be called a Mason. Rest in peace, lady, with the banditti chief to-night, and to-morrow you shall return to your father unharmed, and your lover also."

And on the morrow, Lady Rose and Harry were blind-folded and taken back to the place of their capture, and as Rose had no further desire to visit Corinth, they turned their horses' heads toward Magara, and were soon relating their interesting adventure

with Genarro, the bandit chief, to their eager, listening friends.

The Earl of Lorne took the little piece of gold in his hand that had been so instrumental in saving his child, and as he read the inscription he said reverently, "by this sign thou shalt conquer."—*Masonic Review*.

Pay the Craft their Wages.

Every Freemason expects, and is entitled to receive, wages. He is a laborer, and is worthy of his hire. This is a landmark. Our speculative science is founded upon the operative art, and as King Solomon's Temple-builders received wages, so the speculative Masons of to-day are analogously entitled to receive them. They were paid in shekels, or in Corn, Wine and Oil; we are paid in the virgin gold of Divine Truth. Such of the ancient Fellowcrafts as worked in the quarries, and possessed a "mark," received (according to tradition) half a shekel a day, while the Fellowcrafts who were hewers in the mountains, were paid in Corn, Wine and Oil, according to the stipulation of King Solomon with Hiram, King of Tyre: "And behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, 20,000 measures of beaten wheat, and 20,000 measures of barley, and 20,000 baths of wine, and 20,000 baths of oil (2 *Chronicles ii. 10*). We may here observe, that it is curious to note that Luithpraud, the Longorbardic ruler, in the year 729 by his rescripts recognized the corporation of artificers of Lombardy, and regulated their wages likewise in Corn, Wine and Oil (Fort's Early History, p. 404). The majority of the old MS. Constitutions of the Freemasons also contain regulations with reference to the wages of the Brethren. For example: The Wilson MS., of the sixteenth century, provides, that they should receive "2 shillings a weeke, and III pence to their cheare" (Kenning's Cyclopaedia, p. 632). According to the Statute of Laborers in

1350, a Master Freemason received four pence a day. By a statute of Charles II., in 1610, a Freemason who could draw his own plans received 8d. a day with meat and drink, or 12d. ∇ nout, and the wages were usually paid at sunset by the Warden, in the Lodge (Fort's History, p. 293). Since Freemasons have ceased to be operative builders, and labor exclusively on the spiritual Temple not made with hands, they no longer receive either shekels or shillings, or Corn, Wine and Oil, but "their wages are the receipt of Divine Truth" Mackenzie's Cyclopaedia, p. 762). To elucidate the character of this Truth, we shall now address our effort.

In modern, as in mediæval times, the Warden is the paymaster—he assumes to "pay the Craft their wages, if any be due." But he is only the representative of the Master, who, after all, is responsible for the payment of wages. He dispenses the "Divine Truth," or hoards it, or—has none to dispense, which is sometimes the case.

When "the work goes bravely on" (to use a Shakespearean, as well as a Masonic phrase), there is no trouble about wages. The Craftsman collects for himself, without trouble. He that hath eyes to see, let him see, and he that hath ears to hear, let him hear. If there be work, whoever is present can both see it and hear it, and receives his wages, not in his hand, but in his mind. Just as "an honest man's the noblest work of God," so an honestly made, that is well made, Mason, is the noblest work of a W. M. *Whenever a Master does his work well, he pays his fellow Craftsmen their wages.* An installment of Divine Truth is lodged permanently in their minds. But when the Lodge has no work, or none but "the frivolous work of polished idleness," then the Craftsmen are defrauded of their lawful dues. It may be, as Charles Lamb once said, that "Sabbathless Satan invented work," but work is

now a necessity of life—we *must* work, or else take the downward track through life, and shortly go, *without chart or charter*, to the undiscovered country.

We are now at the beginning of a new year—an excellent season for Masters of Lodges to consider the subject of wages. Their Brother Craftsmen are in their hands—Masters may either withhold, or pay them, wages. If they resemble King Solomon in deed as well as in name, they will always give their fellow members the symbolical Corn, Wine and Oil—that is their just dues.

But suppose there be no work?—no material offering to be built into the spiritual Temple? It is not therefore necessary to open and close in the same half-hour. A Masonic meeting is a somewhat costly proceeding. The rent must be paid in shekels, whether the meeting lasts five minutes or five hours; the material shekels must be paid, whether the spiritual shekels are received or not. Therefore it is becoming that the evening should be used, not abused—that is wasted and thrown away. No Masonic meeting should last for a period less than from one to two hours. When there is no Work, then the Master has an opportunity to disclose to his Brethren whether he really is a Master, or only an apprentice occupying the Master's chair; whether he has any resources, or is only capable of going in a routine or rut. There are a score of methods by means of which the W. M. may interest and instruct the Brethren—that is, pay the Craft their wages. We will enumerate a few: Rehearse and illustrate the Work; explain the symbolism of the Craft; invite a competent and authorized Brother to deliver a lecture before your Lodge; exemplify an examination in open Lodge; propose some Masonic subject of discussion, and appoint several of the members to open the debate; collect funds for a frugal supper, and then go from Labor to Refreshment, open a Table Lodge, and indulge in sentiment,

speech and song; in fine, do anything (that is Masonic) rather than send your members empty away. All Freemasons when they go to Lodge are anxious to receive the Corn of plenty, the Wine of Refreshment, and the Oil of joy, and if they do not receive their lawful wages *they will cease to come*. Therefore we urge upon W. M.'s to pay the Craft their wages, without any if or but, for these wages always are due.

One of the old charges made against the Craft by its profane enemies was, that Freemasons "raised the devil in a circle." That indeed was a fearful charge, but not a great deal worse than the charge of Lodge suicide, that might be justly brought against the officers of a Lodge who do nothing to keep it alive, and everything to kill it. It might be better to raise the devil, than nothing—provided you could lay him again.—*Keystone*.

A Welcome to Strangers.

When a Brother seeks to visit a Masonic Lodge the way should be made easy and pleasant to him, and so soon as his Masonic character becomes sufficiently authenticated he should be welcomed as is the stranger guest in the well ordered home. The compliments of civility, the courteous attentions of thoughtful regard do not cost much, but they will touch the heart of a Brother who finds himself among strangers, and attract him most powerfully to the organization which thus illustrates the grace of hospitality. A visitor who is received as though he was a friend—who is treated as though he was welcome in the Lodge—will think more of Masonry from that time forward, and will better appreciate the meaning of the word Brotherhood. And the Lodge that accords this reception to the stranger within its gates will not only put itself on the ground which the courteous host should always occupy, but it will dignify itself by such kind attentions

to the visitor, and will show forth the spirit that is inseparable from genuine Masonry.

That visitors are treated differently in different localities is evident to all who have experience in this respect. It depends upon the place and the surroundings—upon the character of the men that make up the Body, and, especially, upon the kind of man that sits in the Master's chair—as to what the treatment of visitors will be. In some places an applying visitor is looked upon as an intruder; at the best he is merely tolerated. He is allowed to stand around in the ante-room, or find a seat for himself as best he may. Only by asking questions can he acquire any information that he would like to obtain. Not the slightest interest is shown in him, and very likely he is kept waiting a considerable time after his application is sent into the Lodge before the examining committee waits upon him. Then, perhaps, he is treated as though he was an impostor, examined at great length by a committee who desire to show their own smartness? and finally, very likely just as the Lodge is closing, he is introduced within the Body in a sort of informal manner to be left quite to himself for the remainder of the evening. This kind of an ordeal is not much relished by a Brother of sensitive feelings, and therefore it is that the practice of visiting seems going out of vogue, except when the visitor is personally known to some member or members of the Body into which admission for an evening is desired.

There are Lodges, however, that have a well deserved reputation for their courteous and friendly attentions to strangers. We recall a visit made to a lodge in a foreign jurisdiction. We were far away from home and had no friends to introduce us to the Lodge we desired to visit. With some effort we mustered sufficient courage to approach the ante-room where we were at once accosted in a kindly way by an officer in charge

who invited us to the "strangers' room," an apartment well lighted and warmed, hung about with several fine pictures, and having a goodly number of recent Masonic publications on one of its tables. The attendant took our card and soon returned with two brothers who greeted us with cordiality, and announced that they waited on us as the examining committee of the Lodge. They looked at our certificate of Masonic good standing, asked a few test questions in the most quiet and affable manner, and then, having furnished us with proper clothing, they conducted us into open Lodge and presented us to the Master, from whom we received a word of gracious welcome while he commended the stranger visitor to the kindly offices of the Brethren present. Nor was this the end; for later in the evening we received the greetings of many who were present, while especial pains were taken to show the manner of work and management in this Lodge so distant from our own Masonic home. A stranger in a strange land, we yet felt we were among Brethren and friends that night; and the remembrance of the hours thus passed lingers in our soul even now a most inviting memory.

It has well been said that "the small courtesies sweeten life, and the greater ennoble it." The genius of Masonry calls for the practice of both the lesser and the greater, and this in respect to all classes and conditions of men. Let affability and kindness be shown even to the stranger and the sojourner, that so the noble character of our great Fraternity may be made evident, while its blessed influence shall be more widely extended.—*Repository*.

Is Masonry Progressing.

No doubt many on reading this question—Is Masonry progressing?—will at once, and without any thought exclaim, it is! Look round,

they will say, and see the numbers of new Lodges that are springing up everywhere, and the vast armies of intrants that are being added every year to the Grand Lodge Muster Rolls. True! Most true! In that sense of the word Masonry may be said to be driving a roaring trade. It is fashionable, and a Mason is not the exception anywhere, but the non-Mason. Yet with all this we cannot say that we consider Masonry is progressing as thoroughly as our good friends and Brothers believe. Listen to what a correspondent in the *Masonic Herald* of Calcutta, says:—"Freemasonry, I regret to say, is not the same as it was thirty years ago. It is getting worse and worse daily. We must have all to work jointly and zealously together, else our labor will be in vain. We have a large number of Lodges, but are they flourishing? No! Are all the members punctual in their attendance? No! Are the principles of the Craft, as enunciated, carried out? No! Are there Committees formed to visit the sick, to assist the poor, to represent the wants of the needy? No! Are there lectures delivered, and instruction imparted, to qualify the younger Brethren? No! Nothing of the kind! Independently of a pervading apathy, the want of these has created a diffidence in the young, and they are indifferent to their own Lodges, and backward to attend others, lest they should be asked to prepare a candidate, or take an office. These, as will be seen, are drawbacks, and until got over, the hope of success must be distant. We fear there is a great deal of truth in what we have just quoted. Numbers are enrolling their names upon our books, but comparatively few are bringing their hearts into the Order. This seeming prosperity is beginning to undermine our very foundations. The principles of morality, virtue, and truth, are being neglected, and a spurious convivialism is taking their place. Lodges are not as a rule flourishing in the true sense of the

word. They spring up, and, for a time, like the seed sown by the way side, look green and prosper. But their members cease attending meetings and qualifying themselves for office, and, as their old rulers die out, there are none to take their place. And of these original rulers, too, can it be said that they knew and did their duty? We fear not! else there would have been plenty to succeed them; the attendance of members would not have slackened; and the Lodge would have continued to flourish. Of late years, since the tide of fashion has poured such a flood of intrants into our Order, the attention to things Masonic has been relaxed. Instead of each Candidate's character being thoroughly enquired into, there is little or no examination at all. Instead of being obligated separately, to save time or trouble, many are now being admitted at the same time. Lectures have been omitted, and even the ordinary instruction of the Apprentice and Fellow Craft has been often dispensed with. Nay, more! Even the ceremonies themselves have been curtailed, and the three Degrees conferred on the same people in one night. The Ashlars have not been squared and fitted to their places in the building, with imperishable cement, but unhewn and uncared for, have been huddled upon the walls to be held together only by untempered mortar. Do not think we are croaking, Brethren, or crying wolf, when there is no wolf. There are many that know we are speaking the truth, and that not before it is wanted. The evil is not yet irremediable, but if we permit it to continue, we may shortly see our walls crumbling before our eyes. Like other builders, we have been scamping our work, and when the storms and frosts of winter come upon us, our work will be sorely tested. Let us remember then, "that the strength of the whole is the strength of the weakest part."

Nothing tries an institution more than seeming prosperity. The vigil-

ance care exercised by all members when in difficulties is relaxed when matters take a prosperous turn. When Masonry was sneered at and disregarded by the world at large, only those enlightened and large-hearted individuals who stood shoulder to shoulder in all difficulties, and raised it to its present high repute, sought admission to its ranks. Then, though the members were much fewer, there was greater cohesion, and more thirst for light: then were originated the Grand Charitable Institutions that throw a lustre upon the Order. It may be said, and truly, that never were larger sums lavished on these institutions than now; to this we agree. But, if we analyse these donations year by year, we find the same names upon the lists; it is the same devoted band of Brothers and Lodges to whom this is due. If every Brother of the Order, and every Lodge did their duty, how much more might be done.

Let us then look to ourselves and strive to make up for our shortcomings. What our duty is, is evident. We must pull down and rebuild our scamped work. All bad material must be rejected, and every ashlar carefully wrought and squared and cemented with the purest and best mortar. In a word, we must admit none but the good and true, the sober and the moral man; he must be duly instructed in our principles and teachings; no explanation must be omitted to make him truly bright, and to encourage him in his devotion to what he has undertaken; we must make our Lodge meeting attractive, and increase the attendance of members; and above all we must infuse into the hearts of all our votaries the spirit of charity. Uc amittees must be formed to visit the sick, to assist the poor, and to represent the wants of the needy. This is no idle injunction. We must go to work with a will to found Masonic Charitable Institutions, and to build "Homes" for our orphans, widows, aged and distressed brethren.

We must cultivate the true spirit of brotherly love amongst ourselves and with our neighbors, being slow to give and to take offence one with another, and, if, perchance, disputes have arisen between us and other jurisdictions, we must ask others to undertake the task of mediators between ourselves and our opponents. "Then, and then only, will Masonry truly prosper in our midst. Then, and then only, will Masonry, as practiced by us, be progressing."—*Scottish Freemason.*

Masonic Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

"Rattle his bones over the stones,
He's only a pauper that nobody owns."

Right glad am I to see such brethren as R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz come to the front anent the non-payment of dues; more especially when I see that he and I are as one on the main issue, and I trust that when we get the remainder of his paper on the subject it will be found that we agree also on minor points. To me, Masonry has always been an institution of sentiment, *i.e.*, feeling. Divest it absolutely of the sentiment, Brotherly love, and you remove a great part of its charm—the desire to be useful to your fellow man. It may not be inappropriate to ask here, what there is in Masonry worth a button outside the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man? I can hardly bring myself to see that the comparison of Masonry to a Mutual Insurance Co. is a fair one in the discussion of the subject under consideration. Sunk and degraded as Masonry is, even in lodges where it requires two or three black-balls to exclude an applicant, it has hardly yet reached the level of a money-making machine. One of the first things we teach a candidate is charity that blesses him that gives as well as him that receives, and an hour afterwards that candidate may

be called upon to vote on the question of suspending a Brother for non-payment of dues. How does this practice tally with the teaching of the Order? Where does the brotherly love come in? Is there no incongruity here? An Insurance Co. is organized to make money for the shareholders, and does not profess to be actuated by any charitable motives, and men avail themselves of it for a purely selfish motive, and besides it makes a clear bargain.—A mercantile contract, on which the mutual obligations are set down on either side. Masonry does nothing of the sort. All the obligations, to judge by the cases that come before us, are on the side of the delinquent, and the only obligation the Lodge seems to be under is to get quit of him as quickly as possible. Is this Masonry? I don't remember anything like this inculcated in the obligations of the first three degrees, but there is something about helping a distressed brother. Under the by-laws no one has a right to complain of suspension for N. P. D., but this is the very thing we are now discussing, with a view to future amelioration. How many of those who sign the by-laws know what they have signed till afterwards—they simply sign them as a matter of form incidental to initiation and to comply with an order, and in many instances never read them to see what they have signed, and hence arises many an evening spent in useless wrangling. The remedy suggested, that of taking a dimit before dues have gone in arrears would lead to non-affiliation, an evil which has been vigorously decried on all sides for years, so that the unfortunate brother seems to be in quite a dilemma. If he holds on (hoping for better times) he is suspended for N. P. D., and if he dimitts he knows he is denounced by the various Masonic Magazines and by the addresses of all the Grand Masters who have taken the matter into consideration for years. Verily he is in an evil case.

I don't believe any one who has

ever had to provide for a family imagines that \$4 or \$6 would provide food, fuel and clothing besides paying off old debts. But when a brother is in debt for necessities, which should he pay off first—his Lodge dues or his lawful debts? Four dollars is but a trifle to a man with a good income, but if you want to know the value of five cents just step on the horse cars some day that you have forgotten your purse. The more weary and worn out you are the more you will appreciate the want of that paltry five cent coin. The best way to realize how galling, humiliating and degrading it is to tell your Lodge you are a pauper and can't pay your dues, is to bring the matter home to yourself and then fancy how you would like it. Think how Lodge matters that should be sacred are discussed as news items in the presence of non-Masons, and then give me your confidential opinion of your good brother Long-tongue, who pays his dues up regularly. Taking it as a self-evident proposition that Lodges can't get along without expenses, it has not yet been demonstrated to my satisfaction that suspending a Brother puts any money in the treasury. True, it may save the princely sum of 50 cents per annum Grand Lodge dues, or 25 cents every six months, and in that six months no knowing what may occur,—the defaulter may pay up something on account of his indebtedness. I have seen more got by nursing delinquent accounts than by suspension. I hardly consider it fair treatment to rank a man as mercenary, who has paid his initiation fee (\$30) and ten years dues (\$60), say \$90 dollars in all, and who has received no pecuniary benefit in return for his outlay.

The December *Craftsman* tells us that suspensions in the Grand Lodges of North America, during the past ten years, amount to 150,000. Now here is food for the thoughtful. Just realize it. A number of adult males equal to the united population of To-

ronto, London and Quebec rolled out into non-affiliation and their active interest in the craft lost for ever. It can not be that the craft is the better without them, considering all the care our Committees of Enquiry take about candidates before they are balloted for. When the Tay Bridge disaster caused the death of a few hundred individuals how horrified we all were, but here we have 150,000 brethren to whom we are bound by strong ties removed from active Masonic life, and it becomes a mere matter of business. They are only poor devils who could not pay their lodge dues.

ACACIA.

The following interesting letter from Bro. Saul Martin, Fort Walsh, N. W. T., will prove interesting to our readers:—

FT. WALSH, N.W.T., Jan. 20, 1880.

MY DEAR SIR AND BRO.—Let me inform you and the Brethren at home, that although we are away and scattered in the wilderness of our North-West Territories, the 27th of December did not escape the notice of the few Masons here at Fort Walsh, Cypress Hills. The few Masons I could muster here this year shewed a great zeal, to breathe that day so dear to every true and good Mason.

We had, according to the opinions of our guests, the best dinner ever got up in the Co. Capt. Crozier, the officer commanding this post, and a good Mason, occupied the chair, and I must say that no better selection could have been made. He was certainly the right man in the right place. Inspector Seele, another good M. Mason, acted as vice-chairman; let us say that he is the right kind of pillar to assist the chairman in the discharge of his duties, and can superintend the minutes of refreshment to the satisfaction of all.

All the officers of the post and non-commissioned officers of B and F Troops, and the Government Surveyor, Mr. Nelson, partook of the amusements of the evening. Everything passed off amicably and joyfully. After dinner came the different toasts, as follows: "The Queen"—"God Save the Queen;" "The Prince of Wales, G. M., and the Royal Family."—Grand Honors: "The Governor-General."—"The Campbells are Coming."—"Grand Lodges of Canada, Quebec and United States," which

was responded to by your humble servant, "Our Mother Lodges,"—Grand Honors, responded to by Bro. Morgan; "Our Sister Lodges,"—Grand Honors; "Our Absent Brethren,"—Grand Honors, responded to by Bro. Steele; "Our Guests,"—"They are Jolly, Good Fellows," responded to by Inspector Dickens. After which our guests proposed their toasts, and sang, and had a jolly time. They all were very well impressed, and every one expressed a great sympathy for the institution, and a strong desire of joining it, of course, possible.

The whole, I may say, with confidence and pride, was a success, and left a very good impression with every one in the Hills. Besides Capt. Crozier and Inspector Steele, we are only five M. Masons here, namely, Staff-Sergeant Horner, Corporal Thompson, Constable Morgan, Mr. Athey, book-keeper for the firm of Power & Bro., and myself; and we all hope that before long we may be able to apply for a Dispensation, and start a Lodge.

I was last week in receipt of your interesting magazine, which every good Mason ought to have; I read and re-read it again, and I am looking already for the next number. If there is a place where a man can appreciate such a magazine it is certainly in this country, where you are for years, sometimes, without having a word from a Brother, with whom you could refresh your memory, and very often, I am sorry to say, if you happen to come across a Bro. Mason, he will be so rusty that he is hardly able to make himself known, and the consequence is, he prefers not to let himself be known, being ashamed of his ignorance, and loses gradually all interest in the institution and becomes indifferent. And when a Mason has come down to that state, I call him a bad Mason, or no Mason. And the only remedy I found out for that kind of evil is, for a man to devote himself to the study of magazines like yours, and discourse with Brethren better informed than himself, if possible.

Yours Truly and Fraternally,

SAUL MARTIN.

The annual supper of Burlington Lodge, No. 165, Burlington, Ont., took place at Ray's Hotel on the 23rd ult. A number of Hamilton brethren were present by invitation. W. Bro. Hammond, W. M., occupied the chair, and Bro. Durkee, S. W., the vice-chair. A very pleasant time was spent in speeches, toasts and songs, the proceedings being kept up till after midnight.

Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

(CONCLUDED FROM OUR LAST.)

Following are the Officers of Lodges recently installed:—

GRAND REGISTER OF CANADA.

Prince Edward Lodge, No. 18, Picton, installed by R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, P.D.D. G.M.: I.P.M., W. Bro. John H. Murney; W.M., W. Bro. Hiram Ellis; S.W., Lucius Hart; J.W., B. F. Blakely; Treasurer, W. P. Reynolds; Secretary, D. W. Johnson; Chaplain Gideon Striker; S.D., Edward Rowland; J.D., W. H. Williamson; S.S., Peter Huff; J.S., M. B. H. Toby; I.G., Samuel Brisbin; Tyler, Patrick McFadden; D. of C., John H. Richards.

Goderich Lodge, No. 33, Goderich, installed by W. Bro. H. Cook, I.P.M.: W.M., W. Bro. H. Bolton; S.W., E. Downing; J.W., John Cruiger; Treasurer, S. Sloan; Secretary, J. Beck; Chaplain, S. Yates; Organist, H. Smith; S.D., A. McD. Allan; J.D., A. Kirkbridge; S.S., J. Black; J.S., J. Inkster; I.G., C. G. Dyett; Tyler, M. McPhail, D. of C., H. Cooke.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 46, Upton, installed by W. Bro. L. B. Warner: I.P.M., W. Bro. F. Wood, jr.; W.M., W. Bro. Walter H. Crocker; S.W., O. C. Brown; J.W., L. C. Wurtele; Treasurer, Joseph Pilon; Secretary, C. W. W. Warner; Chaplain, A. T. Brown; S.D., F. Bartels; J.D., John F. Stott; S.S., Geo. B. Wells; J.S., F. X. Guertin; I.G., A. McEvilla; Tyler, L. B. Warner; D. of C., Wm. Duff; Auditors, F. Wood and O. C. Brown. Benevolent Committee—L. B. Warner, A. McEvilla, Geo. B. Wells, Joseph Pilon; O. C. Brown.

St. John's Lodge, No. 63, Carleton Place, installed by W. Bro. David McNab: I.P.M., W. Bro. James Sheilson; W.M., W. Bro. C. G. Stackhouse; S.W., Rev. S. Tighe, A.B., T.C.D.; J.W., George Douglass; Treasurer, Dr. Wilson; Secretary, Peter McEwen; Chaplain, James Poole; S.D., Andrew Cram; J.D., E. D. Edwards; S.S., J. McLaren; J.S., Jas Wilson; I.G., E. Hutchins; Tyler, Samuel Moffatt; D. of C., Wm. Patterson.

Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle, installed by W. Bro. McKay: I.P.M., W. Bro. James Hamer; W.M., W. Bro. Adam Petire; S.W., John Greive; J.W., D. Allin; Treasurer, Collin Walls; Secretary, William Wagstaff, jr.; Chaplain, William Farncomb; S.D., James Parker; J.D., Thomas Vinson; S.S., Richard Hill; J.S., John Bellwood; I.G., James Adams; Tyler, James Bowie; D. of C., Lewis Strowger.

St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll: W.M., W. Bro. J. R. Warnock; S.W., Alex. Sutherland; J.W., J. F. Morry; Treasurer, N. Cur-

tis; Secretary, Wm. Ewart; I.G., William Delaney; Tyler, A. McLeod.

St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Mary's, installed by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding: I.P.M., W. Bro. D. S. Rupert; W.M., W. Bro. Thos. B. Bennett; S.W., J. T. Wright; J.W., W. W. Lambie; Treasurer, E. Long; Secretary, W. Bro. A. Carman; Chaplain, Rev. J. T. Wright; Organist, R. G. Lockhart; S.D., W. Wooldrige; J.D., Wm. Gilbert; S.S., John Grant; J.S., David Gibb; I.G., L. A. Mitchell, Tyler, Jacob King; D. of C., W. Bro. H. E. Wilson.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay, installed by W. Bro. A. Hudspeth, P. M.: W. M., Bro. A. Burton; S. W., J. Dunham; J. W., A. Cathro; Secretary, T. Beall, (re-elected); Treasurer, C. Britton, (re-elected). After the installation Bro. Hudspeth presented the retiring Master, Bro. Geo. Ingle, with a beautiful Past Master's jewel in a handsome Russia leather case. In making the presentation Bro. Hudspeth paid a high tribute to Bro. Ingle for the manner in which he had filled the chair, to which Bro. Ingle responded in fitting terms.

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood, installed by R. W. Bro. McUpton, D. D. G. M.: W. M., V. W. Bro. John Ferguson; S. W., Bro. Wm. Harrington; J. W., W. T. Toner; Chaplain, W. Williams; Treasurer, J. R. Carpenter; Secretary, T. Lawrence; S. D., John M. Macdonald; J. D., H. Anderson; Organist, Robert Henry; D. of C., Capt. R. Hill; Stewards, Jas. Rowland and A. Cameron; I. G., W. Peters; Tyler, Robt. Burdett.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges, installed by W. Bro. Gamble: I. P. M., W. Bro. H. G. Lindsay; W. M., W. Bro. James Gamble; S. W., Dougald Campbell; J. W., Rob. Cade; Treasurer, Francis Thompson; Secretary, Charles Narlhon; Chaplain, Wm. Higgins; S. D., John Betts; J. D., John Handy; S. S., Wm. Sawyer; J. S., Samuel Edwards; I. G., Joseph Wodden, Sr; Tyler, Benj. Franklin Bartlett; D. of C., John Arnold.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97, Sharon, installed by W. Bro. McCarty: W. M., W. Bro. James Waying (re-elected); S. W., S. Soules; J. W., A. Barngasser; Treasurer, A. Willson; Sec'y, Wm. Dadds; Chaplain, Rev. T. T. Johnston; S. D., Wm. Hill; J. D., M. B. Douglass; S. S., J. D. Graham; J. S., Jesse Doan; I. G., H. W. Mosser; Tyler, R. Briggs; D. of C., Chas. Briggs.

Officers of Albion Lodge, No. 109, Harrowsmith, installed by R. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, D. D. G. M., St. Lawrence District, assisted by R. W. Bro. Hendry, W. M. of Catarauqui Lodge, and W. Bro. Baile, of Minden Lodge, Kingston: W. M., Bro. John E. Ewart; S. W., Charles Stewart; J. W., Joseph Suddard; Chaplain, Hiram Allen; Treasurer, John Bertram; Secretary, T. C. Canniff; S. D., Geo.

Bertrim; J. D. Stewart Walker; I. G., B. B. Shibley; Tyler, Richard Perkin. After the duties of the Lodge had been performed, the Brethren adjourned to the dining room of Mr. A. Dunbar, of the Albion Hotel, where a most sumptuous supper was partaken of and a very pleasant evening spent by the Brethren.

Morpeth Lodge, No. 111, Ridgetown, installed by R. W. Bro. T. C. McNabb, D. D. G. M.; I. P. M., W. Bro. James Rushton; W. M., W. Bro. Phillip Riddle; S. W., John Crawford; J. W., Wm. Bogart; Treas., John A. Elliott; Sec'y., Chris. H. Doyd; Chaplain, Thos. Brown; S. D., Jos. Street; J. D., Neil Campbell; S. S., Robt. Portefin; J. S., S. B. Floater; I. G., Jno. Campbell; Tyler, Thron. F. Price; D. of C., John Duck.

St. Clair Lodge, No. 135, Milton, installed by W. Bro. G. Smith; I. P. M., W. Bro. John H. Bradley; W. M., W. Bro. John Leshe; S. W., John Lyon; J. W., John T. Elliott; Treasurer, V. W., Bro. W. L. P. Eager; Secretary, E. Dixon; S. D., Joseph Hustler; J. D., J. W. Rolls; S. S., Geo. McMair; J. S., N. Smith; I. G., John Pattison; Tyler, Wm. Scott; D. of C., Samuel Cox.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford; P. M., V. W. Bro. John Gibson; W. M., W. Bro. Chris. McLellan; S. W., Wm. Hurrall; J. W., A. L. Struthers; S. D., A. O'Neil; J. D., John Welsh; Treasurer, R. W. Bro. G. J. Waugh; Secretary, J. M. Struthers; Chap., Rev. E. W. Waits; I. G., Geo. Nursey; Tyler, A. Hepburn; D. of C., Johnston Abraham; Stewards, J. Bernhard and Sampson Gill. On Sunday afternoon, the 28th ult., Rev. Bro. E. W. Waits, Chaplain, preached to a large number of the brethren in St. Andrew's church.

Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, Ottawa, installed by R. W. Bro. William Kerr, D. D. G. M. Ottawa District, assisted by R. W. Bro. Cambie; I. P. M., W. Bro. W. G. Blyth; W. M., W. Bro. L. W. P. Coutlee; S. W., E. A. D. Jones; J. W., C. V. Foster Bliss; C., Rev. John May; T., Jas. W. Harper; S., L. F. N. Maingy; S. D., F. K. Bennett; J. D., F. W. Leggat; D. of C., Colin Campbell; O., F. A. Dixon; S., Amos Rogers, M. D., and John R. Arnoldi; I. G., Geo. Mothersill; T., John Sweetman; Board of General Purposes, W. R. Wright and W. Bro. L. Plant; Representative on the Board of Relief, Jno. Moore; Representative on the Burial Plot Committee, R. W. Bro. John Walsh; Representative on the Board of Trustees, Jas. Harper; Representative on the Masonic Hall Furnishing Board, John Moore.

Burn's Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming, installed by W. Bro. W. B. Collins; I. P. M., W. Bro. W. B. Collins; W. M., W. Bro. Dr. J. Newell, re-elected; S. W., Albert N. Wood; J. W., Fergus Kennedy; Treasurer, Henry Pye;

Secretary, Geo. Ward; Chaplain, Dr. A. E. Harvey; S. D., Duncan McIntyre; J. D., Alvale Truster; I. G., John Roberts; Tyler, David E. Lee.

Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, held at Wellington, and installed by W. Bro. J. Murphy; I. P. M., W. Bro. J. Murphy; W. M., W. Bro. A. McDonald; S. W., R. Stoly; J. W., J. Fraleigh; Treasurer, G. J. Chadd; Secretary, J. Wilson; Chaplain, A. Huyck; S. D., Allen McDonald; J. D., F. Jackson; S. S., L. Lyons; J. S., J. B. Gough; I. G., B. L. Clarke; Tyler, Bate-man Clarke; D. of C., H. McCullough.

Merritt Lodge, No. 168, Welland, W. M., W. Bro. Robert A. Campbell; S. W., Geo. Robinson; J. W., S. J. Sidey; Chaplain, Geo. Andrews; Treasurer, Stewart Lamont; Sec'y., Robert Grant; S. D., Wm. Anderson; J. D., Henry Thomas; I. G., Caleb Swayze; Tyler, E. Hopkins; Stewards, A. Robinson and C. Ramey; P. of C., Jas. Bridges; I. P. M., D. D. Hooker.

McNab Lodge, No. 169, Pt. Colborne, installed by W. Bro. J. B. Neff; I. P. M., W. Bro. John Robertson; W. M., W. Bro. R. Greenwood; S. W., E. O. Dennison; J. W., Jas. McKay; Treasurer, John Matthews; Secretary, S. R. Cleveland; Chaplain, Rev. J. H. Fletcher; S. D., Jas. A. Smith; J. D., H. Wallis; S. S., E. Augustine; J. S., George Zimmerman; I. G., Geo. Christmas; Tyler, J. Barnhart; D. of C. Jos. R. Haun, P. M.

Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan; W. M., W. Bro. J. Louch; S. W., E. Smith; J. W., J. W. Tolmie; Treasurer, J. Woodward; Secretary, William Ross; Tyler, W. Ellis.

Plattsville Lodge, No. 178, held at Plattsville, and installed by W. Bro. Henderson; I. P. M., W. Bro. Thomas Allshire, Sr.; W. M., Bro. George Risk; S. W., John W. Workman; J. W., Richard Hewitt; Treasurer, Thos. Baird; Secretary, R. J. Burcheer; Chaplain, James L. Brown; Organist, Bro. Howe; S. D., G. Sawyer; J. D., J. Potter; Stewards, R. and J. Puddicombe; I. G., Jas. Motheral; Tyler, Charles Dalglush; D. of C., R. Setters.

Scotland Lodge, No. 193, held at Scotland, I. P. M., W. Bro. Wm. Hay; W. M., Bro. J. C. Shook; S. W., Jas. Hagerman; J. W., L. A. Winegarden; Treasurer, J. D. Eddy; Secretary, C. F. F. Corbin; Chaplain, Wm. Hay; S. D., Jas. A. Smith; J. D., J. G. Wood; S. S., J. Riddle; J. S., D. G. Adair; I. G., Marcus Malcolm; Tyler, E. Malcolm; D. of C., Harry F. Teeter.

Dominion Lodge, No. 213, held at Ridgeway, installed by W. Bro. J. W. Fulmer, W. M., W. Bro. W. M. Sloan, re-elected; S. W., W. S. Allen; J. W., David Hexamer; Treasurer, P. W. Anthony; Secretary, J. N. Fullmer; Chap. H. A. Haun;

S. D., John Smith; J. D., J. G. L. Bowen; S. S., Thomas Creese; J. S., J. P. A. Edsall; I. G., Geo. Cutler; Tyler, C. H. Mathews; D. of C., A. R. Hardison.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville, installed by W. Bro. R. J. McKerrick: I. P. M., W. Bro. S. S. McCormack; W. M., W. Bro. John Flesher; S. W., H. E. Reid; J. W., John C. Fox; Treasurer, Robt. Mewitt; Secretary, Jas. Allen; S. D., Geo. Wilcox; J. D., Wm. Flemming; S. S., J. Witter; I. G., John Buckland; Tyler, D. Dick; D. of C., Wm. Cruikshank.

Marmora Lodge, No. 222, held at Marmora, and installed by W. Bro. J. L. Annger, I. P. M., W. Bro. Thomas Warner; W. M., W. Bro. J. L. Annger; S. W., Rev'd Thos. Fox; J. W., Edwin H. Anger; Treasurer, T. P. Pearce; Secretary Josiah Blount; S. D., Adam Loucks; J. D. John Turner; S. S., William Gay; J. S., James Nichol; I. G., T. T. Carkey; Tyler, J. F. Purdy; D. of C., R. I. Broadworth.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223, Norwood: W. M., W. Bro. W. E. Roxburgh; S. W., S. P. Ford; J. W., S. J. Griffin; Chaplain, P. P. Cope; Treasurer, W. H. Stephenson; Sec., Thomas Burke; Tyler, Isaac Powel.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Zurich: P. M., Bro. C. F. Mayner; W. M., Bro. C. H. Benedict; S. W., W. Zeller; J. W., Robt. Dryden; Chaplain, Wm. Logan; Treasurer, Noah Freed; Secretary, Samuel Foster; S. D., Henry Orth; J. D., W. M. Hogins; I. G., Joseph Gil; Tyler, Justin Dummit.

Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowel: W. M., W. Bro. Dr. Nichol, re-elected; S. W., Wm. Forbes; J. W., Wm. Little, re-elected; Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Bell; Treasurer, J. W. Scott, re-elected; Secretary, Wm. Spears, re-elected; S. D., A. M. Morrow; J. D., Henry McConnell; I. G., George Donnelly; 1st Steward, A. Galloway; 2nd Steward, J. B. Jackson; Tyler, Geo. Lortz, re-elected.

Quinte Lodge, No. 241, Shannonville: W. M., Bro. C. E. Clarke; S. W., Peter Williams; J. W., J. B. Gould; Treasurer, A. L. Roberts; Sec., H. Werden; S. D., Alonzo Knight; J. D., D. L. Brown; I. G., John Dorean; Tyler, Nathan Robbin.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Yorkville, installed by R. W. Bro. Jas. B. Nixon: I. P. M., W. Bro. H. E. F. Caston; W. M., W. Bro. Geo. Vair; S. W., Bro. Alex. Dixon; J. W. Sanderson Peary; Treasurer, R. W. Bro. T. F. Blackwood; Secretary, Wm. Lowrey; Chap., W. H. Davies, D. D.; S. D., Richard Lennox; J. D., R. H. Maton; S. S., J. E. Pearen; J. S., Thos. Fisher; I. G., H. Macorquodale; Tyler, Geo. Coles; D. of C., J. H. Clayton.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest, installed by W. Bro. P. M. Marsh: I. P. M., W. Bro. Allen McPherson; W. M., W. Bro. R. A.

Hill; S. W., H. W. Harrison; J. W., Horatio Wilson; Treasurer, L. Cooley; Secretary, Wm. Burnette; Ch. plain, S. I. Smith; S. D., Jas. Clark; J. D., H. Gage; I. G., W. Wadsworth; Tyler, Jos. Kindall; D. of C., W. D. Griggs.

Chaudiere Lodge, No. 264, Ottawa, installed by W. Bro. P. N. Mason: I. P. M., W. Bro. Thos. Kennedy; W. M., W. Bro. A. A. Henderson, M. D.; S. W., Samuel Mix; J. W., Wm. H. Morgan; Treasurer, James Grant; Secretary, P. N. Mason; Chap., John Oliver; S. D., Levi Booth; J. D., W. Douglas Jones; S. S., M. F. Huntley; J. S., Dugald McLarty; I. G., Peter Whelen; Tyler, John McGillivray; D. of C., Robt. George.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon, installed by W. Bro. J. E. Edward: I. P. M., W. Bro. R. Connell; W. M., W. Bro. J. G. Edwards, re-elected; S. W., J. H. Thompson, re-elected; J. W., Andrew Arnbey; Treas., W. B. Read; Secretary, Geo. Bick; Chaplain, Rev. J. Smiley; S. D., John Kerr; J. D., D. Allison; S. S., John Simpson; J. S., J. L. Read; I. G., C. E. German; Tyler, George Nye; D. of C., Wm. Gedley.

Brougham Union Lodge, No 269, Brougham, installed by R W Bro G H Dartnell, D D G M: I P M, W Bro W Smith; W M, Richard Stokes; S W, John Palmer; J W, John D McAvoy; Treasurer, Joshua Bandy; Secretary, Rev T Booker; Chaplain, John M Gerow; S D, Ira Palmer; J D, Jas Waddington; S S P M, D W Ferrier; J S, M C Linton; I G, Stephen G Pickett; D of C, Thos C McAvoy.

Seymour Lodge, No 277: W M, E F Dwyre; S W, John Robinson; J W, Robert Cole; Treasurer, John Lawrie; Secretary, Michael Henry; S D, Chas Philmore; J D, George Anderson; I G, Curtis Rose; Tyler, John Johnston. The following are the Past Masters: Robert Patterson, Humphrey Julian, John Green, G W Read; I P M, Lessie Pawling.

Shunial Lodge, No 287, installed by W Bro S W Ray: I P M, W Bro S W Ray; W M, G H Kennedy; S W, N McDougall; J W, W S Beaver; Treasurer, J H Bartle; Sec y, Jas W Harvey; Chaplain, P S Griffin; Organist, S W Ray; S D, W Halliday; J D, Fred Bischoff; S S, John Bourke; J S, G W Smith; I G, Fred Perry; Tyler, W Vigers; D of C, W C Dobie.

Temple Lodge, No 296, St. Catherines, installed by W Bro John W Coy, D D G M, assisted by R W Bro E Goodman, P D D G M; R W, Bro A Leitch, I P M; R W, Bro L Yale; R W Bro L Leitch; W Bro J A Marquis; W Bro J E Beeton: I P M, W Bro A Leitch; W M, W Bro W C Copeland; S W, Henry Jarvis; J W, A Hodge; Treas, W Thompson; Secretary, L R Smith; S D, A W Kinsman; J D, M J Adams; S S, Thos Whitten; J S, J E Cuff; I G, W J Merritt; Tyler, R Ratcliffe; D of C, John Cumming.

Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale: W. M., Bro. James McLeod; P. M., Bro. E. Fitzgerald; Sen. Warden, Wm. Harrison; Jun. Warden, Wm. Dickie; Sec., George F. Bryan; Treas., A. Griffith; Chaplain, J. D. Salmon; I. G., B. Gourley; Tyler, R. Smith; S. D., James Weston; J. D., Jas. H. Mahon. After the installation the Brethren retired to Bro. Alex. McLean's Dominion Hotel, and partook of an excellent repast, which was prepared in mine host's best style. After numerous toasts had been made and replied to by Bros. McLeod, Bryan, Dickie, Nicolson, Fitzgerald and others, the Brethren dispersed. It was the intention to have presented Bro. Dr. M. Forster with a P. M. jewel, but owing to illness he was unable to attend. It is the intention of the Brethren to hold a Masonic concert and then make the presentation.

Blyth Lodge, No 303, Blyth, installed by W Bro D Radcliff: I P M, W Bro Daniel Radcliff; W M, Dr Oliver Young; S W, Lewis Thom; J W, W L Ouimette; Treasurer, Jas Potter; Secretary, J A Anderson; Chaplain, William Wilson; S D, William Murphy; J D, William Way; S S, J Emigh; J S, William Hawkshaw; I G, Angus Campbell; Tyler, John Sturdy; D of C, Charles Hamilton.

Grafton Lodge, No 308, Grafton, installed by W Bro D McNaughton: I P M, W Bro J Fred Mallory; W M, W Bro Thomas Norton Webster; S W, Edward S Massey; J W, Richard Clark; Treas, Henry Lawless; Sec. James Blacklock; Chap, John Grimson; S D, Hanford S Sargent; J D, Robt Noble; S S, Wm Lawless; J S, W Muirhead; I G, John T Mulholland; Tyler, Thos Patterson; D of C, John T Webster.

Blackwood Lodge, No 311, Woodbridge, installed by W Bro Blackwood: I P M, W Bro David Ferguson; W M, W Bro Gilbert Gilmour; S W, Jonathan Wilkinson; J W, J L Card; Treas. George Mason; Sec. D I Grant; S D, John F McIntosh; J D, Wm Gregory; I G, John Rowntree; Tyler, Wm Whitters.

Clementi Lodge, No 313, Lakefield: W M, Wm Caldwell, M D; S W, Wm. G Cochrane; J W, Wm T Sacret; Chap, R W Bro V Clementi; Sec, F Lillicrap; Treas, R Graham; S D, W Bro G L Sheppie; J D, Jas Bird; I G, F Barlee; D of C, P W Bro John Dinwoodie; Stewards, Adam and Fred Dinwoodie; Tyler, John Hull.

Hiram Lodge, No. 319, Cheapside: W M, W Bro Dr Sherk; S. W, A Goodwin; Treas, Wm D Tyrrell; Chap, Rev P W Smith; Sec, Appleton Smith; S D, James Smith; J D, Edward E Steel; I G, James Drinkwater; Stewards, Joseph H Long and Geo Stratton; Tyler, James N Hobbs.

Chesterville Lodge, No. 320: W M, Jas Holmes; S W, Isaac Winegard; J W, A E Scott; Sec, Edward Kerr; Treas, James Stallmyer; Chap, Rev J B Saunders; S D, Ransom Casselman; J D, Colin Markley; S S, Robt Marcellis; J S, David Wishart; D of C, G W Bogart; S G, Joseph Young; Tyler, Wm M Smith; P M, H W Mood. Regular communication held Monday on or before full moon of each month, in the Masonic Hall, Chesterville.

Walker Lodge, No. 321, Acton, installed by W Bro Pettiford: I P M, W Bro H Hunt; W M, W Bro John Shaw; S W, Bro Dr Lowry; J W, Bro D C Robinson; Treasurer, Bro James Matthews; Secretary, Bro Fred H Story; Chap, Bro Wm Smith; Organist, Bro James Campbell; S D, Bro R R Rea; J D, Bro Geo Hynds; S S, Bro Dr Morrow; J S, Bro Adam Winlow; I G, Bro J Adams; Tyler, Bro John Kenney; D of C, Bro Fred Secord.

Elgin Lodge, No 349, St Thomas, installed by W Bro Travers: I P M, W Bro W Travers; W M, W Bro J A Bell; S W, Bro A Ware; J W, Bro W F Ellis; Treasurer, Bro N Webb; Sec'y, Bro Frank Broderick; Chaplain, Bro F Hunt; S D, Bro Dr R W B Smith; J D, Bro S Dubber; S S, Bro W W Desher; J S, Bro A Crawford; I G, Bro J E Hill; Tyler, Bro J C Stacey; D of C, Bro Dr Fulton.

St Mary's Lodge, No 351, St Mary's, installed by R W Bro J E Harding: I P M, W Bro J E Hodgson; W M, W Bro George Moir; S W, W A Bayley; J W, H A L White; Treasurer, R W Bro J E Harding; Secretary, W Williams; Chaplain, W Bro D H Harrison; Organist, W Bro L M Clench; S D, George McCall; J D, J Stafford; S S, K Waring; J S, G Ross; I G, J McMurchie, Tyler, W Hylands; D of C, R W Bro H F Sharp.

Mimico Lodge, No 369, Islington, installed by R W Bro Thomas Sargent, D D G M of Toronto District, assisted by R W Bro J G Burns, and W Bro Alex Patterson, P M Wilson Lodge: I P M, R W Bro Daniel Spry; W M, W Bro J Ross Robertson; S W, Henry T Ide; J W, James McClinchy; Treasurer, Bro Tier; Secretary, Charles Clayton; S D, Charles Brewer; J D, Wm Suggitt; S S, Wm Clayton; J S, M Evans; I G, William Graydon.

Lorne Lodge, No 372, Omeenee: W M, W S Cottingham; S W, Geo McWilliams; J W, John Hamilton; Chaplain, Rev R H Harris; Treasurer, J Evans; Secretary, W Brundrett; S D, W H Cottingham; J D, Wm Miller; S S, M R Micks; J S, Thomas Richardson; D C, Rev Jas Norris; I G, C Dawson; Tyler, A Redmond. After the work of the Lodge was over, the members were entertained to an oyster supper by the wives of the married mem-

bers of the lodge. During the latter part of the proceedings the Secretary, Bro. W. Brundett, was presented with a very handsome pair of gold sleeve buttons and an address, as a slight token of the appreciation by the Lodge of the energetic, able and genial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Copstone Lodge, No 373, V elland: I P M, W Bro J M Dunn; W M, W Bro R H Dyer; S W, M W Bridgman; J W, E H Burgar; Chaplain, R W Bro I P Wilson; Treasurer, W Bro James McGierhan; Sec, J E Lemon; S D, Dr Cook; J D, T H McCocmb; I G, J W Perine; Tyler, M E Everett; D of C, F Willson; Stewards, D McConachie and L P Vanatter.

R. A. M.

St George's Chapter, No 5, London, installed by R E Comp H A Baxter: Z, Ex Comp R B Hungerford; H, Ex Comp Dr F A Mitchell; J, Ex Comp Thos Brock; Treas, Ex. Comp R Lewis; S E, Ex Comp H A Baxter; S N, Comp Wm R Browne; Prin Soj, Comp Albert O Jeffery; S S, Comp John Heartgreaves; J. S, Comp C S Cheney; D of C, Comp J C Welsh; Organist, Comp Wallace Halle; Masters of Vails, Comps Alfred G Browne, Geo B Ball, George D Sutherland; Janitor, Comp F J Wood.

Prince of Wales Chapter, No 71, Amhurstburg, installed by Ex Comp St Geo Caulfield: Z, Ex Comp George Green; H, Ex Comp H G Duff; J, Ex Comp J F S Keightley; Treasurer, Comp Wm Morrow; S E, Comp Rev F Smith; S N, Comp S L Lauler; Prin Soj Comp C Fisher; S S, Comp J T Griffin; J S, Comp H Johnson; D of C, Comp J Westaway; Janitor, Comp James McVity.

Occident Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No 77, Toronto, installed by R Ex Comp James B Nixon, Grand Supt Toronto District, viz:—Z, R Ex Comp James Wilson; H, Ex Comp Wm Walker; J, Ex Comp Richard Dinnis; S E, Comp Robt Charlton; S N, Comp John Linton; Treasurer, Comp Thomas Murray; P S, Comp John Mansfield; S S, Comp Harry J M Wilson; J S, Comp Fred Donovan; M of 1st V, Comp John Gordon; M of 2nd V, Comp Thomas Rea; M of 3rd V, Comp David Weekes; M of C, Comp W J Turner; Stewards, Comps E J Firman and J Fox; Ex Com, Comps Charles James, S Richardson, Harry Sheris; Janitor, Comp J B Hall,

Lebanon Chapter, No 84, Wingham, installed by Ex Comp Toms: Z, Ex Comp I E Tamlyn; H, Ex Comp Benj Willson; J, Ex Comp H W C Meyer; Treasurer, Comp Thos Gregory; S E, Comp Dixie Watson; S N, Comp B Flynn; Prin Soj, Comp W T Bray; S S, Comp Wm Smyth; J S, Comp H

W Lowes; D of C, Comp J Neelands; Organist, J A Morton; Masters of Vails, Comps J A Morton, J W Walker, I Flenty; Janitor, Comp E Clifford.

GRAND REGISTER OF QUEBEC.

Victoria Lodge, No 16, Sherbrook: installed by R W Bro J Addie: I P M, W Bro G H Presby; W M, M B Schofield, S W, J U Baxter; J W, T W Fuller; Treas, S J Foss; Sec, S Lebourreau; Chap, J Mcnerley; Organist, W H Wilson; S D, H C Westby; J D, J S Low; S S, S W Jeukes; J S, E S Stevens; I G, E Lothrop; Tyler, E S Foss; D of C, A L Grindrod.

Brown Lodge, No. 24, Farrah, installed by R W Bro J P Martin, assisted by R W Bro H Hoskins, R W Bro Chas Rice, R W Bro C P Taber and others: W M, Bro Jos Hynearth; S W, Edward Pendleton; J W, Noel Jettie; Chap, David Kirk; Treas, D B Meigs; Sec, Elwyn Bowker; S D, C P Taber; J D, C M Bowker; Stewards, Wm. Welsh, and C R Tower; J G, Jos Massie; Tyler, Peter Elder.

Victoria Lodge, No. 26, Montreal: I. P. M., W Bro James Mitchell; W M, W Bro Andrew Baile; S W, E E J S Rothwell; J W, B J Hickey; Treasurer, S Mathewson; Secretary, J A Glassford; Organist, David Miller; S D, W S Rollo; J D, E Peterson; Stewards, W Hles Fairall and Harvey A. Green; I G, S E Cully; Tyler, W Renshaw; D of C, Ferdinand Gross. Permanent Committee—V W Bro G C Bown and Bro S C Fatt. Representative to Room Committee—R W Bro W M Lemesurier. Past Masters—V W Bro John Ion, V W Bro G C Bown, R W Bro W M Lemesurier, D D G M, and R W Bro Alexander Murray, P D D G M.

Ascot Lodge, No 30, Lennoxville, installed by R W Bro Jas Addie: I P M, V W Bro W H Learned; W M, W Bro Geo Henry; S W, Alton Lindsay; J W, Francis Bennetts; Treasurer, Simon Burrill; Secretary, R W Bro Arthur Simpson; Chaplain, Rev C P Mallory; S D, Oscar Oldrich; J D, George Mitchell; I G, Jas H Johnston; Tyler, Jas W Leslie.

Mount Royal Lodge, No 32, Montreal: I P M, V W Bro Fred Massey; W M, W Bro Bernard Reed; S W, Geo O Stanton; J W, Wm Hyde; Treas., F Gordon Payne; Sec'y., David Seath; Chap., Rev Jervais A. Newham; Organist, Dr. MacLagan; S. D., Thomas G. Mason; J D, F G Verity; Stewards, C E Furlonge and W T Anderson; I G, H H Cromwell; Tyler, D Gordon; D of C, Jas G Piton. Rep Mas Board of Relief—C Arthur Jaques. Permanent Committee—Geo Severs, M Williams, and T J Potter. Past Masters—V W Bros W Simpson Walker, B C L; P D McTavish, W Bros Geo Major, M D; Jas Douglass, and J Eugene D'Avignon.

Mount Oxford Lodge, No. 48, Georgeville, installed by R. W. Bro. W. M. Keyes, D. D. G. M. I. P. M., W. Bro. H. M. Ryder; W. M., W. Bro. Wm. Sheppard; S. W., Wm. Brovoort; J. W., J. J. Carr; Treas., Geo. E. Traver; Sec., D. A. Bullock; Chap., F. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Keyes; S. D., D. C. Wheelock; J. D., J. G. Brevort; S. S., Oliver Hutchins; J. S., Harrison Dailey; I. G., Joseph Bullock; Tyler, R. T. Jones; D. of C., N. H. Beach. After the installation, which was performed by the District Deputy very efficiently, the fraternity withdrew to the Camperdown House for refreshments. On arriving there it was found the tables would seat only sixty persons; there being twice that number, one half of the party were dispatched, with the Hatley Band in attendance, to Taylor's Hall, across the street, for the purpose of dancing; the remainder were ushered to the banquet hall, which displayed a most sumptuous repast, prepared with the neatness and taste peculiar to mine host and hostess, Bro. Merrick and lady. At the head of the table were seated the District Deputy Grand Master W. M. Keyes; Past District Deputy C. M. E. R. Johnson, of Golden Rule Lodge, Stanstead; late Past Master, H. M. Ryder; Master elect, William Sheppard, and the Rev. Jas. Hopburn, of St. George's church. After the inner man was satisfied with the good things spread before us, D. D. G. M. Keyes proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was responded to by Bro. H. M. Ryder, with his usual eloquence. After which P. M., H. M. Ryder, proposed a toast in honor of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and Mount Oxford Lodge, coupled with Bro. Keyes' name, who responded heartily and did credit to the Lodges and himself. Following this, D. D. G. M. Keyes proposed the toast of the visiting brethren, coupled with the name of Past D. D. G. M., E. R. Johnson, which he handled in a very efficient and able manner, which was acknowledged the best of the evening. The next toast was proposed by D. D. G. M. Keyes in honor of the Grand Master of England, H. R. H., Albert Edward, Prince of Wales; this was responded to by Bro. H. M. Ryder by the way of a song; after which Bro. W. M. Keyes proposed the toast of Cleveland Chapter, coupled with the name of W. L. Tuck, member of the above, who responded exceedingly well; although very young he handled the subject becoming a man of years and experience. After this the hall was vacated for the purpose of re-setting the tables for the dancers. Judging from the happy countenances all were pleased and well entertained, as all will be who visit the house of Bro. Merrick.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 53, Montreal I. P. M., V. W. Bro. James M. Glass, W. M., W. S. Evans; S. W. George R. Locker;

J. W., C. W. Wellstead; Treasurer, David Guthrie; Secretary, Hugh Vallance; Chap., William Donald; Organist, Alex. Milne; S. D., Charles Simons; J. D., William Anslie; S. S., W. H. Grant; J. S., Jas. Mundie; J. S., W. McErven; I. G., David Nelson; D. of C., R. C. White; Tyler, Henry Benaluck.

Lake Magog Lodge, No 55, Magog, installed by W Bro G W Ayer : I M P, J B Oliver; W M, Wm Jamieson; S W, Thos Mullins; J W, A Lindsay; Treas, L K Drow; Sec, E D Smith, jr; Chap, G O Somers, M D; S D, H G Ayer; J D, F P Channell; S S, J A Phelan; J S, E J Murry; Tyler, A W Hubbard; D of C, T L Hoyt.

OTHER GRAND REGISTERS.

Midian Lodge, No 9, Clifton, N B, installed by W Bro J V. Ellis : I P M, W Bro B H D Wetmore ; W M, J E Wetmore ; S W, J L Flewelling ; J W, A C Fairwether ; Treasurer, G H Flewelling ; Secretary, D P Wetmore ; Chaplain, Rev H S Warmington ; S D, H D Wetmore ; S S, Rev E P Flewelling ; J S, J D Howde ; Tyler, Jas Kenna ; D of C, R J Flewelling.

Botsford Chapter, No 39, Moncton, N B, installed by Ex Comp J C Harr's : Z, Ex Comp Geo H Pick; H, Ex Comp J W Wallace; J, Ex Comp Saul McBean; Treasurer, Comp W S Tarrie; S E, Comp Geo A Rinan; S N, Comp Francis Brown; Prin Soj, Comp R A Barden; S S, Comp Wm Gioan; J S, Comp Philo C Brown; Masters of Vails, Comps D A DuFy, W R Baggs, Jno B Elliott; Janitor, Comp Robert Tarrie.

Prince Rupert's Chapter, No 52, Winnipeg, installed by Ex Comps Henderson and O'Connor: Z, Ex Comp J H Bell; H, Ex Comp W G Scott; J, Ex Comp C H House; Treasurer, Comp G E Taltorpe; S E, Comp Charles F Bell; S N, Comp L Steinhoff; Prin Soj, Comp Jno Macdonald; S S, Comp Stuart Macdonald; J S, Comp Thos Black; Masters of Vails; Comps C F Forrest, C Montgomery; Janitor, Comp D Macarthur.

St. George Lodge, No 440, E R, installed by R W Bro the Hon William Badgley, D G M; W M, W Bro Stephen J Thompson; I P M, W Bro Jas S McConnell; S W, Bro R Alex Dean; Treasurer, Bro Thos Chambers; Secretary, Bro E Perry; S D, Bro Wm Maynard; J D, Bro Chas L'Hussier; I G, Bro John Adams; Chaplain, Bro John Harold; Organist, W Bro R S Thompson.

Elgin Lodge, No 348, S E: W M, R W Bro W F Salisbury; I P M, W Bro H S Connor; W D M, J B Williamson; W S M, T Lane; W S W, A Moffatt; W I W, J Maishall; Treasurer, W S Walker; Secretary, H Rose; S D, J P Griffin; J D, R W Griffin; Chaplain, Rev J H Dixon; Organist, E May; Stewards, J Griffin, J H Liddell, G T O Carslake; I G, R Dease; Tyler, T Ireland.

The Canadian Craftsman.

Port Hope, February 15th, 1880.

Masonry and the Obelisk.

Quite a little excitement has been caused, and much interest has been created among all classes of people, but especially among the members of the Craft, by the recent telegraphic despatches from Alexandria, Egypt, to the effect that Masonic emblems have been discovered in the foundation of the Egyptian Obelisk, which is about being removed to the city of New York, to be erected on the banks of the Hudson.

It is impossible, of course, on mere telegraphic despatches, to form a decided opinion as to the nature and origin of the supposed emblems. Many distinguished and learned brethren in the United States have expressed their opinion, but in a very guarded way, preferring rather to wait until they may have an opportunity of inspecting the drawings which have been made, if not the emblems themselves, before pronouncing upon these ancient evidences of the antiquity of Freemasonry. The discovery appears to have been made by Lieut.-Commander Gorringe, a United States naval officer, and a Freemason, who is charged with the duty of superintending the removal of the obelisk. In a telegram to the *New York World* he says :

"Immediately under the pedestal of the obelisk, and in the east angle formed by the steps, I found a block of hewn syenite granite, forty inches in the cube, representing a perfect Masonic altar. Under this, and immediately below, I found a white marble slab, representing the apron, extending across the foundation of polished syenite granite, one hundred and two inches long, and fifty-one inches broad, and twenty-five and a half inches thick, the upper half hewn into a perfect square. At the same level, and touching the short section of the square, and in the west angle of the foundation, I found another block of syenite granite, markedly regular in form, the surface of which represented rough ashlar steps, and the foundation of which was

composed of white granite. Besides these four pieces, I found other less noticeable and important, but equally significant emblems."

And a subsequent despatch to the *New York Herald* is to the following effect :

ALEXANDRIA, Jan 22.—With respect to the Masonic discoveries under the obelisk, it is a fact that on removing the pedestal of the obelisk there were found:—First, a Mason's square of red syenite granite, the long section being 8 feet 6 inches long, 17 inches broad, 25 inches thick, and the short section measuring from the outer angle 4 feet 3 inches by 20 inches. The Mason's square is near the northeasterly corner of the foundations, parallel with the easterly side of the foundations. Second, a pure white stone representing an apron, and situated under the end of the short section. Third, under the apron a perfect altar of red granite. Fourth, towards the corner of the foundations opposite the angle of the Mason's square, that is, towards the southeasterly corner of the foundations, is a red granite rough altar. Fifthly, between these two altars a Mason's spoon-shaped iron trowel of ordinary size totally oxidized in all fine emblems, each in its proper position. They rest on a foundation of yellowish, drab limestone. Surrounding the foundations on all sides, and forming part of it are three steps, all of stone. The foundation, together with steps, were bound firmly together and very well preserved in iron case in lead. Other stones in the foundation bear curious marks and cuttings, not hieroglyphics, which may be Masonic, but none here are able to decide. All the stones in the foundation will be replaced in New York exactly as they were discovered.

A number of prominent and "skilled" Masons have been interviewed by the *Herald*, and, as might be expected, a variety of opinions have been expressed. Bro. Albert G. Mackey who is one of the most erudite Masons living, and who is generally considered an authority, expressed his doubts whether the relics discovered by Lieutenant-Commander Gorringe, in the pedestal of the Alexandria obelisk, were, in the generally understood sense of the word, Masonic emblems, as he does not trace Freemasonry of the present time to Egypt or as existing when these obelisks were erected. He thinks it possible that the emblems have been deposited there by the Egyptian priests, and as the Egyptian mysteries over which they presided are well known to have some resemblance in their secret doctrines to those taught by Free Masons of the present day, these might be and probably were symbols common to both institutions. This is the only

theory Dr. Mackey in the present early state of the discovery feels prepared to venture upon. He thinks, however, that the discovery is of great interest to the world, and especially to the Masonic fraternity, in view of what has been written upon the subject of Egyptian Masonry by learned men, both of England, France and Germany. If Lieutenant Gorringe had said that he had discovered emblems resembling those in use by the Free Masons of the present day, Dr. Mackey says he would only have been adding another to the numerous instance of the same kind which are to be found in the Egyptian monuments which have been brought to light by Champollion, Wilkinson and other Egyptologist.

Bro. John W. Simons, 33^d and P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of New York, Masonic Editor of the *N. Y. Dispatch*, does not consider the discoveries important. When the monolith was taken from its former location and put in its present situation they had mechanical appliances. They had to have levels, compasses and squares—all that masonic use. And that they should have left some traces of their implements does not excite my surprise. I imagine that the mere fact of those delineations being there rises exactly from the same cause that led the workmen building Solomon's Temple to put their marks on the stones that they might be recognized. It is the greatest folly in the world to suppose that Masonry, as it now exists, was then known. At the same time it is only proper to remark that the principles now governing the Craft have existed from the earliest recorded times, and that something very similar was then in existence is capable of absolute demonstration. When the Palestine exploration, formed under English engineers, dug down to the foundations of Solomon's Temple, they found the workman's marks on the stones. That does not prove that they were Freemasons any more than this case proves that they were Freemasons who erected the obelisk."

And the *N. Y. World* has the following editorial comments on the discovery:—"The guild of Free and Accepted Masons has come down to us as an organized hierarchy, at least from the first half of the 13th century, and the annals of the guild from that time to our own carry on a chain of what is much better than traditional evidence. From the time of 'Hiram of Tyre,' however, to the beginning of the 13th century, is a much wider gap than from the 13th century to our own time, and thus far we have had nothing better than tradition wherewithal to bridge it. If it be true, however, that Commander Gorringe has found in the pedestal of the obelisk of Alexandria what can with reasonable certainty be identified as Masonic emblems,

we have at once the means of bridging over a gap more than twice as wide in time, as that which divides us from the 13th century, and considering that the invention of printing has in the meantime made oblivion almost impossible, we may safely say that these emblems are historically further away from our generation than they are from the generation of the men who built the Pyramids! If these memorials shall be decided by competent students of Freemasonry in our time to be authentic memorials of Freemasons who lived and wrought before the Christian era, the hoar antiquity which is claimed for Freemasonry by the most enthusiastic of its students will go very near to be established. There will, at all events, be established for the Order of Freemasons an antiquity which distinctly antedates that of the Roman Catholic Church, of which Lord Macaulay has said, in a famous passage, that 'she is the only institution left standing which carries the mind back to the time when the smoke of sacrifice rose from the Pantheon, and when tigers and camelopards bounded in the Flavian Amphitheatre.' From the indications now given of the revelations made by the removal of the obelisk of Alexandria, Freemasons may fairly claim that the institution of Freemasonry must have preceded over the building both of the Pantheon and of the Flavian Amphitheatre, as it presided over the ceremony of rearing upon a Roman pedestal an Egyptian obelisk, which, in its original site, antedated by a thousand years the Roman domination of Egypt, and which is now to be transferred to the chief city of a Republic founded fifteen hundred years after the downfall of the Roman Empire, upon a continent unknown to civilization for fifteen hundred years after the erection, with Masonic ceremonies, of the obelisk of Alexandria."

We shall look forward with great anxiety for further and more reliable particulars and details of this great discovery; for should it be proved beyond a doubt that the emblems found under the obelisk are Masonic, it will give a great impetus to the order of Freemasonry which has been generally considered to be one of the most ancient Societies in existence.

Masonic Benefit Association, (London.)

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the members of this Association was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 29th ult.

The following is a summary of the Director's report:—

They have to congratulate the members through the beneficence of the Great Architect of the Universe that the several assessments made this year (10 in all) have been lighter than any year since its organization.

The "Reserve Fund" has still been augmented in proportion to the claims paid, and you will be called upon by the circulars mailed to each member on 15th November, 1879, to decide as to its limits, due regard being made for all claims likely to be made upon it.

The notices of motion laid over from last year, together with two from Bros. Swisher and Glass relative to the Reserve Fund, will be voted on at the meeting.

Your Directors would strongly advise members and delegates attending said meeting the necessity of making provision for "lapsed policies."

Your Directors did not meet with that success anticipated by the appointment of "Special Agents," as recommended and adopted at the last annual meeting, and they think that the different Lodges should through their officers and members, bring the advantages of associations of this kind more prominently before its members, thereby in the future lessening very materially the claims which they are called upon to meet. Some of the Lodges are keeping up the claims of members who, from unfortunate events are unable to do so, thereby securing that substantial aid to the widow and orphan which all are bound to protect.

Your Directors would also point out to the members assembled at the annual meeting the desirability of limiting, or altering the ages for entrance, as more in proportion are seeking admission between 50 and 60 years, and we find that nearly all the Masonic Relief and Benefit Associations of the country having adopted the rule to admit none to membership over 50 years of age, we find too many between the ages of 50 to 60 applying to us for membership. While we might feel disposed to accept our proportion of members between these ages, it would be unwise and unsafe to leave the door open to all those who, having neglected the opportunity till the last moment, now make application to be admitted into our Association, thereby raising the average age of membership to a point which would evidently injure the Association.

The Secretary's report gives the number of members good as per last return at 1,550; number of applications received, 90, of which number 84 were accepted and 6 rejected; loss by death since last report is 12, of which number 1 died in previous year; leaving good at date of this report 1,500, made up at the same rate as previous year.

Several statistical returns are appended, from which it is learned that the number of assessments during 1879 was 10, and that the amount paid to the heirs of deceased brethren was \$1,240 each. Table No. 2 gives the average of the deaths at 49½; the average amount paid by each, \$1.22; average amount paid each representative, \$1,225.33; the death per cent. on average membership, .76; the average cost of expense per member was \$1.10; average members, 1,525; the total amount paid by deceased members was \$1,470, and the total amount paid to representatives in 1879 was \$14,704.

Table No. 3 gives the number of casualties as 2, and the amount paid each as \$620.

The financial statement of receipts and disbursements of 1879 is as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

To Molson's Bank, balance on deposit 31st Dec., 1879.....	\$ 4,389 57
To amount received on Calls.....	20,125 00
To amount received on Disabilities.....	1,469 50
To amount received on Applications.....	878 05
To amount received on Annual Call.....	1,434 00
To amount received on Fines and Fees...	19 17
To interest account—	
Received interest on bank deposits.....	\$ 135 78
Rec'd interest on Debentures.....	1,081 50
Rec'd interest on Loan Society Stocks.....	426 62
	1,643 00
To Molson's Bank, note discount—	
od and due March 11, 1880.....	2,000 00
	\$32,017 14.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash paid claims in 1878, Nos. 118 and 119.....	\$ 2,480 00
By cash paid claims this year.....	14,824 00
" " " Disabilities.....	1,240 00

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Paid for Printing.....	\$ 321 30
" Postage Stamps and telegrams..	468 55
" Postal Cards.....	122 90
" Stationery.....	80 18
" Salary H. A. Baxter.....	1,000 00
" Salary Assistant Secretary.....	400 00
" Fuel, Light and Incidentals.....	31 17
" Expenses to Goderich, Pres. and Sec.....	10 00
" Commission to Local Agents.....	177 00
Paid Begg as Special Agent.....	100 00
" R. Waddell for rent of office.....	120 00
" Smyth & Burnett, as Auditors.....	50 00
" Medical Referee, Dr. Brown, special and general.....	88 25
By Office Furniture account—Safe, \$151.50; Stove, \$27.47.....	178 97
By Canadian Savings' and Loan Society Stock (100 shares) on account.....	1,656 25
By Agricultural Savings and Loan Society Stock (50 shares) on account.....	2,765 50
By City of London Debenture account....	3,026 00
By Molson's Bank, balance on deposit at date.....	1,958 72
By interest Account—Paid discount on \$2,000 note, discounted Dec. 8, 1879....	36 65
By balance at date, as shown in statement of assets.....	702 64
	\$32,017 14

ASSETS.

City of London Debentures, 7 per cent., 13 years, par value, \$18,200; cost \$.....	\$18,021 47
Canadian Savings and Loan Society Stock, 100 shares, \$50 each; cost \$.....	5,308 07
Agricultural Savings & Loan Society Stock 50 shares, \$50 each; cost \$.....	2,800 00
Dominion Savings and Loan Society Stock, 50 shares, \$50 each; cost \$.....	1,209 05
Interest at date (not yet paid).....	101 07
Office Furniture, including stationery, blank books, safe, postal stamps and cards..	578 25
Molson's Bank—balance on deposit at date.....	1,058 72
Balance as cash and on account of call No. 132, as per statement.....	792 04
	\$30,860 47

LIABILITIES.

Call No. 132, cheque issued but not paid. \$	1,200 00
Bills payable—Note discounted and due March 1880.....	2,000 00
Balance—estimated surplus over liabilities,	27,660 47
	\$30,860 47

Dr. V. A. Brown, the Medical Referee, also presents his annual report, which gives the mortality list during the past twelve months. There had been 11 during 1879. He had examined 90 applications and rejected six. He respectfully calls the attention of the members of the Association to the desirability that seems so great of limiting the age of admittance into the Association to 50 or 55 years, instead of 60, the present limit. He finds that there is a marked increase of applicants of from 50 to 60 years this year to what it has been heretofore.

The eleven deaths are given as under:—One each from cancer, typhoid fever, congestion of the lungs, jaundice, ulceration of the bowels, apoplexy, disease of kidney, and accidents, and three from disease of the heart. The following statement shows the number of deaths during each year since the formation of the Association in 1872 to the end of 1879:—1872, deaths 5; 1873, 9; 1874, 16; 1875, 26; 1876, 25; 1877, 21; 1878, 20; 1879, 12; total, 134.

The experience for the year 1869 shows:—Average number of members, 1,525; number of deaths, 11; average age of deceased members, 49½; one died out of every 101; death rate per cent., 76; amount paid beneficiaries, \$14,740.

The experience for eight years, or age of Association, shows:—Average number of members, 1,525; total number of deaths, 134; average number of deaths per year, 16½; average age of deceased members, 45.

According to clause 9 of the Constitution, the members will be called upon at the annual meeting to elect a President, Vice-President and three Directors, with two Auditors for the ensuing year.

The three Directors who retire this year are W. Bros. M. D. Dawson, Graham Glass and John Overell, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

The following are the officers of the Association elected for the ensuing year: President, R. W. Bro. R. Lewis; Vice-President, R. W. Bro. George S. Birrell; Directors, Bros. M. D. Dawson, J. M. Logan and Graham Glass.

 Freemasonry in Ireland.

The following facts, connected with the present condition of Masonry in Ireland, and for which we are indebted to the *Masonic Review*, will be found interesting and valuable for reference. The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Ireland for 1879, of which the Prince of Wales is Patron; the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master, and Robert W. Shekelton, Q.C., Deputy Grand Master; the Earl of Bandon, Grand Secretary; and Archibald St. George, Esq., Asst. G. S.—Office in Freemason's Hall, Molinsworth Street, Dublin:—

No sessions of the Grand Lodge are held in August and September, but in the remainder of the year assemblies are held on the first Thursday of each month. During six months (the first four and last two) the Grand Lodge of Instruction is held in Freemasons' Hall. No brother is eligible to membership therein unless he be a Past Master of three years standing as such, and also of proved knowledge of, and of practical experience in working the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry. There are thirty-five lodges in the City of Dublin, under the immediate superintendence of the Grand Lodge.

In Ireland there are twelve Provincial Grand Lodges, the Provinces each including several counties, viz:

Armagh—Maxwell C. Close, M.P., Prov. G. M.; Geo. Hill Smith, G. Sec., held at Armagh or Dundalk, 22 lodges.

North Connaught—Lord Harlech, Prov. G. M.; Ben. St. George Harrison, Grand Secretary, held at Carrick on Shannon, 5 lodges.

South Connaught—Andrew Brown, Prov. Grand Master; Richard Carroll, Grand Secretary, held at Ballina Sloe, 5 lodges.

Down—Col. Wm. B. Ford, Prov. Grand Master; Ed. Shirley Finnigan, Grand Secretary, held at Neury and Downpatrick, 45 lodges.

Londonderry and Donegal—Sir James A. Stewart, Bart., Prov. Grand Master; John Macnie, Grand Secretary, held at Londonderry, 23 lodges.

Meath—Wm. Featherstonagh, Prov. G. Master; G. J. Norman de Arco, Grand Sec., held at Mullingar, 11 lodges.

Midland Counties—The Earl of Huntingdon, Prov. Grand Master; Ambrose M. Baird, Grand Secretary, held at Maryborough, 10 lodges.

Munster—Rt. Hon. Earl of Bandon, Prov. Grand Master; Capt. Wm. H. Newenham, Grand Secretary, held at Cork, 16 lodges.

North Munster—Lord Dumboyne, Prov. Grand Master; W. Barrington, Grand Sec., held at Limerick, 9 lodges.

South Eastern—Stephen Moore, M. P., Prov. Grand Master; Rev. John D. Renzy, Grand Secretary, held at Waterford, 7 lodges.

Tyrone and Fernauagh—Sir John M. Stewart, Bart., Prov. Grand Master; Dr. Obadiah Ternan, Grand Secretary, held at Enniskillen, 18 lodges.

Wicklow and Wexford—Viscount Powerscourt, Grand Master; Edward Evans, Grand Secretary, held at Bray, 7 lodges.

35 Lodges in Dublin, and 10 lodges in Military Corps not stationary.

Total number of lodges in Ireland, 223.

There are 6 Provincial Grand Lodges abroad under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, viz:

Victoria—Hon. John Smith, M. P., Pro. Grand Master; Angell Ellis, Grand Sec'y, held at Melbourne, 14 Lodges.

New South Wales—John B. Jackson, Prov. Grand Master; Evan H. Williams, Grand Secretary, held at Sydney, 8 lodges.

New Zealand—Geo. P. Pierce, Prov. Gr. Master; Wm. Joseph Rees, Grand Secretary, held at Auckland, 14 lodges.

South Australia—Wm. J. Crawford, Prov. Grand Master; Richard I. Winter, Grand Secretary, held at Adelaide, 10 lodges.

Queensland—Col. Sir A. C. O'Connell, Prov. Grand Master; Theodore O. Unmack, Grand Secretary, held at Brisbane, 9 lodges.

Ceylon—Capt. Wm. J. Gorman, Prov. Grand Master; John Guthrie, Grand Sec'y, held at Columbo, 4 lodges.

Three lodges in Tasmania; one each in Isle of Man; Gibraltar; Malta; Mauritius; Ontario, Canada; Bermuda; Lima, Peru; and Constantinople, making 12 lodges.

Number of lodges abroad owing obedience to Grand Lodge of Ireland, 71.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland—Hon. Judge Townsend, Grand Z.; Samuel B. Oldham, Grand Secretary. Chapters in Dublin, 25; elsewhere, 135; total, 160.

Order of the Temple—Patron, the Queen; Grand Master, Prince of Wales; Great Prior of England and Wales, Lord Skelmersdale; Great Prior of Ireland, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught; Great Prior of Canada, Col. W. J. B. McLeod Moore; Registrar, Sir P. Colquhar; Assistant, W. Tinkler, London, W. C.

Knights of the Grand Cross—H. R. H. the Prince of Wales; Emperor of Germany; King of Sweden; Crown Prince of Germany; Crown Prince of Denmark; the Duke of Connaught; Earl of Limerick; Earl of Charlemont; Viscount Powerscourt; Lord Skelmersdale; Sir E. Brough, Bart.; Prince John of Gluckburg, and ten others. Including one in the United States, J. Q. A. Fellows, New Orleans, and Col. McLeod Moore, in Canada; there are 22 Knights Commanders.

The Grand Registrar of the Great Priory of Ireland, is George Woodward, Dublin. There are 13 Preceptories of the Order in Dublin including the Prince of Wales' own, and 31 elsewhere; making 44 on the Roll of the Great Priory of Ireland. There is also a Grand Chapter of Prince Masons of Ireland. A Supreme Council of 33°, John F. Townsend, Sovereign Master; Robert Wm. Shekelton, G. Sec.; Albert Pike; A. G. Mackey; J. H. Drummond, f U.S., are Honorary Members. The Prince of Wales is Gr. Patron of Supreme Council 33°, and Lt.-Col. S. H. Clerke, G. Sec. General.

Grand Lodge of England.

A special meeting of this Grand Lodge was held on the 18th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, London, for the purpose of investing the New Grand Secretary, appointed in place of Bro. Hervey, resigned. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M. W. Grand Master presided; and on his entering Grand Lodge, which was composed of some 500 brethren, was received with vociferous cheering. After the Lodge had been opened, the Assistant Grand Secretary by direction of the Grand Master, read the summons assembling the brethren. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales then said:—Brethren, This special meeting of Grand Lodge has been called together for the purpose of investing Bro. Shadwell Clerke with the office of Grand Secretary. You will, brethren, I feel sure, agree with me that we have every reason to deplore and lament the serious illness of Brother Hervey, who has fulfilled the duties of Grand Secretary for many years so ably and well; and I am sure it is with unfeigned regret we learned that, from the state of his health he has thought it necessary to resign the

important, and I may say very arduous duties of his office. Brethren, as your Grand Master, I have felt some responsibility in choosing one who I thought would be capable of holding this important post, and also at the same time I was anxious he should be one who would be agreeable generally to the brethren. I can only hope that the choice I have made is one which will meet with your approbation. I feel convinced that Brother Shadwell Clerke will do his duty to the utmost in the new and important situation he is about to fill. I may add, as you are doubtless aware, brethren, that Brother Shadwell Clerke has had many important duties in Masonry, but I know from him that those duties will in nowise interfere with the duties of Grand Secretary which he is about to hold. Colonel Shadwell Clerke was then conducted by Sir Albert Woods and Mr. Thomas Fenn to the right of his Royal Highness, when the Grand Tyler (Bro. Henry Sadler) attended with the Grand Secretary's apron, collar, jewel and gauntlets, on a blue velvet cushion. The Prince of Wales thereupon took these regalia, invested Colonel Shadwell Clerke with them, and afterwards cordially shook him by the hand. The new Grand Secretary proceeded to his table, under the conduct of Sir Albert Woods and Brother Fenn, amidst universal cheering. Sir Albert Woods then called the brethren to "order," and taking the "fire" from him, Colonel Clerke was saluted with the salutes appertaining to his rank. The Prince of Wales then announced that there was no more business before the Grand Lodge, which was therefore closed in due form. On leaving Lodge, as on entering, His Royal Highness was greeted with loud and continued applause.

Masonic Ball in Quebec.

The Brethren of the Ancient Capital of Canada having decided to cele-

brate St. John's Day with a Ball, the decision was carried to a successful issue, by one of the most pleasant and enjoyable entertainments of the kind that has been held in that city for many years.

The Ball was held in the Music Hall, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The stage was laid out as a Royal Arch Chapter, with all the paraphernalia relating thereto. Above it blazed in gas jets the five pointed star with the small G and the Triplettau, while prominent positions were also occupied by the All-Seeing Eye and the large letter G. At different intervals along the front of the gallery were vases containing plants, and interspersed with these were innumerable and well-executed Masonic devices. Stars of bayonets, flags, mirrors, lace curtains, &c., all combined to perfect a most choice and beautiful ornamentation of the building. At nine o'clock the brethren entered in procession to the music of the Entered Apprentice March, played by the Band of "B" Battery. The first to enter were the Blue Lodge Masons, followed by the Royal Arch Masons, and the rear was brought up by the Past Grand Officers, all clothed in regalia. An avenue being formed, the M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, accompanied by R. W. Bro. James Dunbar, P. G. M., R. W. Bro. Judge, D. G. M., and other Grand Officers, passed up to the stage and was received with the grand honors. M. W. Bro. Graham then addressed the Brethren as follows:—

Light Worshipful Sir; Royal Arch Companions; and Brethren:—I beg heartily to thank you for the kind, fraternal welcome which you have extended to me and to the other officers of our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter present to-night. It is hardly necessary for me to assure you, that it affords me unusual satisfaction to meet you, the representatives of our ancient, honorable and ever-expanding fraternity, at this Annual Festival, in this grand, old, historical capital, wherein so many eminent brethren and companions have been members and rulers of our Order; and especially

wherein a little more than a generation ago, our most Worshipful Brother, His Royal Highness, the late Duke of Kent, the father of our beloved Queen, presided over the assemblies and festivals of the Craft as Provincial Grand Master of Lower Canada. It affords me great pleasure also, to meet so many of your friends and guests in this brilliant assembly,—including so much of the grace, beauty and culture for which your picturesque city is far-famed. And while circumstances do not permit me further to participate with you in the festivities of this Anniversary, yet my pleasure will be none the less in seeing you thoroughly enjoying yourselves throughout the same. Companions and Brethren, I cannot well refrain from saying that the taste with which this festive hall is decorated, and the brilliancy of this assembly vividly remind me of the Masonic anniversaries held in the City of London, under the auspices of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England. I sincerely trust that all of you will enjoy yourselves, and that this Masonic Ball and Festival may long be remembered by you with very great pleasure and satisfaction. Right Worshipful Brother Charleson, the District Deputy Grand Master of Quebec and Three Rivers, will now address you.

R. W. Bro. J. B. Charleson, D. D. G. M., also addressed the brethren and guests, bidding them welcome to the celebration of the anniversary:

The gay appearance of the scene, says the *Quebec Chronicle*, was heightened by the alternating of the ordinary Masonic regalia with the gay dresses of the ladies, the rich scarfs and jewels of the Royal Arch Masons and the gold laced regalia of the Grand Lodge officers. There were also a few Masons present high up in the craft, whose very uncommon and beautiful regalia attracted general notice. Sir Rose Price, of England, wore the jewel of the 33rd degree and the apron of the Rose Croix. Mr. Geo. Stewart, jr., appeared in his regalia as Knight of Malta and Red Cross of Constantine, wearing the jewels of the order, and of Rose Croix and Royal Order of Scotland. This regalia was necessarily one of the most noticeable worn at the ball. The regalia of the M. W. the Grand Master, who is also First Grand Principle of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, was of course exceedingly handsome, as well as that of M. W.

James Dunbar, P. G. M., who wore the regalia of his office and the jewel of the past third Grand Principal of the R. A. Chapter of Quebec.

Masonic Meditation.

All Freemasonry, with commendable unanimity, lifts its hands in holy horror at the suicidal sacrilege of the Grand Orient of France, in abolishing the Bible and its Author from their Lodges and ceremonies. And yet what else could we expect from a country whose history is written in blood and fire and communism, whose creed ignores all belief—God, providence, conscience, judgment, future state—whose litany of the general service made the Sabbath a magnificent fete day for a delirious round of sensuous pleasures and voluptuous amusement, and whose collect of the day was eat, drink, and be merry, for to-morrow we die, and death is an eternal sleep? Thus Paris has become for France, nay more, the metropolis of Europe, the pleasure ground of the world—where the rich and profligate and luxurious of all countries meet to hold high carnival. Again, what else could we expect of a country whose people are as unstable as water, and whose changes and revolutions are kaleidoscopic? Take the Man of December from the *coup d'etat* of 1857, to the Man of Sedan, at Chateau de Bellevue, September 2, 1870, and we have two revolutions, a disastrous foreign war, with dismemberment of territory, and since that, a constitutional republic, trembling upon the verge of intestine tumult.

Shall such a people dethrone Jehovah, the Supreme Being, the Creator, Ruler, and Preserver of the universe, and abolish His Word, the Book of the Law, the Great and only true Light of Masonry, from its sacred resting place upon the Altar, before the Ark? Sooner far might they abolish the sun from the heavens, and yet expect the regular succession

of the seasons, with seed time and harvest, with purple grapes and melon vintage—with tender pasturage, and silken fleeces, and lowing herds with flowers sparkling with dew, corn laughing after the rain, and barns groaning with an abundance of store for man and beast, when winter drear and bleak, mantles the earth with snow and ice and hail. Aye, sooner far might they abolish food and raiment and shelter, and say to their poor perishing bodies, Be ye filled—be ye warmed—be ye comforted. Sooner extinguish light, and bid the eyes to see—abolish sound, and whisper the ear to hear—destroy love, and expect the heart to feel—put an end to life, and yet look for responsive recognition from a corpse.

And yet who shall pronounce sentence against these volatile, mercurial, atheistical Frenchmen. A just and righteous judgment, and one that will carry conviction to every true and loyal mind, must of necessity, emanate from a tribunal pure and holy in itself, where judgment is laid to the line, and righteousness to the plummet. Who among us, as Masons, can first cast a stone at these taken in apostacy? How many like Peter, have denied the Word, and how many like Judas, have betrayed it with a kiss? How many, think you, by habitual profanity, daily, hourly, insult God, and blaspheme his Holy Book? How many constantly, and with zeal, worship other gods than the God of the Bible, and in many instances, bow down to images, the work of their own hands? How many made shipwreck of property, health, character, position and family, in their infatuated services of those twin demons of hell, intemperance and gambling? How many are ready of hand and swift of foot, to do evil upon the Lord's day, and violate its heavenly sanctity? How many openly dishonor their parents, and oft-times bring their gray hairs with sorrow to the grave? How many steal by buying when they do not intend

to pay, or know that they will not be able to pay, or avoid payment by legal quirks and quibbles and subterfuges, or by fraudulent transfers of property, or unblushing bankruptcies? How many make their Lodge attendance an excuse for getting away from home and their marital vows, to wander with strange women in forbidden paths? How many, unconsciously it may be, suffer envy, and jealousy, and anger, and hate, and revenge, to make them as veritable murderers as Cain? How many bear false witness against their neighbors, and thus bring, wrong, sorrow and contumely, upon those whom they should love as themselves? How many, restless and discontented, at their own lot look with covetous envy and unlawful desire upon the manifold possessions of their more fortunate neighbors? How many, in fine, who, according to Holy Writ, in breaking one commandment, are guilty of the whole, declare themselves, by their daily walk and conversation, in open rebellion against the authority of the Most High God, and trample with sacriligious feet upon the sublime teachings and holy precepts of his Written Word? Let us all, then, come around the Altar, and upon the Great Light of Masonry renew our vows, wisely resolving to make it the rule and guide of our faith. And let us, one and all, adopt the language of pious old Gadick: "With out this sacred Light, we find no Masonic Altar; without it no Lodge is perfect; neither can any one be legally initiated into the order, unless he believes in the grand truths which are therein contained, unless he supports, and is supported by that Blessed Book."—*Our Home.*

Hamilton.

VISIT OF THE M. E. THE GRAND Z.

It having been rumored that at the regular meeting of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, when the officers

of the two Hamilton Chapters and the Milton Chapter were to be installed, that we were to be favored by a visit from the M. E. the Grand Z., M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, Esq., of Barrie, on his official visit to the Companions of the "Ambitious City," the indefatigable Grand Supt. of the District at once began the necessary preparations to insure our M. E. Comp. a truly Masonic and thrice hearty welcome on this his first official visit, and the subsequent proceedings proved that these arrangements were carried out to the end with satisfaction to all and credit to the officer above named, as all who had the good fortune to participate in this happy meeting will testify. There was a very large attendance of Royal Arch Masons, so large that the Chapter room was found to be too small altogether, and the Blue Lodge Room which had been placed at the disposal of the Companions, was in fact taxed to its utmost to provide accommodation for those who wished to be present to welcome amongst us our very popular, zealous, and respected Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The installation ceremony was ably conducted by R. E. Comp. J. M. Meakins, Grand Supt. of the Hamilton District, assisted by R. E. Comps. Donald McPhie, P.G.D.S., Gavin Stewart, P.G.P.S., and R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand S. E. Amongst the Comps. present were R. E. Comps. E. Mitchell, J. J. Mason, J. M. Gibson, M. P. P., R. Brierley, and E. Comps. C. R. Smith, H. A. Mackay. The following are the officers installed:—

- HIRAM CHAPTER, NO. 2.
 R. E. Comp. J. M. Meakins, Z.
 " Gavin Stewart, P. Z.
 " Colin Munro, H.
 " F. F. Dalley, J.
 " B. J. Morgan, S. E.
 " Geo. Russell, S. N.
 " Alex. Turner, Treas.
 " Chas. H. Foster, P. S.
 " C. W. Mulligan, 1st Asst S.
 " W. C. Morton, 2nd do.
 " H. S. Griffin, Pursuivant.
 " Canby Reece, Master 3rd V.
 " Wm. Omand, " 2nd V.
 " J. H. Stone, " 1st V.

- Comp. A. T. James, } Stewards.
 " R. B. Morrison. }
 " Moses Overholt, D. of C.
 " W. W. Summers, Janitor.
 R. E. " F. R. Despard, Trustee.
 " " Gavin Stewart, } Auditors.
 " " S. E. Townsend, }

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 6, R. A. M.

- R. E. Comp A. Pain, Z.
 " D. McPhie, P. Z.
 " W. G. Reid, H.
 " J. Malloy, J.
 " Rev. R. G. Sutherland, Chap.
 " J. A. Malcolm, S.E.
 " H. Munzie, S.N.
 " F. S. Whipple, Treasurer.
 " J. Dickson, P.S.
 " W. Gr ering, 1st Assistant.
 " A. McKay, 2nd Assistant.
 " J. Jelling, Master 3rd V.
 " C. A. Davis, Master 2nd V.
 " P.G.N. Goldney, Master 1st V.
 " F. Bennett, Pursuivant.
 " J. Dalrymple, M. of C.
 " W. Pearce, } Stewards.
 " A. Doherty, }
 " W. Spencer, Organist.
 " W. W. Summers, Janitor.
 R. E. " R. Brierly, Trustee.
 " " J. J. Mason, } Auditors.
 " " J. M. Gibson, }

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, NO. 75, MILTON.

- E. Comp. W. Panton, Z.
 " J. E. Harrison, P. Z.
 " A. S. Gillett, H.
 " John Leslie, J.
 " John Lyon, S. E.
 " Samuel Cook, S. N.
 " E. Dixon, Treasurer.
 " W. W. Campbell, P. S.
 " W. H. McNabb, 1st Asst. S.
 " Samuel Coxe, 2nd "
 " Thos. Grimshaw, Pur.
 " B. Bridgeman, Master 3rd V.
 " J. T. Elliott, " 2nd "
 " W. L. P. Eager, " 1st "
 " W. Scott, Janitor.

The installation being over, R. E. Comp. Gavin Stewart presented the Chapters in Hamilton with a beautiful portrait of the District Superintendent of Works, R. E. Comp. J. M. Meakins, on behalf of V. E. Comp. McMillan, of Dundas.

R. E. Comp. E. Mitchell moved a vote of thanks to R. E. Comp. McMillan, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. McPhie, which was carried unanimously.

The Companions retired to the dining room, where a sumptuous spread, prepared by Comp. A. T. James, was in readiness. The tables were prettily laid out. In the centre was a handsome floral design, descriptive of Royal Arch Masonry, and other bouquets graced the table. A button-hole bouquet was placed in front of each guest.

All the floral decorations were from the conservatories of Mr. Townsend, corner of Park and Vine streets, and reflected the greatest credit on the establishment. R. E. Comp. E. Mitchell took the chair, and after the cloth was removed, proposed the first toast "The Queen and the Craft," the company singing the "National Anthem."

The second toast was "The Grand Lodge of Canada." Comp. Davis sang "The Little Fat Man," which caused much laughter.

R. W. Bros. J. M. Meakins, D. D. G. M., and J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, responded in neat speeches. The latter stated in the course of his remarks that the Grand Lodge of Canada gave more in the cause of benevolence than any Grand Lodge on the continent.

The next toast was the "M. E. Grand Z. and Grand Chapter of Canada," M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, the Grand Z, and R. E. Comp. D. McLellan, Grand Scribe, responded.

R. E. Comp. Brierly, who occupied the Vice-chair, conducted the remainder of the programme, which embraced the toasts of "the newly-elected officers," "the Past Z's" (coupled with the names of R. E. Comps. E. Mitchell, J. M. Gibson and Reid), all of whom responded.

Bro. Richardson sang "The British Lion," Comp. Mattice gave "The Cobbler," and Comp. Goldney "By Studying Economy." Song and sentiment occupied the company until an early hour.

The affair was most pleasant.

Editorial Notes.

SIR FRANCIS TRUSCOTT, Lord Mayor of London, (Eng.) has recently been re-elected and installed Master of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, E. R.

ANOTHER opponent of Freemasonry has turned up in the person of Rev. Henry T. Hunter, pastor of the Seventh Presbyterian Church, in New York. This ignorant fanatic has, it appears, totally refused to permit the funeral services of a deceased member of his congregation to take place in his church. His flock are indignant and it is said, will demand his resignation.

THE Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on St. John's day, Dec. 27th. M. W. Bro. Nisbet, Grand Master, presiding. The address of the Grand Master was very interest-

ing and instructive. The Steward of the Girard bequest reported the sum of \$34.95 granted for charitable purposes during the past year, and the Almoner of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund granted relief to the amount of \$3,155. Bro. Nisbet was re-elected Grand Master; Bro. Conrad B. Day, Senior Grand Warden, Bro. E. C. Mitchell, Junior Grand Warden; and Bro. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

FIFTY dollars is the minimum fee for initiation in Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

A LUDICROUS TRANSPOSITION occurred in the make up of a couple of telegraphic items in the *New Haven Journal and Courier* Monday, which produced the following effect:—The first item read, "A large cast-iron wheel, revolving 900 times per minute, exploded in that city yesterday after a long and painful illness. Deceased was a prominent thirty-second degree Mason." This was followed by the second item, which read, "John Fadden, the well known florist and real estate broker, of Newport, R. I., died in Wardner & Russell's sugar mill at Crystal Lake, Ill., on Saturday, doing \$3,000 damage to the building, and injuring several workmen and Lorenzo Wilcox fatally."

M. W. BRO. HENDERSON has been kind enough to send us a Photo, in the Tablet form, of himself in the regalia of Grand Master. Nature has done much for our M. W. Brother; few finer looking men are to be met, and the Grand Lodge of Canada may feel proud of the personal appearance of their Grand Master. And we feel assured that he will prove as useful, as he is ornamental, at the head of the craft in this Province of Ontario.

STILL OLDER.—Toronto is elated over an old Masonic relic—a certificate issued to "Souter Johnny," of Burn's Tam O'Shanter in 1790. We have been shown a certificate in the

possession of a gentleman of this city, issued by the Grand Lodge of St. John, Geneva, on January 18th, 1772.—*Montreal Witness.*

At the final meeting of the Masonic Fair Committee, St. John, N. B., the following statement was presented which shows the result of the fair:

RECEIPTS.

Albion Lodge Table.....	\$1,065 80
do do Dolls Table.....	137 47
Total for Albion Lodge Table.....	\$1,233 27
St. John's do do	600 00
Hibernia, do do	30
Union of Portland do do	170 00
Leinster do do	333 00
New Brunswick do do	310 72
Consistory do do	580 70
General Committee do	464 78
Admissions.....	1,204 20
Refreshment Room.....	640 56
Bonnet Hop.....	201 53
Art Gallery.....	313 82
Drawing Room.....	369 12
	\$7,021 75

EXPENSES.

General Sales Room.....	\$103 27
Refreshment Room.....	408 99
Bonnet Hop.....	61 43
Art Gallery.....	111 11
Drawing Room.....	152 60
General Expenses.....	408 32
	\$1,245 17
Net Proceeds.....	\$5,775 98

Some few articles still remain unsold, returns for which will somewhat add to the above sum.

In our biographical sketch of M. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, of St. John, N. B., we stated that he had some few years ago entered into political life, and was in 1876 elected member for the city in the local legislature of New Brunswick, and still continues its representative. It affords us great pleasure to observe that he has lately been sworn in a member of the Government of New Brunswick, and his name so well and favorably known will add strength to the ministry of which he has become a member. We congratulate Bro. Marshall on this acknowledgment of his talents, and on the honor conferred on him by the representative of his Sovereign in the Province of New Brunswick.

"THE CRAFTSMAN.—Bro. Trayer is pursuing the even tenor of his way and turns his thirteenth mile-stone with all the ease and grace of one used to the etiquette of courtly life."—*Masonic Eclectic.*

Canadian Masonic News.

St. JOHN, N. B.—At the regular communication of St. John's Lodge, held on the 6th ult., at which there was a large gathering of members of that Lodge and of the other city Lodges, honorary membership was conferred on M. W. Bro. Peters, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. Bunting, Grand Secretary. The honor conferred on these brethren was the more significant since they are the first who have been so honored by St. John's Lodge, which has been in existence for seventy-eight years. In presenting the certificates of honorary membership, W. Bro. Trueman, W. M., referred to the great benefits the Craft had derived from their efforts, and said that the Lodge did itself honor in honoring them. Bros. Peters and Bunting in turn thanked the Lodge in felicitious terms for bestowing on them the rank of honorary membership, and referred to the happy manner in which they had been united in their Masonic labors in the past—a partnership which they felt happy in continuing. The M. W., the Grand Master was then received with grand honors, and with the assistance of many of the Grand Officers, installed the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Wm. Sadlier. The newly installed Master then invested the other officers of the Lodge, a list of whom will be found in another place. The proceedings being ended, the officers, as well as guests from other Lodges, adjourned for supper to the residence of W. Bro. Sadlier, where a couple of hours were agreeably spent in doing justice to the good things which were placed before them, and in speeches, songs, and instrumental music.

PRESENTATION AT WOODSTOCK.—A time honored and one of the most pleasant customs of Masonic bodies is the presentation of a Past-Master's jewel or some other mark of respect and appreciation to the retiring Worshipful Master. The occupation of the Master's chair in the fullest sense of the term is an arduous one, and requires an amount of experience and preparation beforehand which can only be appreciated by him who undertakes to fill so important an office. The evening of the 27th ult., witnessed one of the largest Masonic meetings in connection with King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, Ont., that has been held for a long time, the principal feature of the evening's entertainment being the presentation to V. W. Bro. Geo. C. Eden, P. M., of a life-size portrait of himself accompanied by an address. For two years in succession Bro. Eden filled the Worshipful Master's chair, and that he did so with satisfaction is attested by the generous manner in which the Lodge recognized his services. The following is the address, which was read by W. Bro. R. M. Revell, W. M.:—

MASONIC HALL, WOODSTOCK.

Jan. 27, 1880.

Very Worshipful Brother Geo. C. Eden, P. M. King Solomon's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 43, G. R. C.

VERY WORSHIPFUL SIR.—On behalf of the members of King Solomon's Lodge, it affords us great pleasure to ask your acceptance of this life-size portrait as a token of personal esteem and regard, and as an expression of their high appreciation of your worth as a man and a Mason, as well as an acknowledgment of your services to Masonry in Woodstock, and in particular to mark our recognition of the fidelity, skill, and efficiency with which you ruled King Solomon's Lodge for two successive years.

In conclusion, Very Worshipful Sir, we beg to convey to you and your family our best wishes and desires that the Giver of all Good may bless you and them with every happiness and prosperity, and to express our fervent hope that you may long be spared to go out and in amongst them, and also amongst us; and when at last it may please the Great Architect of the universe to call you to the Grand Lodge above, we trust that this picture will be handed down to your children and their children as a memento of the esteem and brotherly love of King Solomon's Lodge for the original.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,
R. M. REVELL, W. M. R. MCWHINNIE, P. M.
J. NO. THACKER, S. W. J. NO. MORRISON, J. W.

In reply to the above, Bro. P. M. Eden spoke as follows:—

Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I cannot find language to suitably thank you for the kind wishes to myself and family in your flattering address, and its being accompanied by so valuable a present adds doubly to my confusion.

If I could persuade myself that I deserved a moiety of the praise you have given me I should feel amply repaid for any trouble I may have taken in connection with King Solomon's Lodge, even if I should never have received any acknowledgment of it from you.

I can assure you it has been a labor of love for me to work together with yourselves to advance the interests of Masonry in this town, and if I have been able to take a more prominent part in our ceremonies than the majority of you, it was only owing to your kindness in overlooking my many shortcomings and placing me in the position I occupied that I was enabled to do so.

Brethren, I trust this picture may long have an honored place in my home, not alone for the remembrance of the features it so flatteringly portrays, but more on account of the testimony of the warm place the recipient held in your hearts that it will be witness to. And, brethren, when the gavel of death shall sound and the original of that picture be still-ed by its command, I can only wish now that such of you as may survive me will as you throw the sprig of evergreen on my coffin, do then as you have done now—throw around my follies the broad mantle of a Mason's charity, and kindly remember me for the little good I may have accomplished.

The portrait is from the studio of C. E. Perry, and is finely executed, and was highly admired by all who saw it.

VANCOUVER AND QUADRA, No. 2, G. R. British Columbia.—The Installation of the officers of this old established Lodge took place at the Masonic Temple, when the following officers were installed by M. W. Bro. Eli Harrison, sen., Grand Master, assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge. W. Bro. Robert Beavan, W. M.; A. R. Milne, S. W.; D. K. Ross, J. W.; Coote M. Chambers, Secretary; J. F. Becker, Treasurer; E. C. Neufelder, S. D.; Isaac Oppenheimer, J. D.; Dr. E. C. B. Hannington, Robt. Herron, Stewards; D. R. Harris, I. G.; W. F. O'Connor, Tyler. It was suggested by the M. W. Grand Master that a subscription be taken up for the relief of the destitute in Ireland by the several lodges in the Province, and a list will be opened immediately for that purpose.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The entertainment in Summerside on New Year's night in aid of King Hiram Lodge, was very successful. The

audience was large, and the entertainment provided for them was better than that usually set before the public by amateur performers. The Hon. John Yeo, Grand Master, occupied the chair, and a large number of Masons were on the platform. The ladies who sang were Mrs. J. R. Calhoun, Mrs. Wm. Hunt and Mrs. H. A. Compton. Miss McLennan presided at the piano. One of the pleasantest features of the entertainment was the rendering of parts of H. M. S. Pinafore by Messrs. Morris and Bairnsfather. This performance was very successful, and was well appreciated by the audience.

RESUSCITATION OF DORCHESTER CHAPTER, AT WATERLOO, P. Q.—On Wednesday, the 21st January, by authority of a dispensation from the Grand First Principal Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, this old Chapter, which has been dormant for a number of years, was formally resuscitated as No. 8 on the Register of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and the following officers installed:—

- R. E. Comp. H. L. Robinson, Z.
- “ “ J. P. Moyes, H.
- “ “ G. H. Allan, J.
- “ “ W. J. Briggs, Scribe E.
- “ “ H. Fisk, Scribe N.
- “ “ W. A. Taylor, Treasurer.
- “ “ D. L. Allan, P. S.
- “ “ Edwin Taylor, S. S.
- “ “ L. Payan, J. S.

The installation ceremonies were conducted by R. E. Comp. I. H. Stearns, Grand H., assisted by V. E. Comp. A. G. Adams. R. E. Comp. Robinson was named 1st Principal Z. of this Chapter in the Charter from the Grand Chapter of Canada over twenty years ago, and it is pleasing to see so able and zealous a Comp. again its chief officer; and under his able and skilful rule, Dorchester Chapter is certain to become, as in former years, one of the leading Chapters in the Province of Quebec.

LONDON.—At the close of the regular business of St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., on the

8th ult., Past Master B. W. Greer presented, on behalf of the officers and members to the Immediate Past Master, W. Bro. A. J. B. Macdonald, a handsome Past Master's jewel of fine gold, bearing the following inscription on the shield:—"Presented to W. Bro. A. J. B. Macdonald by the officers and members of St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., January, 1880." The recipient thanked the donors for their valuable memento, and expressed his great pleasure at receiving such a valuable token of esteem from the brethren of 209a.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—The Masonic fraternity here celebrated their anniversary by a grand ball in Lyon's Hotel, on the evening of the 26th ult. The proprietor of the hotel placed his entire building at the disposal of the committee, and neither expense nor time was spared in decorating it for the occasion. The whole affair was a complete success, and was well attended, some forty-five couples being present. The ball was formally opened by the Masonic officers, after which the dancing commenced in earnest. The Masons of the Portage are justly proud of the success of their first effort in this direction.

COLLINGWOOD.—A Conversazione was held by the members of Manitou Lodge in their lodge room on the 21st ult. The room was handsomely decorated with banners, evergreens, emblems and insignia of the craft. A large number of the brethren with their lady friends were present, and the time was passed pleasantly in eating, music and dancing.

MOUNT FOREST.—The members of St. Alban's Lodge held their annual celebration in the Town Hall, on Monday evening, the 29th Dec. The Hall was handsomely decorated, and there was a good attendance. The Master of the Lodge, W. Bro. Colcleugh, occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings with a brief address, in which he explained how

their annual gathering came to be held, and extended a welcome to the guests. The first part of the evening's entertainment consisted of music and readings. Dancing followed, and, with the usual adjournment to the refreshment room, when the inner man required, it was kept up until an early hour in the morning.

ANDOVER, N. B.—A Ball was given on the night of New Year's Day, by the Masons of this place. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags, paintings, Chinese lanterns, &c., and the affair was a decided success.

MONTREAL.—At the Regular Communication of Corinthian Lodge, No. 62, held on the 7th ult., a very handsome P. M.'s jewel was presented to the retiring Master, W. Bro. Henry Dunne. It was a happy surprise, and happily responded to, not only by speech, but by his inviting the brethren to the Terrapin, where they enjoyed a splendid menu. W. Bro. T. J. Howard, W. M. Corinthian Lodge, presided, supported on his right and left by W. Bros. H. Earle and George Wait, St. George's Lodge, W. Brewster, Zetland Lodge, A. Dunne, Corinthian Lodge, P. A. Crosby, Zetland Lodge, and other members. Speeches, songs and recitations concluded a happy evening. The jewel bears the words "Presented to W. Bro. H. Dunne, P. M. of Corinthian Lodge, No. 62, Q. R., by a number of the brethren, as a mark of esteem for his efficiency as the First Master of the Lodge. Montreal, January 7th, 1880."

LONDON.—At the regular communication of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., London East, held on the evening of the 6th ult., Bro. B. W. Hamilton, took occasion, on behalf of the Brethren, to ask P. M. Bro. James Ardell's acceptance of a handsome Past Master's jewel, and accompanying which was the following address:—

To W. Bro. James Ardell, P. M., of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C.:—

We, the officers and members of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, being deeply impressed by a sense of admiration of your Masonic character

would not be silent on the occasion of your retirement from the eminent position of W. Master, a position which you have filled with credit to yourself and honor to the Craft. While we as a Lodge have cause for congratulation in improved numbers, funds and other elements likely to conduce to permanent well-being, we realize that we are greatly indebted to your indefatigable exertions for this prosperity. You have ever manifested that consideration, good-will and brotherly love which is the true bond of our ancient Order. Be pleased to accept this Past-Master's jewel, whose symbolic meaning you have so well illustrated in your Masonic and private life, and rest assured that your services to this Lodge and the Masonic body generally, will never be effaced from our memories.

We wish you happiness, and trust that we may all hereafter be received in the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Architect of the universe lives and reigns forever.

Signed on behalf of the officers and members of the Lodge this 6th day of January, A. L. 1880.—

BASIL W. HAMILTON, W. M.
THOS. MCNAUGHTON, Sec'y.

W. Bro. Ardell made a neat reply, in the course of which he expressed his earnest thanks to his Brethren for the valuable jewel which they had seen fit to bestow upon him. He had endeavored to do his duty while occupying the position of Master, and if he had succeeded in pleasing the members, he would deem his services amply repaid. He thanked the Brethren for the additional manifestation of their good-will and brotherly feeling they had accorded him, and he could assure them that it would be highly prized by him as long as life was vouchsafed him.

QUEBEC.—A district meeting of the officers and members of the Lodges in this city and town of Levis, called by summons of the District Deputy Grand Master of Quebec and Three Rivers, J. B. Charleson, Esq., was held on Tuesday evening the 30th Dec., in the Freemason's Hall, Quebec, to welcome and receive a visit from M. W. Grand Master Graham of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province, and the R. W. the Grand Secretary, Col. Isaacson, of Montreal. The officers and members of the several Lodges were present in large numbers, and the Grand Master delivered a learned and eloquent address to the assembled Craftsmen. The Past Grand Officers present, the District Officials and

other brethren, including several Brothers from England and elsewhere, most happily and fraternally participated in the assembly, and addressed words of wisdom, advice and good-cheer to their brethren. This annual gathering was heartily enjoyed by the Brothers of the Mystic Tie. It is felt on every hand that a new era of prosperity in this section of our Province is now dawning upon our ancient, honorable and world-wide fraternity. So mote it be.

A special convocation of Stadacona Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, was held the afternoon of the same day in the Chapter Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, to receive an official visit from Most Excellent Companion, John H. Graham, LL. D., &c., Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec. The officers of this prosperous Chapter, and the many worthy companions of the Holy Royal Arch residents in this city and vicinity, were delighted to welcome this eminent Companion who has presided over their Grand Body since its formation, and he delivered to them an eloquent address replete with Masonic lore; and he was also pleased heartily to commend the Right Excellent the Grand Superintendent of this district, and the officers of the Chapter for the zeal, fidelity and ability displayed by them in the performance of their duties, and expressed his well-grounded opinion that a great future is in store for this exalted Order of our loyal, peaceful and charitable fraternity in this city and Province.

BARRIE.—After the installation of officers of Corinthian Lodge, in this town, the brethren met around the festive board for "refreshment." V. W. Bro. King, W. M., presided. In proposing the first toast he said it was not necessary to make many remarks in proposing the standard toast. The loyalty of all who lived under the protection and beneficent rule of our much loved Queen, was too well known to need any comment,

while the unswerving attachment of Freemasons to the government of the country under which they lived, was so continually inculcated in our Lodges that loyalty to the Queen and the craft was one of the first principles of genuine Freemasonry. Her Majesty's Throne was surrounded by eminent Freemasons, in the persons of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England; H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh, a Provincial Grand Master; H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Great Prior of the Masonic Knights Templar of Ireland; and other illustrious brethren. He knew the brethren would respond heartily to the toast:—"The Queen and the Craft," which was received with enthusiasm. All present joined in singing the National Anthem. The W. M. then proposed in appropriate language the second toast, "The M. W. the Grand Master of Masons and the Grand Lodge," and R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry responded. He said it would undoubtedly have afforded M. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, the Grand Master, much pleasure to be present with the brethren of Barrie on the occasion of celebrating the festival of St. John the Evangelist, had it been possible for him to leave Kingston for that purpose. We know, however, that the G. M. could not attend all the celebrations that are being held at this time; but he was satisfied the G. M. would fully appreciate the kindly feelings which were entertained for him by the craft of Canada. Regarding the members of Grand Lodge as the representatives of the 17,587 affiliated Freemasons who are members of Lodges, and probably 10,000 more who are not affiliated, they have not neglected the important duties entrusted to them. Such legislation as is necessary for guiding and directing the 334 Lodges that are on the roll has generally been passed after ample discussion and mature consideration, and the successful management of the Lodges is a good

index of the wisdom of the action of Grand Lodge. To those Freemasons' or Masons' widow and orphans who required succour and support the Grand Lodge had not failed to do its whole duty, as would be clearly established when he told them that from 1867 to 1879 over \$64,000 had been expended in aiding those who needed assistance. And notwithstanding this large outlay, for the best of all Masonic purposes, Grand Lodge was in a financial condition to still meet all pressing demands, having on hand over \$58,000. He thanked the brethren on behalf of his colleagues in Grand Lodge, and felt justified in saying that they had done their duty. This was followed by other appropriate toasts, such as "The health of the Master," "Our visiting Brethren," "The newly installed officers," &c. The Junior Warden's toast bringing the festivities to a pleasant termination.

Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

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Following are the Officers of Lodges recently installed:—

GRAND REGISTER OF CANADA.

Farran's Point Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 256, G. R. C., Farran's Point: I. P. M., W. Bro. C. Summers; W. M., W. Bro. W. J. McCleverty; S. W., Bro. Samuel Henry; J. W., Bro. A. Dawson; Chaplain, Bro. John N. Bigelow; Treas., Bro. C. C. Farran; Sec., R. W. Bro. Carlo Forbes; S. D., Bro. G. T. Brownell; J. D., Bro. John R. Manning; D. of C., Bro. John Denny; I. G., Bro. David Shaver; Tyler, Bro. Guy H. Cook.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omamee: W. M., W. S. Cottingham; S. W., George McWilliams; J. W., John Hamilton; Chap., Rev. R. H. Harris; Treas., James Evans; Sec., W. Brundrett; S. D., W. H. Cottingham; J. D., Wm. Miller; S. S., M. R. Micks; J. S., Thos. Richardson; D. of C., Rev. Jas. Norris; I. G., Chas. Dawson; Tyler,

Alex. Redmond. After the work of the Lodge was over, the members were entertained to an oyster supper by the wives of the married members of the Lodge. During the latter part of the proceedings the Secretary, Mr. Wm. Brundrett, was presented with a very handsome pair of gold sleeve buttons and an address, as a slight token of the appreciation by the Lodge of the energetic, able and genial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, G. R. C., Caledonia: W. M., W. Bro. W. T. Sawle, (re-elected); S. W., Bro. W. Leith; J. W., Bro. W. R. Telford; Secretary, Bro. W. J. Clark; Treas., Bro. James Old, Jr.; Chaplain, Rev. A. Anthony; Tyler, Bro. Simington.

Frederick Lodge, No. 217, G. R. C., Delhi: W. M., W. Bro. Jqs. Brown; S. W., W. Bro. Dr. Farewell; J. W., W. Bro. Thos. Wright; Sec., W. Bro. Jacob Soverern; Treas., W. Bro. Robt. Power; S. D., W. Bro. J. W. Griffin; J. D., W. Bro. A. H. Kemp; Stewards, V. W. Bros. Wm. Tilley and W. A. Ferguson; I. G., V. W. Bro. Geo. Forger; Tyler, V. W. Bro. E. Conlin.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Hibernian Lodge, St. John, N.B., installed by M. W. Hon. Robert Marshall, Grand Master: I. P. M., Geo. E. Perkins; W. M., D. S. Stewart; S. W., H. M. Hamilton; J. W., R. H. Sancton; Treas., W. J. Logan; Sec'y, G. G. Boyne; S. D., Thos. M. Pengilly; J. D., James R. Ferguson; S. S., Geo. K. Cochran; J. S., Wm. H. Cochran; D. of C., Geo. Murdoch; I. G., Archd. Bawer; Tyler, Dingee Scribner; Org., Geo. F. DeVine.

Sussex Lodge, No. 4, Dorchester, N.B.: W. M., Thos. N. Adams; S. W., Thomas Coldwell; J. W., J. A. McKay; Sec'y, E. A. Charters; Treas., John Teed; S. D., J. T. Cook; J. D., I. Hendry; S. S., W. D. Wilber; J. S., Wm. Richardson; Chaplain, C. E. Knapp; D. of C., S. W. Palmer; I. G., Angus McLeod; Tyler, Silas Cole.