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### FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AT PETERBORO'.

On the evening of the Festival of St. John the Baptist, the members of Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, and Peterboro' Lodge, No. 155, of Peterboro', having previously applied for and received the requisite dispensation, walked in procession to St. John's Church, where a sermon was preached, applicable to the occasion, by R. W. Bro. the Rev. Vincent Clementi, B.A.

The text was taken from the 1st Lesson appointed for the Evening Service: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the Prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." MALACHI iv., 5.

The preacher commenced by expressing the gratification he had experienced at being able to respond to the invitation conveyed to him by his brethren of the two Lodges, to assist them in celebrating, in the manner in which, were he still in the flesh, he would desire to see it celebrated, the Festival of St. John the Baptist. For it was, in his opinion, the bounden duty of every Mason to employ his best endeavors in furtherance of the honor of the Craft, and to prove to the outer world that the laws by which we are guided, and the principles by which we are actuated, are such as emanated from that Holy Book, without the exhibition of whose open page on our altar no Masonic work

can be effected. "And," he added, "if this is the duty of each individual member of our Lodges, it is more emphatically incumbent on every officer of those Lodges, on those honored by the special confidence of their brethren, to be ready, at all times, to exercise the legitimate functions of their respective stations. And I, therefore, as the Chaplain of the oldest of your two Lodges, cheerfully acknowledge your right to command my services whenever those services can be made available for the well-being of the Craft in connection with our religious duties."

He then referred to the reason why the Church of England identified the Chapter from which the text was taken with the history of the Baptist. It is because our Saviour has condescended to interpret for us those words, and has informed us that the Elijah there spoken of is the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth, for He says in St. Mathew, xi, 10, "This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee,'" (quoting from MALACHI) and He adds: "Verily, I say unto you, among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist."

He then alluded to the various portions of Scripture appointed to be

read at the different services on that Festival, all bearing reference to John and to the prominent facts connected with his remarkable life, and with his cruel death. In former times the 29th day of August was observed in commemoration of his martyrdom, but now we celebrate, on one occasion, the opening and the close of his earthly career.

He then spoke of the motive which had induced the ancient and honorable Society of Freemasons to make choice of that day as one of their peculiar Festivals.

It was not so much because John was the founder of the Order, even supposing him to have been a member of it, for Freemasonry was organized long before the day when he first saw the light. We read that from the time of the Babylonish captivity Masonic Lodges were dedicated to Zerubbabel; having been previously, and from the building of the first temple at Jerusalem, dedicated to King Solomon.

Nor was it even because the Baptist was a member of the Craft; for, although it is supposed by some that the "girdle of a skin," which St. Mark tells us he "wore about his loins," was a Masonic apron, he did not venture to assert that this was founded on fact, however deserving of credence it may be deemed by those more deeply read than himself in the *History and the Ancient Charges of the Order*.

His opinion was that John the Baptist was selected as one of the Grand Patrons of Freemasonry because he was the "fore-runner of the *Light*." His illustrious namesake, the other Grand Patron of the Order, "the loved Apostle John," declares that the Baptist "came for a witness, to bear witness of the *Light*." Our Saviour, too, of whom he was the herald and the harbinger, Himself testified of him that "he was a burning and a shining *Light*,"—illustrating thus his high and honorable office after the manner of the people he

addressed, who were in the habit of exemplifying a more than ordinary acquaintance with heavenly truth by means of that bright emblem.

This, then, is the reason, or rather one—perhaps the most influential—of the reasons which has operated in the selection by the Craft of John the Baptist as one of their Grand Patrons; viz: that he was the "fore-runner of the *Light*, the herald commissioned by the Great A. of the U. to announce the advent of "the true *Light*—the *Light* which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

And how worthy was the Baptist of that distinction! Yet, after all, John was but a mere man; he was no angel; not one of the heavenly host who stand ever before the throne on high, ready at any moment to wing their way on messages of love and mercy; he was, as was said by St. James of his prototype Elias, "a man, subject to like passions as we are." "Would to God," said the preacher, "that we, brethren, might be esteemed men of a character so spotless as was his! We are not called upon, for the sake of our religion, to make the wild and boundless prairies, or the Rocky Mountains of the West our dwelling-place; but there is a retirement to which we should occasionally betake ourselves,—the retirement of our closet,—there to give ourselves to meditation and to prayer, to 'commune with our heart and to be still.' It is not incumbent on us to restrain our appetite to the extent of limiting the articles of our daily sustenance to wild honey, and to the locusts which are still used for food by the Asiatic poor. But we are expected, nay we are commanded, to abstain from the opposite extremes of gluttony and drunkenness: nor can we entertain the hope of receiving even the smallest measure of the commendation bestowed upon the Baptist unless we avoid the too prevalent, the too lightly regarded sin of intemperance. The crystal spring welling up

through the craggy mountains of Judea; or, haply, the water of the river Jordan flowing through the wilderness which from his early childhood was John's abode, sufficed for the quenching of *his* thirst. How is *ours* allayed? Oh! if there be one here present who feels that a habit of indulging in the intoxicating cup is growing upon him,—and recollect, it *must* grow if it becomes a habit;—let him dash the cup to the ground as St. Paul, in Malta, dashed the viper into the flames; and let him endeavor, with God's help, to follow, in this respect, the example of him whose history we are considering."

The preacher then described the martyrdom of John, and drew a comparison between his end and the end of his murderer, Herod Antipas, who, in consequence of his repudiation of his first wife, the daughter of Aretas, King of Arabia, in order to accomplish his unhallowed union with Herodias, became, shortly after the death of John, involved in a war with his father-in-law, who signally defeated him, and totally destroyed his army; subsequent to which he was driven from his kingdom by the Roman Emperor, Caligula, and banished to Lyons, in Gaul.

A hope was finally expressed on behalf of his brethren that when the hour of their departure hence arrives, they may meet it, as met John

his death. "You have adopted him as your patron;—see that you make him your pattern too; so that when all Masonic Lodges, together with every other earthly institution, shall be dissolved; when we exchange the material building,—perishable, supported though it be by the pillars Jachin and Boaz, strength and stability,—for that more glorious fabric, the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," you may not be ashamed to meet your Grand Patron; nor fear His second coming,—the Master of the Baptist as well as our Master; but may be owned by Him as His brethren in that great and awful day of final reckoning—the day when He comes, with all His holy angels, to sit in judgment on the world.

An allusion was made, in conclusion, to the appalling calamity that had so recently overtaken the late beautiful City of St. John, N. B., and a hope expressed that the town of Peterboro' would do its duty with alacrity and liberality, by conveying its cordial sympathy, accompanied by material assistance to our neighbors, in this hour of their deep distress.

The church was crowded, and a considerable amount was added to the funds of the Committee on Benevolence, of which the preacher is chairman.

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## NOT PROVEN.

### CHAPTER I.

There were few prettier pictures than that disclosed in the old rectory-garden on that bright winter morning. Tiptoe, her arms raised to a branch of growing holly, her glossy hair falling from her fair face over her seal-skin jacket, and her violet eyes sparkling, was May Westleigh, the rector's daugh-

ter, while within a few feet of her, watching her efforts with much amusement and a vast amount of admiration, stood Thomas Mildmay, a handsome young muscular Christian, attired in a tweed suit and felt hat. Suddenly the latter burst forth:—

It is the Rector's daughter,  
And she has grown so dear, so dear,  
That I would be the jewel  
That trembles in her ear.

"Don't be absurd, Tom," interrupted the lady. "You are a gallant gentleman, truly, to see a female in distress and not aid her."

"Have I not offered six times at least, May, and been refused?"

"And will be again, sir. This is the most lovely piece of holly I have seen this season, and I am determined that no other fingers than mine shall touch it, until I give it to my dear Jack, when he comes this evening. They don't grow holly in India, do they Tom?"

"No, I think not."

"Then it will be a welcome offering to an English heart. Oh! how glad, how very glad I shall be to see the dear old fellow."

"If you speak so enthusiastically, May, 'pon my word I shall be jealous," remarked the gentleman.

"Jealous—you! and Jack? Nonsense. Why, Tom, I love him like a brother. We were brought up, you know, as children together."

"So he told me, May, when we met in India, and he gave me the letter of introduction to the rector. Indeed," proceeded Thomas Mildmay, still inspecting the gathering of the holly, which persistently clung to its parent stem, "he spoke so incessantly about you that I fancied—"

"Pray what, sir?"

"That there existed a deeper affection than a brother's and sisters, May."

"Which shows how you were deceived. Talk of women jumping at hasty conclusions! Men are a thousand times worse. There, after all you must lend me your knife, Tom; the branch will not break, it is so tough."

Thomas Mildmay produced it, again offering his services, which, notwithstanding the obstinacy of the holly, were again rejected.

"Cut upward, not downward, May," he cried, suddenly stepping forward; "the knife is sharp."

The warning came too late; the keen blade had flashed through the

tough fibres, and penetrated May's white, slender finger.

It was not a very serious cut, but sufficiently so to cause the blood to leap forth. The cry she uttered was echoed by her companion, whose arm quickly encircled her dainty waist as he caught her hand in his.

"O dearest!" he exclaimed in concern, "why did you not permit me?"

"Because," answered May, a little pale, "I said no one should touch this branch but myself, Tom, and no one shall. But see!" and she held the holly towards him—"there is blood upon it, and it is a bad omen."

He glanced at the bough, and truly, fallen on it, as bright as the berries themselves, were the crimson drop.

"Bad omen, May!" he laughed, wrapping her wounded finger in his handkerchief. "What childishness! Why, you are absolutely pale. 'Pon my word, your concern for Jack is already making me jealous."

"Don't let it do that, Tom," she said bravely.

"Why not?" he smiled.

"Because, Tom, you are, I believe, the best-tempered man I ever knew, but—"

"But?" he questioned, fondly regarding her.

"I am sure you love me so truly that, were you jealous of any one, I imagine that you would not be answerable for your actions."

He caught her in his arms and pressed a kiss on her smooth cheek.

"My darling, you are right," he replied gravely, in his turn. "If I thought I should lose you, or another was seeking to win you from me, I think I should either kill him or myself."

"Now you are talking pure nonsense, Tom, dear. Let us go in," she laughed, and, taking his arm, they moved over the crisp, frosty lawn to the quaint old rectory, a very Jack in the green of ivy which encircled its highest gables. But, even during the embrace, May had kept the holly-branch from coming in contact with Thomas Mild-

may, and did so still. Was this an omen, too?"

## CHAPTER II.

The clear winter's morning had given place to a bleak, wintry night, and the snow dashed sharp and cutting into the faces of the Rector and his old pupil, John Westmacott, as they whirled along the dreary Scottish road from the railway-station to the rectory.

"Now, Doctor," exclaimed Jack, merrily, "let me take the reins while you tell the news. Remember the road? Aye, every stone of it, as if I had travelled it but yesterday. How kind it was of you on such a night to come and meet me. How jolly I feel to see old Caithness again. What song is that May used to sing about there being no place like home? Neither is there. And how is May—bless her heart! Older, of course; and pretty, I will swear."

"Well, all the change you will find in her, Jack, is for the better; and I have one piece of news that will surprise you, perhaps, but I think I will leave it for May herself to tell, or your own eyes to read."

Why did John Westmacott start and grow anxiously nervous for that news and no other?

"Nay, doctor," he remarked, "remember how long I have been away, and don't tantalize me. What is it? Does it concern—concern May?"

"Yes, Jack. She is engaged to be married."

John Westmacott gripped the reins so sharply that the horse reared. It gave excuse for his temporary silence; then rather huskily came the interrogation:

"To whom, doctor?"

"Your friend, Thomas Mildmay."

"My friend!" muttered the ex-pupil between his teeth; "course him!" Then aloud: "How long has she been engaged, doctor?"

"Only since you have been on your voyage home, dear boy, or she would

have written to tell you. You will have to wish her joy."

"I do, and"—but this under his breath—"him. He has robbed me of her."

It was so. John Westmacott had come back to the home of his childhood, the love of his youth. In those days he had termed her his little wife; laughingly she had accepted the title. In nothing had he been more serious. During all his absence, while fighting for that fortune he had realized, amid care and trouble, one idea had upheld him,—the returning to England and marrying May Westleigh. He had never doubted that she knew of and reciprocated his affection. He had come back to find his happiness scattered to the winds.

How he went through the evening that ensued, he never knew. How he calmly kissed the cheek of May in all innocence presented to "her brother;" how quietly he listened to the story of the holly-bough; and how he took Thomas Mildmay's hand, was a mystery he never unraveled. All seemed the acts of another person, not himself. Once when he found himself unexpectedly alone with May, just before leaving, did he lose his self-control. Flinging out his hands towards her, he cried bitterly:

"May, why have you thus deceived me? You knew I loved you. Why did you not warn me of this? Why let me return to be so cruelly disappointed. Why of all men did you select Thomas Mildmay, who knew my secret? He is a crafty coward to have won you from me; but, by Heaven, he shall rue his treachery."

"Jack!" exclaimed the girl, pale and alarmed, "what do you mean?"

"That I love you, May; have always loved you—must love you to my dying hour."

Before she had divined his intent, he had taken her in his arms, pressing a kiss on her forehead; then he had gone, and the girl, full of grief, dropped weeping on a chair. A voice aroused her. Looking up, she beheld

Thomas Mildmay by her side. His face was very white, his brows contracted, his lips compressed.

"May," he said hoarsely, "I have heard every word. I was yonder," pointing to the conservatory. "What is all this? What does he mean by your deceiving him?"

"Tom, I know no more than you; unless he has taken a childish joke in seriousness. Papa shall set him right."

"No; he has called me a coward, accused me of worse. The task must be mine, and the explanation and the apology must be made to-night."

He moved away. She tried to stay him, but for once he was deaf to her voice. The outer door banged, and striding over the snow, Thomas Mildmay followed John Westmacott, who with a persistency for which an old tutor could not account, refused a bed at the rectory, and had started for the village.

The snow had ceased, but a tempest of wind had arisen; the leafless trees seemed like wands before it, and the waves were heard breaking in bursts like thunder upon the shore, not a mile distant. The sky was clear and drear, only the earth was white. A mountain stream, which, when the rains or snows came, swelled into the dimensions of a river, intersected the road leading from the rectory to the village, and on this night it rushed and eddied in whirling foam between its banks and the sea. Spanning its flood was a bridge, about which grew a few firs and larches.

It was here that Thomas Mildmay overtook John Westmacott. What passed between them we need not minutely recount. It was accusation and refutation first, speedily followed by angry words, blended with threats. Then there was a blow, a sharp, short struggle, and one man quitted the spot, while the other laid on the river's bank, with his face on the snow, motionless and still,—by his side a spray of the holly-branch May

Westleigh that morning had gathered.

### CHAPTER III.

Not proven. That was the verdict.

John Westmacott, there was good reason to believe, had been murdered by Thomas Mildmay. The two young men had quitted the rectory together, each bound for the village. Only one, however, Thomas Mildmay, had arrived at the inn, his clothes in disorder, his manner agitated, and his shirt front stained with blood. The next morning John Westmacott was missing.

Search was made, and not only indications of a severe struggle were discovered on the left bank of the river, but also the impress of a man's body in the snow, and a sprig of holly, a gold seal and a cane, all of which were John Westmacott's property. But the body of John Westmacott was absent.

On being arrested, Thomas Mildmay confessed that he and John Westmacott had fought by the bridge,—upon what matter he refused to state. But he declared the impress on the snow was his own; that he had been struck down insensible by his opponent; that, on recovering, he had found himself alone, and, fearing to alarm the inmates of the rectory, had gone to the inn.

Some believed this story. May did from her heart. Nevertheless, circumstantial evidence was against him. On such a night, the body of a man thrown into the river would have been whirled down to and lost in the ocean like a whisp of straw.

Still, as no body could be found, the direct proof of murder was wanting, the Scotch jury brought in "Not Proven," and with the brand of Cain on his forehead, which only the appearance of John Westmacott in life could remove, the accused was released, condemned mutely, if not openly, by the public voice.

"Then what do you think has become of him?" asked the rector, sad-

ly, after hearing Thomas Mildmay's recital of the quarrel.

"I cannot imagine, sir, unless he committed suicide," was the rejoinder. "He was mad at the moment. His accusation, his language showed it. He was capable of anything."

"What do you intend doing, my poor boy?"

"I shall go abroad," answered the young man, gloomily. "What becomes of me there is of small consequence."

"Save to me, dear Tom," said May, moving near to him and lifting her brave eyes to his. "If you go, it shall not be alone. I do not think you guilty. I believe all you have said. I have promised to be your wife, and I will be so now as ever, dear."

For some moments his emotions were too great for words. Then, embracing her tenderly, he exclaimed:

"Heaven bless you for those comforting words, my darling. But no; you shall not bear a name shadowed by such a verdict, which implies my guilt, not sufficiently proved for the law to punish, but equally guilty."

Two years had elapsed, during which no intelligence had been heard of John Westmacott, were he living, nor lately of Thomas Mildmay, when, one stormy night, the anniversary of John Westmacott's disappearance, the inmates of the rectory were aroused by the deep, melancholy boom of the minute-gun. It was a sound unfortunately too often heard on that wild, rugged north coast; but its frequency did not deter the inhabitants from quitting their beds, anxious to render aid.

The rector was ever among the first to encourage the rescuers. On this night, despite his persuasions, for she had grown very delicate, May, her pearl wrapped around her, accompanied him.

The beach, crowded with men, presented an animated scene. Beyond tossed the stormy sea, as black as the

sky above, except when the white crests of the waves flashed out, before they broke with a deafening crash upon the shore. Among those waves, gored by the hidden reefs, was the ill-fated ship, rolling as in mortal agony, while clinging to the shrouds and rigging were tiny specs, known to be men, whose numbers after each sweeping wave, were mournfully lessened.

With difficulty the life-boat was launched, manned by brave-hearted volunteers, and pulled on its mission of rescue.

Twice successfully it made the journey, but the third time, caught by a side wave, it and its freight were hurried pell-mell upon the beach.

"The boat is done for," said the rector regarding it, "but praise Heaven, not before all are saved."

"No, no! O, papa, in mercy look," cried May, catching his arm. "There is yet one on board who has been left behind."

Her words attracted every eye on the beach, and there, holding to the shrouds, was visible the figure of a man. The next moment he had plunged into the boiling sea.

He would swim it. "It is impossible," ejaculated the doctor. "The boat is useless. We have no means to help him, unless any one here would risk their lives to meet him with a rope."

There was silence. The rope was ready—the man wanting. They were not cowards, but few there could swim, and those who were able regarded the attempt as pure madness.

Suddenly in their midst stood a man already divested of his coat.

"Fasten the rope around me," he said, quietly. "I am a strong swimmer, and perhaps can do it."

At the sound of his voice May sprang forward with a cry.

"Tom—Tom Mildmay," she exclaimed, "Oh, no, no—not you."

He smiled encouragingly upon her, watched for the resting wave, and the next instant was battling his way

through the billows. In that stormy sea, to follow his course was impossible. They only knew his progress by the telling out of the rope.

It was a terrible suspense,—to none so much as to May, who leaned half fainting, yet too anxious to lose entire consciousness, upon her father's arm.

A quarter of an hour, and the signal was given to pull in. Rapidly it was obeyed. But each haul found the weight heavier, until it was evident that the swimmer or swimmers were no longer able to assist themselves.

So it proved, when by one more haul they were landed. The two were found senseless, clasped in each other's arms with a grip like death.

Anxiously the crowd gathered round, and a murmur of surprise burst from many as in the preserver and preserved they recognized Thomas Mildmay and the supposed murdered man, John Westmacott.

Little remains to be told. John Westmacott, on recovering, heard with considerable emotion who had been his rescuer, and eagerly he explained the mystery of his disappearance on that eventful night.

Maddened by passion, after striking

Thomas Mildmay down, he set off to walk to a neighboring seaport, resolving never to place foot in the rectory again.

A vessel when he arrived, was on the point of starting for Norway—a place he had long desired to visit,—and he took passage in her, hoping by travel to find distraction from his misery.

In Norway he had remained until a week back, when chance had thrown into his hands an old newspaper containing Thomas Mildmay's trial.

Shocked and overwhelmed with remorse, he had not lost a moment in returning to Scotland by the first ship that sailed, which, by a singular chain of circumstances happened to be wrecked on the very portion of the coast he wished to reach.

"You have saved my life, Tom," said he, warmly pressing his friend's palm, "and I am here to prove your innocence. Forgive the past, and," taking May's hand, and himself placing it in the other's, "I pray you be happy. If your guilt was not proven your devotion is, and fully merits the reward of May Westleigh's love."—*English Magazine.*

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### DEATH OF A DISTINGUISHED ENGLISH BROTHER.

Our readers will no doubt remember seeing, in the daily newspapers last month, a cable message, announcing the sudden death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, at his residence in London, on the 11th of May. It is, perhaps, not generally known to the brethren in Canada that the deceased lord was an enthusiastic Mason, and ready at all times to use his wealth, his influence, and his position, in promoting the good of the Order

which he loved so well; and was, at the time of his death, Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire, and Grand Prior of England and Wales. We take the following account of the noble lord's Masonic career, which will, we think, be of great interest to our readers, from the obituary notice which appeared in the London *Freemason*, of the 19th of May:—

His lordship was installed Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire on

June 24th, 1871, and at once took great interest in the lodges in his province, establishing quarterly communications for the different parts, holding a meeting in each part every three months, so that all Masons could have an opportunity of attending Provincial Grand Lodge, and becoming acquainted with its members. He himself regularly attended these meetings, and, consequently, soon knew all the prominent members of each lodge, which enabled him much better to select the P.G. Officers at the annual meeting at Stafford. He also caused, at each of these four meetings, the charity box to go round, giving largely himself; the proceeds to go to a fund called the "Shrewsbury Fund," for local charity only. His lordship was installed a Knight Templar in the Godefroi de Bouillon Encampment, then meeting at Newcastle-under-Lyne, on Sept. 13th, 1872, and served the office of Preceptor in that Preceptory in the years 1873-74. At the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of the Order on April 7th, 1878, Lord Shrewsbury was appointed Great Marshal in Convent General, and also a Knight Grand Cross of the Order. On the death of Lord Athlumney in December, 1878, the late Earl was appointed Great Constable in Convent General, and this office he held until his installation as Great Prior of England and Wales on the 8th December in last year. His lordship's death occurred on the morning of the regular annual day of meeting of Great Priory. But few members knew of the loss the Order had sustained until they reached the place of meeting, and then not until it was announced from the chair. Major Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sub-Prior of England and Wales, opened Great Priory for the purpose of formally announcing the sad intelligence, and immediately closed it, no business whatever being transacted. The announcement was a great shock to many. His lordship took very great

interest in the three great Masonic charities, volunteering to take the chair of each at the annual festival dinners in rotation. He began with the Boys' in 1872, at which £5,510 was collected, Lord Shrewsbury himself giving a large sum he had collected from his friends to the Stewards from his province, who supported him on that occasion. In the following year he presided at the Girls' School, giving away at Wandsworth the prizes to the various young ladies who had earned them, assisted by Lady Shrewsbury and his daughter, Lady Theresa Talbot; expressing his great delight at the splendid schools, and the proficiency of the scholars. To celebrate the event the Masons of his province subscribed, and Lady Shrewsbury presented, the schools with an entirely new service of pottery ware, breakfast, dinner, etc., sufficient to supply the whole school, and a few over in case of breakage. Each article is impressed with a design of the schools, and under is the Staffordshire knot, which gives a very pretty effect, and will remind the girls of the donors. In 1875 he presided at the dinner for the Aged Masons, when £7,020 was collected; and at the festival of the same institution, which was held on the 12th February of the present year, he presided, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of H. R. H. Prince Leopold, when £12,656 18s. was collected, being the largest amount yet obtained at any of this institution's festivals. Perhaps, however, Lord Shrewsbury's Masonic love for the brethren of his province was best shown when H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was installed at Albert Hall as Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. Knowing that a good many brethren would then be in London who were not in the habit of often going, and they would not know where to go on their arrival, he caused his P. G. Sec. to issue circulars inviting all the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, P. G. Officers, etc., who were going, to meet at

his house in Dover Street, Piccadilly, where he had a splendid lunch ready, and sufficient carriages and omnibuses to take the whole of the brethren to the Albert Hall, giving to each a ticket on which was the number of his carriage, to prevent confusion, and appointing a place to meet again. When the installation was over the carriages were again waiting, and the brethren were taken back to Dover Street, the noble lord driving first in his own carriage to welcome the brethren on their arrival at his house, where another substantial meal was ready for those who would partake of it, and wine in profusion was served during the whole time the brethren were present. Such a truly Masonic gathering did not take place in any other house in London on that great day, and the Staffordshire Masons felt justly proud of their Prov. Grand Master, and it was with very great pleasure when, at the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Chapter, it was arranged to present a marriage present to Lady Theresa Talbot, who was about marrying the Viscount Castlereagh. Almost every member of the province subscribed, feeling that in so doing it would in a small way shew the respect and esteem in which they held his lordship.

The late Earl was also, as we learn from the following, an active member of the Church, and ready at all times to enter heartily into Christian

work. The *Daily Express* states:—

“By the sudden and lamented death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Church has lost one of her most faithful and staunch supporters. His death will be deeply and widely felt by many who had learnt to reckon upon that clerical help which was never withheld from any true and hearty Church work. In London, as well as at Ingestre, and at Alton Towers, many benefactions attested his kindness of heart. The clergy found in Lord Shrewsbury a ready friend. None who had the privilege of spending a week at Alton Towers, when the Church Congress was held at Stoke, can ever forget the heartiness with which he threw himself into all the arrangements for the comfort of his guests, amongst whom were several of the American bishops and other clergy. We are reminded at the present time how his lordship spoke twice at the Congress, dealing, in his latter speech, with the subject of Christian burial, and pleasantly drawing a picture of the kind of funeral which he should desire for himself, of the simplest and plainest kind. On the day before his death, Lord Shrewsbury attended and spoke with his wonted geniality at the annual gathering at St. John's College, Hurstpierpoint. None then could have anticipated that so sudden an end was at hand to one who was loved by many, and respected by all who knew him.”

FOR THE CRAFTSMAN.]

Instruction on the "Rose Croix" Degree, given by Bro. Hermitte, 33°, at the session of Sov. Chap. Hope, No. 239, held in Bordeaux, France, on Nov. 3rd, 1876.

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH BY BRO. THE REV. R. G. SUTHERLAND, B.A., HAMILTON.

Masonry is a mysterious and secret society, in the sense that it is founded on that longing after the Unknown and the Infinite which, as it leads man to the tomb, preserves him from despair: in the sense too that it gives a shelter to the presentments and instincts of humanity, by the aid of forms apparently whimsical.

In employing symbols, allegories, and emblems to instruct, discipline, and edify its adepts, Masonry obeys the fundamental law of all societies. Everywhere, and always, religion, justice, authority, etc., have had and will always have their watchwords and their figurative language.

So it is with all that goes to make up the moral being, when the myrtle and the ivy shall have lost their mystic meaning—love and constancy will have ceased to be—the one a sentiment, and the other a virtue.

Masonry should preserve all that is essential in its forms and legends; a Ritual is absolutely indispensable. Truth shines forth, athwart its veils and is to be discovered in its apologies.

Æsop Phœdnes, La Fontaine, and the fable writers, in general, have told more truths than theologians, politicians and orators have.

Wisdom dwells in epigrams and proverbs.

True religion, or in other words, the realization of the Infinite, is kept up in the people by those outward rites, whose exact signification and object are never apparent on the face of them.

That aged woman who makes the sign of the Cross, in order to invoke Divine aid, and who is terrified at the

sight of a cross made by accident, appears to be a contradiction to herself. In reality she understands the sacred symbol as Jesus understood it—"Take up thy Cross and follow Me," said He. That is to say, "The cross is the sign of suffering, and he who will not undergo trials cannot be My disciple." But Jesus celebrated the Paschal Feast, destined to express the joy which men feel at the moment when the sun, crossing the equator in the March equinox, makes in space that sign of the cross by which spring is heralded.

In this sacred and poetic language there are secondary things "of fancy bred," which time brings and takes away. There are also primordial things whose origin cannot be discovered, and to whose authority we bow even when we have lost their meaning.

Of such is the sacred Triangle which sums up Symbolic Masonry. This sign, revered as it has been since the earliest ages, is depicted in modern temples and in Catholic Churches, is found in the most ancient temples of Egypt and of India.

Of such also is the Rose Croix degree, the only one in Chapter Masonry which has resisted the destroying and reforming influence of time. We propose to consider this degree in connection with its title which appears at first sight very singular.

The Rose, as we learn from mythology, was in ancient times the emblem of discretion. The first Rose was given by Cupid to Harpocrates, the God of Silence. Quillard, in his dictionary Proverbs, explains the following saying "you must not uncover

the pot of roses" by the traditional signification of the flower.

The Cross, surmounted by a circle, as amongst the Egyptians, or enclosed in a circle, as amongst the Gauls, used to symbolize Time, whose passing is rendered observable by the seasons. The chief of these are spring and autumn, birth and death, beginning and end.

At these two periods the sign of the Cross is made in space by the passage of the sun across the equator. These are the equinoxes. The first celebrated with joy, the second with gravity and sadness. All Saints Day—the Festival of the departed—the lessons to be learned from the falling of the leaves—these form the counterpart of Palm Sunday, Easter and Rogation day.

The allegorical color of the Cross is red, in Masonry, as in the outside world—witness the ribbon of the cross of honor. It is the color of the sun and of the hearth-side fire.

Masonry is of three colors. BLUE in its first part, the color of the earth's horizon, for Masonry enfolds the whole world in its embrace. RED in the second division, which brings us to the source of Life and Light, of which Masons call themselves the children. WHITE in its last part consecrated to the natural sciences, where it adopts the color of the air which enwraps the universe.

From the Rose and the Cross has been derived the title of the Order of the Knights of Rose Croix.

Just as the equinoctial cross is made by the apparent movement of the sun from north to south, together with the steady march of the earth from east to west, so the Rose Croix degree arises from the alternate movements of the masses of mankind from east to west, and from north to south, which constitute the great events and the great revolutions of history.

In the fourth century, Rome declined in the west, Constantinople

rose in the east, with the cross for its symbol.

In the sixth century, another symbol, the Crescent, united two races, the Turks and the Arabs, who led back the course of empire from east to west.

In the eighth century, the Mahometans were defeated at Poitiers, by Charles Martel, and since then the Arab race has steadily retrograded. The Turks on the contrary grew in influence. The west struggles with them in the Crusades.

Islamism spreads in Asia, but Europe preserves the Cross. Latins, Greeks, and last of all, the Slavs defend the Cross against the Crescent.

The Crusades had given birth to many orders of chivalry. Alongside of the religious and military orders of the Temple, Malta, and the Teutonic Knights, was formed another composed of men who had brought back with them from their Eastern travels, scientific knowledge and a spirit of scientific investigation.

Devoted to the study of nature, and opposed to the mysticism of the middle ages, they were silent and discreet. Descended from Knights, and Knights themselves, they founded the Order of Rose Croix. As the alchemists, astrologers, and necromancers, they were supposed to be in search of the philosophers stone, the quadrature of the circle, and the elixir of long life. They were represented as clothed in fantastic garb, bending over furnaces and retorts, and surrounded by strange objects.

To these students of natural science it is that we owe that mysterious inscription, which has established itself, we know not how, upon the Cross: I.N.R.I. It cannot mean "Jesus of Nazareth, the King (Rex) of the Jews." Since Jesus never was king. The rude wit of an executioner's assistant, cannot have served as the foundation of the Great King's title.

But inscriptions, especially those which are formed of monograms, always conceal anxieties or principles.

The most trustworthy translation of I.N.R.I. is that which Ragon has adopted:

"*Ignis Natura Renovatur Integra:*" All nature is renovated by fire. Here, fire is that principle of life which animates all living things. It is that fluid, the intensity of which is graduated from the poles to the equator,

and which forms the measure of color, of taste, of smell, and of all the properties with which these beings are endowed.

A Knight of the Rose Croix, then, is one who is initiated into the secrets of nature, and the invisible laws by which all things are governed.

### MASONRY ABROAD.

**MAINE.**—The Grand Lodge of the State of Maine met in Portland the first day of last month. Out of 179 Lodges on the Register, 166 were represented. Edward P. Burnham, Saco, was elected Grand Master, and Ira Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

**PENNSYLVANIA.**—The 24th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania was held in the city of Lancaster, in that State, on the 29th, 30th and 31st days of May. The Order has steadily increased during the last few years, and there are now over 6,000 Knights in Pennsylvania.

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT.**—The twentieth triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights' Templar of the United States will be held in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, commencing August 28th. It is expected that the pageantry of the occasion will equal, if not surpass, that at any previous Conclave.

**INDIANA.**—The Grand Lodge of Indiana met at Indianapolis on Tuesday, May the 22nd, and was very largely attended, four hundred and seventy-five Lodges being represented. The Grand Master's address was a very able one, and gave evidence of a close attention to the duties of his official position. It was of great length, occupying twenty-seven pages of the printed proceedings. M. W. Bro. Andrew J. Hay, of Charlestown, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John

W. Bramwell, Grand Secretary, for the ensuing year.

**ENGLAND.**—The 89th Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held at Freemason's Tavern on the evening of the 9th May, under the presidency of Bro. the Rt.-Hon. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, and is said to have been one of the most successful in the annals of the Institution. The Rt.-Hon. Chairman in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," at the banquet which followed, remarked that it was the oldest Masonic Institution in the world. He stated that the building was about to be enlarged to accommodate 60 additional children, thus increasing the accommodation to 220. Subscriptions to the amount of £9,823 were announced, with twenty-two lists to come in. There was a large attendance of ladies, and after the banquet there was an adjournment to the Temple, and the day's proceedings were closed with a concert of vocal and instrumental music, in which several distinguished artistes took part.

The annual meeting of the Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on the 18th of May, at Freemason's Hall, London, the chair being occupied by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, V.P. The Treasurer's accounts shew-

ed receipts during the past year as follows:—Male fund, £7,495; Widows' fund, £6,792. The annual report of the Committee of management stated that owing to the generous subscriptions of the Craft, they felt justified in adding 90 more annuitants to the list; and as there were 23 vacancies by deaths during the past year, the number to be elected would be 53, or

29 men and 24 widows. This would raise the number of recipients of the Fund to 145 men and 125 widows. A letter was read from Bro. Francis Knollys, Private Secretary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, intimating that the M.W. the Grand Master approved of the Annual Festival being fixed for Wednesday, 13th February, 1878.

### SHORT TALKS WITH THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

BY BRO. ROB. MORRIS.

Before we go to bed, Worshipful Master, let me tell you *plainly* how delighted I was to-night with your manner of governing the lodge. I think I never shall forget the pleasure I experienced in the two hours in which I sat under the sound of your Gavel, and witnessed your mode of operations. I made some notes as you went along, "of things proper to be written," and although we are both tired and sleepy, yet, as we must part to-morrow morning early, and may never meet again, I will make my comments now.

*Punctuality.*—Your lodge, I observed, had a good clock, and a good, honest Tyler to wind it up and set it accurately. You were present at the hall half an hour before the time of opening. This afforded an opportunity for you personally to examine that diffident visitor from Alabama, who knew a great deal more than his diffidence enabled him to express, but who under your kind and patient questioning finally "developed" splendidly. I doubt whether Aholiab, the builder of the Tabernacle, if he had been caught in a strange place, could have stood a better examination than the diffident brother from Alabama did when you gave him time.

While you were attending to this, I was copying from your By-laws the

following splendid passage:—"When the hour has come which is specified in the By-laws, the Worshipful Master will take his proper station and congregate his lodge as Entered Apprentices, by giving one knock. Instantly the brethren hasten to clothe themselves, and to shut the door and take their seats; while the officers put on their jewels; the Wardens dispose their columns, down in the west, erect in the south; the Deacons take their rods; the Secretary lays his books and papers and the three great Lights upon his table, and within the space of *one minute* the lodge is in perfect order and silence, prepared for the opening."

I copied the passage in my notebook, thinking it the most comprehensive sentence I ever saw in a set of By-laws, and I watched you and your members sharply, to see whether you would observe your own regulations. Well, you did. You did it handsomely. When your clock gave that peculiar click which clocks always do give five minutes before striking (but why they give it no living man knows), I saw you mount the dias with a dignity that Charlemagne might have emulated, and take your seat. I saw you draw your charter from its case, open it, examine signatures and seal with a care, im-

plying anxiety, lest they may have been erased since you examined them last. I saw you read several times over your *Agenda-paper*, on which the Secretary, by previous order, had noted the head of business to come up.

When the clock began to strike you began to tie on your apron. At the sixth blow you invested your breast with the square. At the seventh you put on your hat, and ere the echo had ceased I heard your gavel fall lightly it seemed, yet loud enough that the bruit thereof penetrated every ear.

The subsequent proceedings were perfect illustrations of Masonic order and discipline. "Within the space of one minute," for I timed it myself, "the lodge was in perfect order and silence, prepared for the opening." All through the two hours everything moved harmoniously. You showed the true spirit of a Worshipful Master, firm, but not tyrannical. De-

cidid, but not dictatorial. Nay, you even made one mistake in your ruling, proving you are but human; but then, when the error was pointed out to you by a venerable member, you confessed the mistake, reversed the ruling, and in the most manly style apologized to the Lodge for the same. This is a thing I never saw before, but once, in all my Masonic experience.

We are both too sleepy to go further into this matter to-night. But if, in your dreams, you enjoy the retrospect of good deeds done, you will have to-night visions whose spirit will follow you through days and years. The satisfaction of faithful duties performed will animate you all your life, and when you pass to that last bed which is open to all, surviving craftsmen will mingle with their tears and sighs the expression, "He has done what he could."—*Masonic Journal*.

### MASONIC CLIPPINGS.

Signor Blitz, the world-renowned juggler, who died recently in Philadelphia, was a Mason, and was buried with masonic honors.

British Columbians are striving hard to meet the non-affiliation difficulty. The G. M. has called attention to the need of a Grand Lodge Library.

Masonry is intended to elevate the character of man, and he who uses it for his own purposes is not a Mason at heart, no matter how many titles he may have.

Let us instruct ourselves and instruct others. That is the right way; that is our relation, always present and always increasing.—*Bro. Littre, of France*.

Masonry is progressing favorably in New Zealand. The day is not far

distant when a separate Jurisdiction will be established for the brethren in that part of the world.

The Swedish rite consists of nine degrees. They are divided into three groups: The first three degrees consists of Blue Masonry; the remaining six are more or less devoted to various kinds of Knighthood.—*Bro. Jacob Norton*.

The original form of girding a sword upon the candidate and putting golden spurs upon him has long been superseded by the present practice of the accolade or sword stroke on the neck or shoulder; this, I suspect, arose out of the practice of Commanders promoting esquires to knighthood, on the battle-field.—*Dr. R. Shelton Mackenzie*.

## THE BROKEN COLUMN.

BY BRO. ROB. MORRIS.

"His Work was not done, yet his Column  
is broken.

Mourn ye and weep, for ye cherished his  
worth;

Let every tear-drop be sympathy's token,—  
Lost to the Brotherhood, lost to the earth.

His Work had been planned by a WISDOM  
SUPERNAL;

Strength had been given him meet for the  
same.

Down in the midst he is fallen, and vernal  
Leaves hang above him and whisper his  
fame.

His Work was to build; on the walls we be-  
held him,—

Swiftly and truly they rose 'neath his  
hand;

Envious death with his Gavel has felled  
him,

Plumb line and Trowel are strewn o'er the  
land.

His work thus unfinished to us is entrusted;  
MASTER OF MASONS, give strength, we  
entreat,

Bravely to work with these Implements  
rusted,

Wisely to build till the Temple's com-  
plete!

The Grand Lodge of Virginia lost, last year, its Gr. Secretary, Gr. Treasurer, and Gr. Lecturer. The Gr. Chaplain, R. E. Comp. George W. Dame, paid a tribute to their memory, and in it appears the following: "Dowell, Dudley Dove, the three who wrought so faithfully in this Temple. They were loved and honored in this life, honored and mourned in death, for their true worth."

By appropriate lectures from time to time, by the discussion of questions connected with the history and the philosophy of speculative Masonry—by the possession of a Masonic library, which each member would be expected to use, and by the inculcation of the duty of reading—our Masons need not become pedants, but they may avoid the condition of ignoramus.—*Voice of Masonry.*

## FREEMASON BROTHERHOOD.

As iron rails join land to land,  
Binding all nations in one band,  
Electric wires join part to part,  
Flashing kind words from heart to heart—  
Thus mystic signs of Masons good  
Bind man to man in Brotherhood.

Thus all round the world, fair and free,  
We find true Masons all agree  
In teaching one Great Architect  
The poor and friendless to protect;  
Where ere the mystic words are found  
We find a Brother on that ground.

This, then, the Mason's duty stern  
Taught all who join the Lodge, and learn  
With despot's sword no more we slay  
Weak brothers of an hour and day;  
Like air and light we work for good,  
And form among men one Brotherhood.

Thus wave on wave of love Divine  
Roll forth from the Eternal Shrine;  
The Brothers trained to fight and kill,  
No more one drop of blood will spill;  
They rush into each other's arms,  
Enjoy God's peace and all its charms.

JOHN THOMSON.

Rosalee, Hawick, April, 1877.

Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality, having eternity for its duration, and the universe for its space. Its attraction is the mystery in which it is veiled, its key is allegory, its bond morality, its object philanthropy, its result benevolence.—*Masonic Herald.*

The growth of Masonry in the West is marvellous. Illinois has more Masons than Pennsylvania, and Michigan, that in 1870 ranked as the thirteenth State in population, is today with over 26,000 Masons, the seventh, if not the sixth, of American Grand Lodges in Masonic strength.

A certain Edmond Ronayne, hailing from Chicago, is travelling through Indiana, lecturing against Freemasonry. In his own words, this is a "rare opportunity for the public to see with their own eyes, and judge of the dangerous character of Freemasonry." How long? how long?

## THE CRAFTSMAN—VOL. XII.

With this number, we begin a new volume; and in accordance with the statement made in our introductory article in the June number, we have made a slight change—for the better, we think, and we hope our readers are of the same opinion—in the form and appearance of the magazine. Those—and only those—who have had some experience in conducting a periodical publication, know that even this slight improvement involves considerable additional outlay; but we made up our mind to this when we undertook the publication of the CRAFTSMAN, believing that our enterprise would be not only appreciated but substantially rewarded by our brethren.

A good deal of space in the present number is devoted to the reports of the election of officers on St. John's Day; but we believe that such reports are of general interest, and are natur-

ally suitable items of news to be contained in a Masonic journal.

In our desire to furnish our readers with items of Masonic news, we have sent circulars to the various Lodges throughout the Dominion, requesting information on all matters of interest affecting the Craft, in their particular locality; and we express our thanks to the Secretaries of those Lodges who have thus far acceded to our request. We should also esteem it a great kindness if the District Deputy Grand Masters would occasionally send us reports from their districts; and we would remind them and others who are willing to furnish us with Masonic news that printers' copy may be sent through the post for one cent per oz; and, moreover, in order to remove misapprehension, we wish it to be distinctly understood that our magazine is not *local*, and we intend to make the CRAFTSMAN the organ of Freemasons throughout the Dominion.

## THE MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.

After the last form of the June issue of the CRAFTSMAN was printed, we received official intimation of the postponement of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada at St. Catherines until September, by the following circular:—

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Hamilton, Ont., 27th June, 1877.

Dear Sir and W. Brother,—I am directed to inform you, that in consequence of the intended adjournment of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge from the 11th day of July next, until the 12th day of September next, the business of the Board of General Purposes will not be proceeded with on Monday the 9th day of July next, but the same will be postponed until Mon-

day, the 10th day of September next, at the same hour and place, when by command of the M. W. the Grand Master, a meeting of the Board will be held.

The M. W. the Grand Master ventures to hope that this adjournment of the Board and of the Grand Lodge will not cause inconvenience to the members of the Board, or to the representatives of the Lodges; but, that on the contrary, the convenience as well as the comfort of all will be served by the course which he has been called upon to adopt, of adjourning the proceedings of the Board and the Grand Lodge until the month of September.

Believe me to remain, dear sir and W. brother, yours fraternally,

J. J. MASON, Grand Secretary:

We were previously aware that the

M. W. the Grand Master had the adjournment of the Grand Lodge under consideration, owing to the pressure of very important business in England, which required his personal attention, but as nothing had been determined upon before going to press we thought it better not to refer to the subject at all. We are sure the brethren

will cheerfully approve of the action of M. W. Bro. Kerr, and wish him with us a most pleasant and profitable trip.

In another part of this issue will be found the proceedings at the formal opening of the Grand Lodge at St. Catherines on the 11th instant.

### THE ST. JOHN FIRE AND THE CRAFT.

A short time ago we wrote R. W. Bro. Bunting, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, inquiring to what extent the Craft was affected by the recent terrific conflagration which swept that beautiful city almost entirely out of existence, and received the following circular, which has been issued and sent to all the sister Grand Lodges:—

GRAND LODGE F. A. M. OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Office of Grand Secretary,  
Saint John, July 7, 1877.

*Right Worshipful and Dear Brother,*  
—The telegraph wires and the public newspapers have announced to the world the terrible calamity which befel the City of Saint John on the 20th day of June ultimo, by which the largest and most valuable portion of our City was reduced to ashes, and the majority of the inhabitants rendered homeless—very few of them saving even a portion of their personal or household effects.

Among the victims was a large portion of the Masonic Fraternity.

In order to aid and shelter our suffering Brethren, a General Masonic Board of Relief has been organized, composed of the City members of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, and the Presiding Officers of the Masonic Bodies of all grades.

Thus composed, the Board extends its helping hand to the sufferers of all degrees of Masonry, and insures a

regular and systematic mode of dispensing the funds placed at its disposal.

The Officers of the Board are—

M. W. Robert T. Clinch, Grand Master, Chairman.

V. W. James McNichol, Jr., Grand Treasurer, Treasurer.

V. W. William F. Bunting, Grand Secretary, Secretary.

M. W. Bro. Clinch is authorized to receive all contributions it may please our sympathizing Brethren to remit.

I remain, Dear Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WM. F. BUNTING,  
*Grand Secretary.*

In view of the wide-spread desolation and want which must prevail, we would suggest to the Lodges throughout Canada the desirability of contributing something toward the relief of our distressed brethren of St. John. This is an unusual calamity,—one that undoubtedly will necessitate the acceptance of present aid by brethren who a few weeks ago were well-to-do in the world. Their all, in many instances, has been taken from them, and for some time to come they will be unable to follow their regular avocations, until stores, work-shops, &c., are erected, and therefore we think a contribution of a small sum from each subordinate Lodge of the several Masonic jurisdictions of the Dominion

would go a long way toward supplying the wants of those who have been unfortunately heavy losers. Few, if any, of our Lodges would ever miss a contribution of \$25 from its funds, and we earnestly trust Masters of Lodges will bring the subject before their members at the first opportunity. It is true that \$1,000 has been given out of the funds of the Grand Lodge of Canada and \$200 from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but these sums no doubt were immediately swallowed up. Probably many of our brethren of St. John are nearly reduced to that "poor and penniless" condition in which they were admitted into Masonry, and we confidently appeal to our brethren on their behalf. It will be observed by the circular that M. W. Bro. Clinch, Grand Master of New Brunswick is authorized to receive subscriptions, and we trust our Lodges will promptly respond.

We append an extract from the *St. John Globe*, for a copy of which we are indebted to R. W. Bro. Bunting:

"The Masonic fraternity occupied the front portion of the upper story of Ritchie's building, Princess Street, where there were two Lodge rooms, and several ante-rooms, whilst the Encampments of Knights Templar and the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite had their ante-rooms, armories, etc., on the story below. For nearly twenty-one years this building was the headquarters of Freemasonry in New Brunswick, the craft having previously held its meetings in Marshall's building, corner Princess and Charlotte Streets, which also fell a victim to the fire. On September 24, 1856, the late Grand Master Keith, of Halifax, then Prov. Grand Master of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, dedicated the Hall to Freemasonry, there being a procession, service at Trinity Church, at which the Rev. Jerome Alley preached the dedication sermon, a Masonic dinner and ball in the evening. The late Alex. Balloch was Mr. Keith's Deputy for New

Brunswick, but the old hall now in ashes witnessed the formal constitution of the Prov. Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, with Mr. Balloch as Prov. Grand Master, the installation of his successor, Robt. T. Clinch, and finally the constitution of the Grand Lodge. The walls of the room were adorned with the warrants of the different bodies that met in the hall—some of them dating back to the early days of the present century, that of Carlton Royal Arch Chapter, whose origin goes back to 1802, being the oldest,—with choice engravings and paintings, including many Masonic pictures of interest, an oil painting of the "Ascension" of considerable merit, a portrait of the late Mr. Balloch, and Mr. Furlong's gift to the Grand Lodge of the "Prince of Wales in his Masonic clothing." To everything that hung on the walls some special interest attaches. One bore the signature of some eminent man, another commemorated some great event, another was the work of a departed brother, another recalled struggles and trials of which nothing now but happy memories survived. Each body had its own silver jewels, banners, furniture, regalia and cabinets. In the armory of the "Encampment of St. John" of Knights Templar was probably the finest set of uniforms in Canada, and the loss falls not only on the organization itself but upon individual members, whose private property was there. The Union De Molay Encampment also had a large lot of fine regalia. Albion Lodge had, among other treasures, one set of silver jewels, the gift of the late Assist.-Commissary General Oliver Goldsmith, a descendant of the poet. Indeed, it would not do to undertake to recount the treasures which the Masonic body possessed—all are swept away. Not a thing in the room was saved; and no amount of money can replace the losses. The bodies burned out were:—Albion Lodge; St. John Lodge; Hibernia Lodge; Union Lodge of

Portland; New Brunswick Lodge; Leinster Lodge; Carlton Royal Arch Chapter; New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter; St. John's Council Royal and Select Masters; New Brunswick Council Royal and Select Masters; Moore Conclave Knights of Rome and Constantine; Union De Molay Encampment Knights Templars; Harington Lodge of Perfection A. & A. Rite; Harington Chapter Rose Croix A. & A. Rite; The Royal Order of Scotland; New Brunswick Co-sistory S. P. R. S. 32°.

"The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is also a heavy loser, though it had very little property in the Masonic Hall buildings. Its library and valuables were chiefly kept in the room of the Grand Secretary, W. F. Bunting, Esq., in the City Buildings. All of the books, and there were many rare and curious ones, are destroyed. Indeed, so complete was the destruction that not even was a copy of the proceedings of Grand Lodge to be found. A portion of the Regalia was preserved. This is but a drop of water, however, from an ocean of waste."

Since the above was in type, we have received a letter from the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, which gives the following additional particulars:—

"Grand Lodge lost its Library, containing about 400 volumes, (accumulated principally through my exertions during the ten years of its existence), blank forms, certificates, files of papers, reports, printed proceedings, a large edition of Constitutions and Funeral Services, letter-books, and much other valuable property. There were saved, the Jewels and Regalia, Record-books, Register and some other useful books. Albion Lodge, No. 1, Saint John's Lodge, No. 2, Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, Union Lodge of Portland, No. 10, Leinster Lodge, No. 19, and New Brunswick Lodge, No. 22, lost their Jewels, Clothing, Warrants, Banners, and all other paraphernalia,—Nos. 3, 10 and 22 also losing their Records. Carleton R. A. Chapter, New Brunswick R. A. Chapter, Encampment of St. John, Union DeMolay Encampment, two Councils of R. and S. Masters, the Bodies under the A. and A.

Rite, and the Royal Order of Scotland, lost everything except their Records. The members of the Encampments lost their private Regalia in the armories. Some of the bodies were insured, others had no insurance.

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"I may add that we have already received substantial aid from several quarters, among which I may mention \$1000 from the Grand Lodge of Canada; \$1000 from the Craft in Chicago; \$1000 is promised from Newfoundland—part of which has already been received; \$300 from the Craft in Prince Edward Island; \$300 from the Grand Lodge of Illinois; and minor amounts have been received from other parts. The Craft in Nova Scotia are getting up a contribution."

We learn that in the Toronto District, the D. D. G. M. (R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry) called a meeting of the city lodges to discuss the question of aiding our suffering brethren in St. John, and it was decided to recommend the Lodges to contribute at the rate of 50 cents per member. We would suggest to the Masters of all our Lodges the desirability of following this example, as by such means a handsome sum would be raised, and our brethren of St. John provided for in a liberal manner, as they deserve to be at our hands. We would urge prompt action, so that there may be as little further delay as possible. Such a call upon our resources does not often occur, but, when such a calamity does happen, as Masons we should be found in the front ranks of all classes extending aid to our brethren in distress.

W. Bro. PETER BEGG, of Brighton, is acting as General Agent for the CRAFTSMAN at present, and has sent us fifty-four new subscribers as the result of a few days canvassing in Ontario District. We cordially recommend W. Bro. Begg to the fraternal kindness of the members of the Craft wherever he may go.

Bro. W. L. HUNTER, Secretary of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, is Agent for the CRAFTSMAN for Toronto and vicinity, where he is meeting with considerable success in procuring new subscribers, notwithstanding the dull times.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BRO.,—I notice, in your last impression, some comments on the various motions intended to be submitted at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Among others you refer to mine, which stands first on the list of notices, and express an opinion that it "could, and probably will be ruled out of order, owing to its vagueness, since no time is suggested in the notice of motion."

Permit me to explain that the notice was couched in *purposely* vague terms, so far as the time for holding the Annual Communications is concerned, because, as you yourself observe, when dealing with the proposed amendment of V. W. Bro. H. L. Vercoe, no "change of time would meet all objections that could be raised." My desire was that, in the event of the *principle* of some change of time being adopted, a full discussion should be held respecting the most convenient month, *i.e.*, the month most convenient to the majority of the members. And I did not desire to obtrude my own personal opinion respecting that season, more especially as there is no member of the Grand Lodge whose time, subject always to the will of the G. A. O. T. U., is more at his own disposal than mine is to myself.

After reading your remarks, however, I have no hesitation in expressing my opinion that the month of September would be the best time for holding our Communications. June, as you suggest, is frequently as hot as July, and would, in other respects, be a most inconvenient month for the purpose.

I think there is little doubt that a change of time is desired by a major-

ity of the members of the Grand Lodge, even by our brethren of the legal profession. I happened to meet the M. W. the Grand Master, in Toronto, before he left for Europe, and he remarked to me that he thought the postponement of our Communication, this year, until September, would operate in favor of the adoption of my resolution, inasmuch as we should all enjoy greater comfort from that postponement, after the suffering from the intense heat we experienced at Ottawa last July, as well as in London and other towns on previous occasions.

If, however, your opinion respecting my motion be correct, and if it should be ruled out of order in consequence of its "vagueness," I think I shall have reason to complain that the objection was not raised at the time of my giving the notice. I had intended, in the first instance, naming the month, but it was suggested to me that I had better abstain from doing so at that time, because it would be impossible to ascertain—no discussion being allowable on giving notices of motion—what the wishes of the members of the Grand Lodge were regarding it.

I am, dear sir and R. W. Bro.,

Yours fraternally,

VINCENT CLEMENTI, P.G.C.  
Peterboro', July 5, 1877.

[We quite agree with our R. W. Brother that he will have cause to complain if, as we expect, his motion is ruled out of order, because we remember the circumstances exactly as related above, no specific time being mentioned, in order that the whole subject may come up for discussion; but we cannot see that the M. W. the Grand Master can do anything but rule the motion out, if the question of order is raised. We trust, how-

ever, that this may not happen, and that the subject of a change in the time of meeting will be allowed to be fully and freely discussed. There is, undoubtedly, a very general desire among the members of the Grand Lodge to have the meetings held at a different time of the year, but as it is impossible to name a time which will suit all, the discussions on the subject heretofore have all ended without any change being made, and, though in favor of a change, we do not think the present effort will succeed. We shall be glad to hear from the brethren throughout the jurisdiction on this or any other subject.—**ED. CRAFTSMAN.]**

*To the Editor of THE CRAFTSMAN.*

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly give space in the CRAFTSMAN for a list of officers of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth, recently installed, and for a short account of other Masonic matters in this neighborhood. Lambeth being but six miles from the headquarters of the so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario," I thought that news hailing from this quarter might prove interesting. On Sunday, the 24th June, the members of St. Paul's Lodge and visiting brethren, to the number—altogether—of about one hundred, assembled in the Lodge room, and marched in procession to the Wesleyan Methodist Church, which was filled to overflowing, and where an excellent sermon was delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. N. Elliott, of Springfield, who took for his text the first two verses of the second chapter of St. Mathew's Gospel. Such an eloquent and instructive sermon has, I think, never before

been heard in this part of the country. On Monday evening the following officers of St. Paul's Lodge were installed by W. Bro. J. M. Banghart:—W.M., W. Bro. George Norton; S.W., Bro. L. C. Jarvis; J.W., Bro. Peter McNames; Chap., R.W. Bro. D. B. Burch; Treas., Bro. T. H. Kenney; Sec., Bro. F. Jarvis; S.D., Bro. J. D. O'Neil; J.D., Bro. Chas. Jarvis; I.G., Bro. Hy. Coombs; D. of C., W. Bro. J. M. Banghart; Stewards: Bro. Jas. A. Ginklaw and Bro. Jas. Scott; Tyler, Bro. Calvin Bryant.

Some of the ringleaders in the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, through false statements, succeeded in starting a Lodge in Delaware, recently, but only a short time elapsed before the brethren there were convinced that they had been the victims of misrepresentation, and, having severed their connection with Bro. Westlake and his followers, asked for and obtained a dispensation under the Grand Lodge of Canada, and are progressing very favorably. I am informed that the disloyalists have since their failure at Delaware transferred their operations to Komoka, and with the assistance of two or three suspended Masons, are endeavoring to keep in existence, there, something they call a Lodge. I should be glad if you would publish in the "CRAFTSMAN" a list of the various Grand Lodges that have taken up the petition of these disloyalists, and have refused to recognize them. Spurned both at home and abroad, their existence must indeed be a miserable one.

Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER.

Strathroy, July 6, 1877.

## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

The Twenty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada was opened at the City Hall, St. Catherines, on Wednesday, the 11th July, the following brethren being in attendance;—M. W. Bro. Jas. Seymour, P. G. M., on the throne; R. W. Bro. R. Brierley, D. D. G. M., as G. S. W.; V. W. Bro. W. Chatfield, 15, as G. J. W.; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary; W. Bro. J. M. Clement, 2, as G. S. D.; W. Bro. J. W. Coy, 103, as G. J. D.; W. Bro. A. McLaren, 15, as G. P.; Bro. R. Radcliffe, Grand Tyler; and V. W. Bro. R. Smithers, 103, W. Bros. W. L. Hamilton, 283; J. E. Berton, 103; G. Walker, 115; D. Servos, 2; R. Best, 2; L. Yale, 15; D. W. Bixby, 15; John Green, 277; R. Patterson, 277; and John Reid; 296; and Bros. H. Woodington, 2; R. H. Dyer, 103; J. Pawlings, 277; and E. F. Dwyer, 277.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 3.30 p.m.

The acting Grand Master appointed W. Bros. J. W. Coy, and J. E. Berton a committee on the credentials of the representatives and proxies from Lodges, who reported the brethren above stated as being present.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last annual Communication, when it was

Moved by R. W. Bro. Brierley, seconded by V. W. Bro. Walter Chatfield, and resolved,—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its

Twentieth-first Annual Communication held at the city of Ottawa, on the 12th and 13th days of July, 1876, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The Grand Secretary read the first part of the Circular of the 27th of June last, issued by him at the command of the M. W. the Grand Master, as follows:—

“By Command of the M. W. the Grand Master, I beg to notify you that he has been unexpectedly called upon to go to Britain immediately, and that he has been unable to defer setting out upon his journey beyond the present week. In consequence of his unavoidable absence from the country during the month of July, and in order to carry out the spirit of the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to the following effect:— ‘That this Grand Lodge considers that the time of holding the meeting might, with great advantage, be changed so that the Annual Communication be held in a cooler month; it has been determined that the Communication of Grand Lodge, already summoned for the 11th day of July, 1877, at St. Catherines, shall be simply a formal meeting, at which no business will be transacted; and it will be unnecessary for the Representatives at a distance then to attend.’”

Whereupon the presiding officer directed the acting Grand Junior Warden to declare the Grand Lodge called off until Wednesday, the 12th day of September next, at twelve o'clock noon.

## THE SCHISMATIC MASONS.

We have received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, (R. W. Bro. John H. Isaacson, Montreal,) the following proclamation of the M. W. the Grand Master, in reference to the would-be "Grand Lodge of Ontario." It needs no comment, and we commend it to our readers:—

OFFICE OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

QUEBEC, 25th June, 1877.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of the various Lodges of F. & A. M. of this Jurisdiction.

## GREETING:—

WHEREAS, it appears to us from authentic Masonic information received, that a body of persons styling themselves a "Grand Lodge of Ontario," in the Dominion of Canada, purporting to be a Grand Lodge of Freemasons, is now claiming to exer-

cise the power of a duly organized Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons;

Now, in order to maintain the dignity of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, its landmarks and its lawful authority, as well as to support the authority of all regular Grand Lodges of the Craft, We, JAMES DUNBAR, M. W. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS in the Province of Quebec, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, do hereby interdict all intercourse or Masonic communication with the Lodges under the authority of this so-called "Grand Lodge of Ontario," and the several Members thereof, until the Grand Lodge of Quebec shall have taken action in the premises.

The Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at its 21st Annual Communication, are my warrant for this procedure.

JAMES DUNBAR,

(SEAL.)

Grand Master.

## CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

THE Grand Conclave of Knights of Rome and Constantine will hold their annual assembly in London, on the 8th prox.

The fraternity of Norwood celebrated St. John's (Baptist) Day by a strawberry festival and literary and musical entertainment.

The Masonic excursion from Cornwall and intermediate stations to Niagara, last month, was attended by over twelve hundred persons.

GRAND COUNCIL.—The Grand Council of R. & S. Masters will meet in London on Wednesday, the 8th of August, when matters of considerable importance to this rite will be disposed of.

We hold over for our next issue a sermon delivered before the Craft of Lindsay, Ont., by the Rev. Dr. Smithett, on St. John's day, and also one delivered by the Rev. Wm. Shortt, Chaplain of Saugen Lodge, No. 197, Walkerton.

Tuesday, 12th June, was a gay day in Harriston, occasioned by the laying of the corner stone of Guthrie Church. The duty of laying the stone was performed by R. W. Bro. John Cavers, of Guelph, D.D.G.M. of the Wellington District, assisted by R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, G. Secretary, of Hamilton. A collection was taken up, amounting to \$120.

Recently there passed through London one of the oldest Masons in Canada, Bro. Stafford McLean. He is aged ninety-one, and has been a Mason for seventy years. He was "made" in Ireland, in Lodge No. 175, but he forgets the name of the town in which it was located. He is now affiliated with Lodge No. 259, Springfield, and was on his way to his sons in Hammersmith, township of Portland, where he hopes to end his days.

The remains of Bro. David Mitchell, of London, who died in that city on the 1st of June, were brought from there by the G. W. R. train, after which they were conveyed to his father's residence on Norfolk Street. Several of his Masonic brethren from London accompanied them to Guelph, and the funeral was conducted with Masonic honors by the Guelph brethren, on the 4th.

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.—The following are the Grand Officers elected at the second annual communication held recently:—George F. Newcombe, Grand Master; James Henderson, re-elected Deputy Grand Master; J. W. Harris, senior Grand Warden; E. G. Conklin, junior Grand Warden; Rev. S.P. Matheson, Grand Chaplain; John J. Johnston, re-elected Grand Treasurer; Col. John Kennedy, Grand Registrar; J. H. Bell, re-elected Grand Secretary.

PRESENTATION.—At the regular meeting of Orient Lodge, No. 389, held at the Masonic Hall, Don Mount, on July 3rd, W. Bro. James Martin, Jr., was the recipient of a handsome silver service, accompanied by a

beautifully illuminated address, conveying the kindest sentiments towards him, as a slight acknowledgment of many services rendered to the Lodge since its organization.

GEORGETOWN.—At the meeting of Credit Lodge, No. 219, held on Monday, 25th inst., the Festival of St. John the Baptist, W. Bro. Wm. McLeod, 18<sup>o</sup>, W. M., read a very interesting lecture on the Pat on Saint, and received a cordial vote of thanks from the brethren. After the Lodge business was concluded the brethren partook of strawberries and cream, coffee, &c., in the refreshment room, and a very pleasant evening was spent. This Lodge purposes giving an excursion to the Brant House, at Burlington Beach shortly, in which their friends, male and female, will be invited to participate.

Since the removal of W. Bro. Dr. Ramsay, to the village of Beaverton, Ontario County, an effort is being made to organize a Masonic Lodge, with excellent prospects of success. W. Bro. Ramsay is taking a great interest in it, and as he is an experienced worker, we have no doubt a very good lodge will be the result.

GUELPH.—At the regular Convocation of Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Royal Arch Masons, held on Friday, 29th June, the following officers were installed and invested by the Grand Superintendent of the District, Rt. Ex. Companion W. D. Hepburn:—Ex. Comp. H. K. Maitland, Z.; Ex. Comp. John Inglis, H.; Ex. Comp. D. Kennedy, J.; Comp. J. Mimmack, S.E.; Comp. John H. Moore, S.N.; Comp. J. Cormack, Treas.; Comp. John Scoon, P. S.; Comp. John H. Emmans, S.S.; Comp. Edward Galloway, J. S.; Comp. Dan. Hunter, M. of 3rd V.; Comp. Jas. S. Spiers, M. of 2nd V.; Comp. Wm. Tytler, M. of 1st V.; Comp. Geo. Smith, Janitor. Comps. John Scoon, S. R. Moffat, Jno. Mackenzie, Committee on Finance.

In our editorial remarks in the June number, we stated that we wished to encourage correspondence on Masonic questions, and invite discussion on disputed points of Masonic law and jurisprudence. We observe that in some of our exchanges a great deal of space is devoted to this object, and it proves a very interesting and instructive part of the journal. We will endeavor to reply to these questions, as far as we are able, but at the same time invite general discussion. We must also request correspondents to send their name with their communications, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of *bona fides*. And in common with all editors, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we will not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District, called a meeting of the City Lodges on Monday, 9th July, for the purpose of considering what action should be taken by the Masons of Toronto for the purpose of assisting the brethren of St. John, when it was unanimously resolved to recommend the Lodges in the District to contribute as nearly as possible 50c. per member.

The Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners will meet in London on the 8th prox. M. W. Bro. David McLennan, of Hamilton, the active and energetic Grand Master of this body, has had an application from some leading Masons in Chicago, for permission to open Lodges, with a view to form a Grand Lodge for Illinois. The Grand Master in his address to the Grand Ark Lodge will, no doubt, bring this matter prominently before the brethren, and recommend that the application of our American brethren be favorably entertained.

We have received a copy of a very handsome little pamphlet bearing the title of "Practical Suggestions for the Management of a Masonic Lodge,"

by R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns, 18<sup>o</sup>., P. G. R., read before Zetland and Stevenson Lodges, Toronto, which, with the kind permission of the author, will appear in the next issue of THE CRAFTSMAN. The subject is an important one, and has been handled by R. W. Bro. Burns in an able manner, which shews he has had some experience of the carelessness with which the affairs of some of our Lodges, and particularly those in small country places, are conducted.

ST. JOHN THE ALMONER PRECEPTORY.—At the regular Convocation of St. John the Almoner Preceptory on the 10th inst., the following officers were installed:—Eminent Preceptor, E. Sir Kt. C. A. Jones; Past Eminent Preceptor, E. Sir Kt. G. Hopkins; Con. Sir Kt. John Stanton; Marshal, Sir Kt. Philip Taylor; Chaplain, Sir Kt. G. Hopkins; Treasurer, Sir Kt. M. O'Donovan; Registrar, Sir Kt. J. H. Addison; Sub. Marshal, Sir Kt. W. C. Gullock; Almoner, Sir Kt. Jos. King; Standard Bearer, Sir Kt. J. E. Bickell; Capt. of the Guards, Sir Kt. Jno. Gale; Guard, Sir Kt. W. Calverley.

The Craft of Wilson District, under the leadership of our able and popular R. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, D. D. G. M., of Simcoe, went on an excursion to the city of Erie, Pa., recently, when they met with a most cordial reception at the hands of the American Masons, Col. J. Ross Thompson, and R. W. Bro. Wm. Himrod, D. D. G. M., delivering speeches of welcome. R. W. Bro. Bennett and W. Bro. Campbell, of Stratford, responded. Speeches were also delivered by a number of other brethren, but we regret our space will not admit of a more extended notice. The excursion was a most pleasant one in every particular, and was heartily enjoyed by all taking part in it. The American brethren seemed determined to make their visitors feel at home amongst them, and the warm praise bestowed on them shows how well they succeeded. Our brethren on the Canadian side will be

glad of an opportunity to reciprocate in kind.

**UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE & HOSPITAL:**—The Annual Assembly of the Great Priory of the Dominion of Canada, will be held in the city of London, on Tuesday, the 7th of August. The Grand Council will meet prior to the Assembly of Great Priory, to receive reports, pass and audit accounts, and consider such business as may be presented. A great many alterations have been made in the Constitution by Convent General, and these will be brought prominently before the representatives by the Great Prior. The whole Order has been re-modelled and it is expected that Scotland will unite with the other Great Priorities in Convent General. H. R. H. the Prince of Wales has intimated his acceptance of the position of Grand Master. During the discussion which has taken place, our V. H. and E. Great Prior, Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, G. C. T., loyally maintained the rights of Canadian Templars.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA:**—R. E. Companion Daniel Spry, Grand Scribe E., has issued the usual summons for the Twentieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, to be held in the Masonic Hall, Richmond Street, in the City of London, on Wednesday, the 8th day of August next, at the hour of twelve noon. The following motions, notices of which were given last year, will come up for discussion:—1. By Ex. Comp. Hy. Macpherson—"That Article IX of the Constitution be changed so far as relates to the time at which the Annual Convocation be held." 2. By V. Ex. Comp. George Watson—"That Article 1, of Grand Superintendents of Districts be amended, and that the words 'an installed First Principal or' be expunged, and insert in lieu thereof the letter 'a' in said Article." The address of our distinguished and energetic Grand Z. (M. E. Comp. L. H.

Henderson, of Belleville,) will no doubt be an able exposition of the work of the order during the year, and will be looked for with interest by R. A. Masons throughout the jurisdiction. We will endeavor to give it a place in the next issue of the CRAFTSMAN.

The officers and members of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg, celebrated Dominion Day by an Excursion and Pic-nic, on Rice Lake, which proved in every way a most enjoyable affair. We have to thank R. W. Bro. Weller, D. y Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. R. J. Winch, for the kind invitation extended to us, which we were, unfortunately, unable to accept. The members of the Lodge and their friends, to the number of nearly two hundred, proceeded by train to Harwood, at 8.30 a.m., where they took the steamer on Rice Lake for Stony Point, where they held high carnival during the day. They were afterwards joined by others from Peterboro' and Hastings; and the proceedings of the day were of a highly enjoyable description.

It is with deep regret that we today record the death at the early age of 24 years, of Dr. Edward Guy Henderson, son of Most Excellent Comp. L. H. Henderson, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, which sad event took place suddenly, from inflammation of the bowels, on the evening of the 3rd of July. Dr. Henderson was one of the most promising young men in the profession, being gifted with powerful intellectual powers, whilst amongst his many friends he will long be missed, as his social qualities were such as to have rendered him very popular in society. Deceased was born in Belleville on October 14, 1853, and in 1874, at the age of only 21 years, took the degree of M.D.C.M., at McGill College, Montreal, where he received his collegiate education. He went to England and took his degree of M.B.C.S. England, in 1875—and L.R.C.P., Edinburgh. Then crossed the ocean as surgeon of

the steamer *Thames*, of the Temperley line. Afterwards he was appointed surgeon on the *Duke of Lancaster*, of the Ducal line, to Bombay. Returning in February, 1877, he came to New York as surgeon of the *Egypt*, of the National line, and returned to Liverpool on the same vessel. He finally returned home to establish his profession in Belleville, in April, and continued its practice until his death. His parents have the warm sympathy of the community in their sad and sudden bereavement.

OSHAWA.—The members of "Lebanon and "Cedar" Lodges attended divine service at the Presbyterian Church, on the festival of St. John the Baptist, when Rev. Mr. Housom delivered an appropriate discourse. The following are the officers of Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, installed by W. Bro. G. W. Kellond, assisted by V. W. Bro. J. Boyd, W. Bros. P. Taylor and W. Gilbranson:—W. M., Bro. W. Deans; S. W., Bro. H. Barrett; J. W., Bro. M. Fletcher; Chaplain, Bro. G. Storie; Treasurer, Bro. W. H. Finnemore; Secretary, V. W. Bro. John Boyd; S. D., Bro. George Chapman; J. D., Bro. R. McCaw; I. G., Bro. S. McFarlane; D. C., Bro. S. Brooks; Stewards, Bros. J. Carter and H. Patterson; Tyler, Bro. T. Kirby. At the conclusion of the installation, W. Bro. W. Kellond, the retiring P. M., was presented with a handsome P. M.'s jewel, and the following address:—

"**WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:**—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Tuesday, 12th day of June, A. L. 5877, it was unanimously resolved that a committee be appointed to present an address and procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to you by the members, and it now becomes our pleasant duty, Worshipful Sir, as the committee appointed for that purpose, to carry out the wishes of the brethren.

"In every office to which you have been elected, you have ever striven to promote the welfare of the Lodge to the utmost extent of your power, and we cannot fail to attribute its very efficient and flourishing condition as being in a great measure due to your energy and perseverance, and especially when holding the office of Worshipful

Master for two terms; and we are but expressing the opinion of the brethren in stating that we feel that this most important position could not have been filled in a more able and painstaking manner.

We now desire, Worshipful Sir, to express the very great appreciation entertained by the members of this Lodge of those valuable services, and also of the high esteem in which you are held as a brother Mason.

"We have now much pleasure, Worshipful Sir, on behalf of the members of this Lodge, in presenting you with this Past Master's jewel, and we hope that you may long live to wear it, and that you will always take a pride in looking upon it as the gift of Lebanon Lodge, No. 139.

"That the G. A. O. T. U. may watch over you and all those near and dear to you, is the earnest prayer of us all.

"Signed on behalf of the members of the Lodge,

"JOHN BOYD, P. M.,  
"H. Y. BARRETT, S. W.,  
"JOHN BROOKS."

To which W. Bro. Kellond replied:

"**W. SIRS AND BRETHREN,**—I cannot express my heartfelt thanks in such terms as I would desire to my brethren of Lebanon Lodge, for the very flattering address you have so kindly and fraternally presented me with, and especially when accompanied by such an elegant Past Master's jewel.

"Believe me brethren I had no hopes of any reward such as you have so generously bestowed on me this evening, and can with all sincerity say that my endeavors to discharge the duties of the different offices you have honored me with have been animated only by a love of the order, and having the good fortune to be assisted by many skilled and zealous brethren, any success I have achieved must be attributed to such.

"I am proud beyond measure that you deem me worthy of such enviable gifts, and I need not say with what jealous care I shall treasure them; they will ever recall with pleasure the generous impulse which prompted your bestowal of them. Once more, brethren, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this valuable jewel, and also for the kind wishes you have expressed."

Oriental Commandery, No. 12, K. T., stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, acting in behalf of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Ohio, sends courteous greeting to all Knights Templar, and respectfully announces the following programme of arrangements for the week of the

Twentieth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, 1877:

Monday, August 27, 1877, receiving and escorting visiting Commanderies to quarters. At 7.30 p.m., at Case Hall, address of welcome by Reception Committee, Hon. Sir Rufus P. Spalding, Chairman; in connection with which ceremony a concert under the direction of Oriental Quartette.

Tuesday, August 28, 1877, at 9.30 a.m., grand parade, review and escort of the Grand Master, and Grand Encampment of the United States. At 3 p.m., excursion on Lake Erie by steamers, returning at 7 p. m. to enable visiting Knights to attend the promenade concerts, receptions, etc., at the various Commandery headquarters.

Wednesday, August 29, 1877, at 10 a.m., lawn fete, and reception by Oriental Commandery at the grounds of the Northern Ohio Fair Association, at which time will also be held a grand competitive prize drill for three premiums offered by Oriental Commandery, No. 12, aggregating in value six hundred dollars, and to be awarded respectively as the first, sec-

ond and third prizes, to the Commanderies exhibiting the greatest proficiency in the Templar drill.

Thursday, August 30, 1877, at 9 a. m., grand Lake Excursion to Put-in-Bay, on the steamers *Pearl* and *Metropolis*, tendered by Oriental Commandery to all Sir Knights and ladies remaining in the city, and who may choose to avail themselves thereof.

Commanderies coming to Cleveland are requested to telegraph timely notice of their approach to Sir John H. Miller, C. G., Kennard House, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Grand Parade will be under the general direction of E. Sir Lafayette Lyttle, G. C. G. of the Grand Commandery of Ohio; and the place of formation will be made known by general order and diagram, giving full instructions in regard thereto, as well as indicating the line of march.

The competitive drill will take place as specified in the programme, and it is especially desired that all Commanderies intending to participate therein, should notify the Secretary, Sir Samuel Briggs, on or before August 1st, that proper arrangements may be made.

## FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

Following are the officers of Lodges installed on the 25th June, as far as heard from:—

### GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

COBOURG.—Officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, held at Cobourg, and installed by V. W. Bro. W. H. Floyd, on the 24th June, 1877:—I. P. M., W. Bro. — Holland; W. M., V. Bro. R. J. Winch; S. W., Bro. J. A. Jamieson; J. W., Bro. D. Houston; Treasurer, Bro. J. Urquhart; Secretary, Bro. W. C. Turner; S. D., Bro. J. W. Bickle; J. D., Bro. George Beatty; S. S., Bro. Dr. Rowe; J. S., Bro. John Fisher; I. G., Bro. S. Nichol; Tyler, Bro. W. Pratt.

PORT HAWKESBURY.—Officers of Solomon, Lodge, No. 46, held at Port Hawkesbury, and

installed by W. Bros. A. Grant, P. M., and A. Bain, P. M., on April 23rd, 1877:—W. M., W. Bro. D. F. McLean; S. W., Bro. D. McLennan; J. W., Bro. James Macdonald; Treasurer, Bro. Angus Grant; Secretary, Bro. Alex. Bain; S. D., Bro. Angus Philpot, J. D., Bro. Jeremiah Philpot; S. S., Bro. A. Bain; J. S., Bro. A. Philpot; I. G., Bro. M. McLennan; Tyler, Bro. F. H. Blanchard.

STIRLING.—Officers of Stirling Lodge, No. 69, held at Stirling, and installed by W. Bro. A. Chard, on June 25th, 1877:—I. P. M., W. Bro. Albert Chard; W. M., W. Bro. Albert Chard; S. W., Bro. Wm. Youker; J. W., Bro. Robt. J. Craig; Treasurer, Bro. Geo. W. Faulkner; Secretary, Bro. J. S. Black; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. F. W. Stophenson; S. D., Bro. Henry Lake; J. D.,

Bro. Alexander Rodgers; S. S., Bro. Wm. Gay; J. S., Bro. B. O. Lott; I. G., Bro. T. H. Bradley; Tyler, Bro. Francis McManus; D. of C., Bro. H. G. Thurber.

LINDSAY.—Officers of King Hiram Lodge, No. 89, held at Lindsay, and installed by W. Bro. J. W. Wallace, on June 25th, 1877: I P M., A. H. Melville; W. M., Edward Flood; S. W., P. P. Burrows; J. W., E. E. Henderson, Treasurer, J. Mann; Secretary, E. McTavish, Chaplain, R. H. Harris; S. D., D. C. Ince; J. D., F. R. Weston; I. G., John McDweyn; Tyler, Alex Skinner.

LAMBETH.—Officers of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 197, held at Lambeth, and installed by W. Bro. J. M. Banghart, on June 25th, assisted by W. Bros. F. W. H. C. Jarvis and W. L. Odel; W. M., W. Bro. George Norton; S. W., Bro. Lyman G. Jarvis; J. W., Bro. Peter McNames; Treasurer, Bro. F. H. Kenny; Secretary, Bro. F. W. H. C. Jarvis; Chaplain, Bro. D. B. Burtch; Organist, Bro. William Tomilson; S. D., Bro. J. D. O'Neil; J. D., Bro. C. H. Jarvis; S. S., Bros. James Scott and C. Burtch; J. S., Bros. F. W. H. C. Jarvis and D. B. Burtch; I. G., Bro. H. O. Combs; Tyler, Bro. Calvin Bryant; D. of C., Bro. J. M. Banghart.

GODERICH.—Officers of Maitland Lodge, No. 112, held at Goderich, and installed by W. Bro. C. E. Robertson on June 25th, 1877:—I. P. M., W. Bro. Isaac F. Toms; W. M., W. Bro. Charles E. Robertson; S. W., Bro. James H. Finley; J. W., Bro. Richard Radcliff; Treasurer, Bro. Edwin Hosker; Secretary, Bro. James Addison; Chaplain, Bro. Rev. James Severight; S. D., Bro. James Clarke; J. D., Bro. James Green; I. G., Bro. Wm. A. Rhynas; Tyler, Bro. Malcolm McPhail; D. of C., Bro. W. H. Marney.

AURORA.—Officers of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129, held at Aurora, and installed by W. Bro. — McMurchy, on June 25th, 1877: I. P. M., W. Bro. E. Pease; W. M., W. Bro. G. W. Morrison; S. W., Bro. W. Y. Andrews; J. W., Bro. Geo. W. Johnston; Treasurer, Bro. J. Fleury; Secretary, Bro. H. E. Connor; S. D., Bro. J. J. Hartman; J. D., Bro. Wm. Bruce; S. S., Bro. S. Ashton; I. G., Bro. J. Anderson; Tyler, Bro. Wm. Willis.

STOUFFVILLE.—Officers of Richardson Lodge, No. 136, held at Stouffville, and installed by W. Bro. G. R. Vanzant, on June 25th, 1877:—W. M., W. Bro. F. R. Armstrong; S. W., Bro. R. Gibney; J. W., Bro. J. Ainley; Treasurer, Bro. R. Knill; Secretary, Bro. C. S. Goodrich; Chaplain, Bro. H. Johnson; S. D., Bro. Jas. Hunter; J. D., Bro. R. L. McCormick; S. S., Bro. J. Urquhart; J. S., Bro. G. W. Lloyd; I. G., Bro. G. Williamson; Tyler, Bro. T. Williamson; D. of C., Bro. F. Wixson.

NEWBORO.—Officers of Simpson Lodge,

No. 157, held at Newboro, and installed by W. Bro. Thomas Camm on June 25, 1877:—I. P. M., W. Bro. Thos. Camm; W. M., W. Bro. John R. Dargaval; S. W., Bro. J. R. Gorrell; J. W., Bro. D. P. Alguire; Treasurer, Bro. H. S. Davison; Secretary, Bro. L. S. Lewis; Chaplain, Bro. Geo. Brown; Organist, Bro. L. S. Lewis; S. D., Bro. C. D. Bell; J. D., Bro. G. W. Baker; S. S., Bro. J. E. Brown; J. S., Bro. J. McDonald; I. G., Bro. J. W. Davis; Tyler, Bro. A. Bell; D. of C., Bro. H. J. Arnold.

WROXETER.—Officers of Forest Lodge, No. 162, held at Wroxeter, and installed by W. Bro. Copper, D. D. H., on June 27th, 1877:—I. P. M., W. Bro. S. B. Smail; W. M., W. Bro. W. H. Erawn; S. W., Bro. D. Walker; J. W., Bro. John Knutson; Treasurer, Bro. John Sanderson; Secretary, Bro. David Hood; Chaplain, Bro. John Green; S. D., Bro. Robert Clarke; J. D., Bro. E. Paulin; I. G., Bro. John Gofston; Tyler, Bro. William Small; D. of C., Bro. Wm. Irwine.

SPARTA.—Officers of Spartan Lodge, No. 176, held at Sparta, and installed by W. Bro. G. Haight, on June 25th, 1877:—I. P. M., W. Bro. G. Haight; W. M., W. Bro. W. B. Cole; S. W., Bro. W. Colley; J. W., Bro. L. Moedinger; Treasurer, Bro. J. L. Oill; Secretary, Bro. F. A. Henderson; Chaplain, Bro. J. A. Eakins; S. D., Bro. G. Philip; J. D., Bro. W. Minard; S. S., Bro. W. Grisdale; J. S., Bro. P. McDiarmid; I. G., Bro. J. Callard; Tyler, Bro. D. Bailey; D. of C., Bro. G. Haight.

OTTAWA.—Officers of Builders' Lodge, No. 177, held at Ottawa, and installed by R. W. Bro. Wm. Kerr, D. D. G. M., on June 25th 1877:—I. P. M., W. Bro. Samuel Rogers; W. M., W. Bro. John Orr; S. W., Bro. J. W. Turley; J. W., Bro. William Cherry; Treasurer, Bro. F. Graham; Secretary, Bro. Wm. Rea; S. D., Bro. J. C. Kearns; J. D., Bro. D. Taylor; S. S., Bro. T. Askwith; J. S., Bro. J. Nelson; I. G., Bro. A. Scott; Tyler, Bro. J. McCarthy; D. of C., Bro. J. Robertson.

BELMONT.—Officers of Belmont Lodge, No. 190, held at Belmont, and installed by W. Bro. J. B. Campbell, M. D., on 25th June, 1877:—I. P. M., W. Bro. J. B. Campbell, M. D.; W. M., W. Bro. J. J. Kelly; S. W., Bro. Duncan Ferguson; J. W., Bro. Reot Tooley, jr.; Treasurer, Bro. William Mohr; Secretary, Bro. Geo. McKellar; Chaplain, Bro. John Farquhar; S. D., Bro. Duncan Sinclair; J. D., Bro. James Buchanan; S. S., Bro. John McNichol; J. S., Bro. Mitchell Dibb; I. G., Bro. E. F. Corpron; Tyler, Bro. Arch McKellar; D. of C., Bro. Nicholas Pero.

MOUNT FOREST.—Officers of St. Albans Lodge, No. 200, held at Mount Forest, and installed by R. W. Bro. J. McFaren, on June 25th, 1877:—I. P. M., W. Bro. Alex Gow;

W M, W Bro F W Stevenson; S W, Bro Wm Colclough; J W, Bro R J Dale; Treasurer, Bro W W Winfield; Secretary, Bro T G Smith; Chaplain, Bro Thomas Swan; S D, Bro Dr C A Jones; J D, Bro Thomas Caldwell; I G, Bro W L Smittle; Tyler, Bro R G Kennedy; D of C, Dr H P Yeomans.

AMELIASBURG.—Officers of Lake Lodge, No. 215, held at Ameliasburg, and installed by W. Bro. E. Robbin, on June 25, 1877:—I P M, W Bro Wm G Stafford; W M, W Bro Benj Rothwell; S W, Bro John G Johnston, J W, Bro Hiram Grannis; Treasurer, Bro John N Sprague; Secretary, Bro Albro N Sprague; Chaplain, Bro Wm Anderson; S D, Bro Elijah Sprague; J D, Bro Jno M Way; S S, Bro N A Peterson; J S, Bro W R Dempsey; I G B o John Roblin; Tyler, Bro James H Higgins; D of C, Bro Wm Delong.

OTTAWA.—Officers of Fidelity Lodge, No. 231, R. C., held at Ottawa and installed by R. W. Bro. Wm. Kerr, on June 25th, 1877:—I P M, W Bro Edward C Barber; W M, W Bro Wm Rea; S W, Bro I S Duffy; J W, Bro Charles Aird; Treasurer, Bro A G McCormick; Secretary, Bro J D Fraser; S D, Bro Geo Mowat; J D, Bro A Chatfield; S S, Bro H Williams; J S, Bro W C Teague; I G, Bro Wm Rice; Tyler, Bro John McCarthy; D of C, Bro J A Campbell.

PAISLEY.—Officers of Aldworth Lodge, No. 235, held at Paisley, and installed by W. Bro. G. W. Mallock, on June 25th, 1877:—I P M, W Bro Simon Roche; W M, W Bro Benjamin Mills; S W, Bro Wm C Valentine; J W, Bro Wm H Mills; Treasurer, Bro Edward F Black; Secretary, Bro Thos Finch; Chaplain, Bro Rev Jas Anderson; S D, Bro Finlay Sinclair, J D, Bro Jos K Clarke; S S, Bro Jas Sinclair; J S, Bro John Brockie; I G, Bro Thos C Jackson; Tyler, Bro Wm Quayle; D of C, Bro John Megraw.

EMBRO.—Officers of Thistle Lodge, No. 250, held at Embro, and installed by W. Bro. H. Adams, on 25th June, 1877:—I P M, W Bro Henry Adams, M D; W M, W Bro J W Upper; S W, Bro John G Anderson; J W, Bro Henry Pelton; Treasurer, Bro Geo Forrest; Secretary, Bro Matthew R Laycock; Chaplain, Bro Charles Kellmor; S D, Bro Richard Flynn; J D, Bro Joshua Pelton; S S, Bro Hector Sutherland; J S, Bro Alex Campbell; I G, Bro Alex McDonald; Tyler, Bro Jas Munro; D of C, Bro T Robinson.

KINGSTON.—Officers of Minden Lodge, No. 253, held at Kingston, and installed by B. W. Bro. Woods, P. D. D. G. M.:—W M, E J B Pense; P M, James Redden; S W, Wm Baillie; J W, A Strachan; Chaplain, Rev R J Craig; Treasurer, G M Wilkinson; Secretary, James Kearns; S D, Fred Welch; J D, A P Cornell; I G, John McEwen; Organist, G W Andrews; M C, Wm Perry; Stewards, Thos Scorch and B Robin-

son; Tyler, Edward Ball; Charitable Committee—E J B Pense, R W Barker and G W Winfield.

ANCASTER.—Officers of Seymour Lodge, No. 272, held at Ancaster, and installed by W. Bro. Dr. Richardson, on the 25th June, 1877:—I P M, W Bro H Richardson; W M, W Bro B W Donnelly; S W, Bro Wm Scott, J W, Bro Ed Kenrick; Treasurer, Bro J H Smith; Secretary, Bro A D Robarts; Chaplain, Bro H Orton; S D, Bro M J Wright; J D, Bro Jos N Broughton; S S, Bro R E Guest; J S, Bro Ed Henderson; I G, Bro Thos E Epps; Tyler, Bro John Patrick; D of C, Bro J O Spohn.

ST. THOMAS.—Officers of Saint David's Lodge, No. 302, held at St. Thomas, and installed by W. Bro. J. Corlis, on June 25th, 1877:—I P M, W Bro John Waddell; W M, W Bro M A Payne; S W, Bro John Le June; J W, Bro Samuel Sills; Treasurer, Bro John Waddell; Secretary, Bro Jas Wil-son; Chaplain, Bro J Corlis; Organist, Bro J Shoupe; S D, Bro Jas Anderson; J D, Bro Robt Timerson; S S, Bro John Miller; J S, Bro E Stubbs; I G, Bro Geo Daner; Tyler, Bro Edmond Climo; D of C, Bro F Morrison.

DURHAM.—Officers of Durham Lodge, No. 306, held at Durham, and installed by W. Bro. J. H. Hunter, on June 25th, 1877:—I P M, W Bro Archd Davidson; W M, W Bro Archd Davidson; S W, Bro Finlay McRae; J W, Bro Jas Sutherland; Treasurer, Bro Robt McFarlane; Secretary, Bro Herbert W Mockler; Chaplain, Bro Philip Eva; S D, Bro Chas L Grant; J D, Bro Edwin McClocklin; S S, Bro Thos McClocklin; J S, Bro Robt B Bull; I G, Bro Wm W Gray; Tyler, Bro Norman Kelsey; D of C, Bro G Mickle.

CLIFFORD.—Officers of Clifford Lodge, No. 315, held at Clifford, and installed by W. Bro. Irvine, on July 4th, 1877:—I P M, W Bro Geo Taylor; W M, W Bro Frank S Dobson; S W, Bro Absalom S Allan; J W, Bro Edward Tolton; Treasurer, Bro Francis Brown; Secretary, Bro James D Allan; S D, Bro John Lee; J D, Bro Wm G Luker; I G, Bro David Mollison; Tyler, Bro Francis Carroll.

BADEN.—Officers of Wilnot Lodge, No. 315, held at Baden, and installed by W. Bro. Chas. Hendry, on June 29th, 1877:—I P M, W Bro Philip Urbach; W M, W Bro William Melrose; S W, Bro Jas Livingston; J W, Bro John Schum; Treasurer, Bro Peter Ernst; Secretary, Bro Wilson Larey, S D, Bro Alex Webster; J D, Bro Alfred Kaufman, S S, Bro Peter Daly; J S, Bro F Studer; I G, Bro Henry Ellissar; Tyler, Bro John Koch.

WARDSVILLE.—Officers of Hammond Lodge, No. 327, held at Wardsville, and installed by W. Bros. E. Aitchison and George Mansfield, on June 25th, 1877:—W M, E Aitchison; S W, S J McCree; J W, Alex McKee; Treasurer, Donald McGee; Secretary, P C Campbell; Chaplain, Rev G W Wye; S D, Alex Aitchison; J D, Jas K Moore; I G, E G Munro; Tyler, Alex McIntyre.

NAPLIER.—Officers of Ionic Lodge, No. 328, held at Napier, and installed by W. Bro. D. J. Campbell, on June 25th, 1877:—W M, N J Lindsay, S W, R Dunlop; J W, R Corcoran; Treasurer, A Arthur, Secretary, H Thompson; Chaplain, J Graham; S D, Michael

Beckett, J D, James Cameron, S S, Wm Richardson; J S, T F Hawken; I G, William Pridgeon; Tyler, A Bowly; D of C, Edward Bowly.

**STRAFORD.**—Officers of Stratford Lodge, No. 832, held at Stratford, and installed by V. W. Bro. G. J. Vaughn, on 23rd June, 1877.—I P M, W Bro Charles Paquet, W M, W Bro J L Richmond, S W, Bro D P McLeod, J W, Bro D W Cumalings, Treasurer, Bro A Cornell, Secretary, Bro Richard Ellis, S D, Bro Wm Hebrun, J D, Bro J B McCrystle, S S, Bro T M Haw, J S, Bro W R Huberts, I G, Bro C D Curral, Tyler, Bro Alexander Hebrun; D of C, Bro J M Kiddell.

**WELLANDPORT.**—Officers of Dufferin Lodge, No. 833, held at Wellandport, and installed by W. Bro. E. Cohoe, on June 26th, 1877.—I P M, W Bro J S McCallum, W M, W Bro J E Cohoe, S W, Bro Dilly C Holmes; J W, Bro Robt Green, Treasurer, Bro Jas Rice, Sec'y, Bro Wm H Dawdy; Chaplain, Bro A K Scofield, S D, Bro John C Gracey, J D, Bro Nicholas Shawley; S S, Bro James K Goring, J S, Bro Peter Swarty; I G, Bro Enos Marr; Tyler, Bro George W Brown, D of C, Bro A Makegus.

**WOLFE ISLAND.**—Officers of Hiram Lodge No. 342, held at Wolfe Island, and installed by W. Bro. A. Malone, assisted by W. Bros. Cummings and Charles, on 25th June, 1877.—I P M, W Bro Wm H Godwin, W M, W Bro Hiram C Hitchcock, S W, Bro C A Lewin, M D, J W, Bro R C Irvine, Treasurer, Bro D Catanach, Secretary, Bro W E Abbott, Chaplain, Bro Alex Fraser; S D, Bro D H Tyke; J D, Bro M Staley, S S, Bro J G Ashley, J S, Bro W G Woodman, I G, Bro Wm H Morris, Tyler, Bro John McCann, D of C, Bro James Horne. After the installation the brethren were entertained at supper, at the close of which the younger members took possession of the Public Hall and danced till late in the night.

**DORCHESTER STATION.**—Officers of Merrill Lodge, No. 344, held at Dorchester Station, and installed by W. Bro. John B. Watson, on June 25th, 1877: I P M, W Bro Freeman B Talbot; W M, W Bro Geo Wade, S W, W Bro Wm H Chittick; J W, Bro I N Burdick; Treasurer, Bro F Chittick; Secretary, Bro E T Shaw; Chaplain, Bro W T Vans on; S D, Bro John Beverley; J D, Bro Mark Tallack; S S, Bro W E Wilson; J S, Bro E L Durand, I G, Bro Abram Slaght; Tyler, Bro R L Blunden.

**FLEASHERS.**—Officers of Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333—W M, W J McFarland, S W, Solomon Damude, J W, Thos Gates, Secretary, J C Griffiths, Treasurer, J W Armstrong; S D, Archibald Armstrong, J D, Wm Munc, I G, Geo Wright, I F M, Matthew Richardson.

#### GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

**RICHMOND.** List of officers of St. Francis Lodge, No. 10:—W M, W Bro W Barnwell; P M, M W Bro J H Graham, L D, P M, R W Bro T Leet, P M, V W Bro A Wilcocks, I P M, W Bro G Boswell, S W, W Bro J F Robinson, J W, W Bro Jas McCormick, Chaplain, Rev Bro F Forsey; Treasurer, V W Bro Thos Hart, Secretary, W Bro Edwin Cleveland, S D, W Bro G G Gynner, J D, W Bro R Marsh, D of C, W Bro A G Hall, Stewards, W Bro S E McCully, M D, and Bro S Fraser, N P; I G, Bro W Eames; Tyler, R W Bro M Burnie. Charitable Committee W M, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary. Permanent Committee—V W Bro Wilcocks, R W Bro Burnie, and Bro Gynner.

**GRAND.**—Officers of Yamaska Lodge, No. 18, held at Grand, and installed by W. Bro. G. Vitte, on 27th December, 1876.—I P M, W Bro Col Amysraud, W M, W Bro Geo Vitte, S W, Bro W Pillsworth, J W, Bro W Jinkinson; Treasurer, Bro S Mock; Secretary, Bro E G Frost, Chaplain, Bro R W Jones, S D, Bro Capt Seale, J D, Bro W Kimpson, S S, Bro C Savage, J S, Bro J Anceley, I G, Bro A Cole, Tyler, Bro J Lafontaine; D of C, Bro J C West.

**GEORGETTOWN.**—Officers of Mount Orford Lodge, No. 24:—W M, Bro Ernest Loo; P M, V W Bro W M Keyes; J S, Bro N A Beach; S W, Bro S F Copp; J W, Bro H M Rider; Chaplain, W H Brovoort; Treasurer, G O Trear; Secretary, Bro D A Bullock; S D, D C Wheelock, J D, Bro L N Gardine, I G, Bro G Huse, Organist, Bro Don Gustin; Stewards, Bros J J Carr

and Dav Heath, D of C, Bro R L Ayer, Tyler, Chas. Gardner.

**KNOWLTON.**—Officers of Brome Lake Lodge, No. 25, held at Knowlton, and installed by E. W. Bro. E. F. Newell, D. D. G. M., on June 25th, 1877.—I P M, V W Bro R E Feltus, W M, W Bro A E Kimball; S W, Bro R N Egglan, J W, Bro Samuel N Courtney; Treasurer, Bro Israel England, Secretary, W Bro Fred England, Chaplain, W Bro John MacLachlan, S D, Bro G W Monteith, J D, Bro Chas R MacLachlan; I G, Bro Balfour Dryburgh, Tyler, Bro David Barber.

#### GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

**NEW GLASGOW.** Officers of Albion Lodge, No. 5, held at New Glasgow, and installed by W. Bro. Dr. Johnston, D. D. G. M., on April 30th, 1877.—W M, Angus McQueen, S W, John McGillivray; J W, Hugh Ross, Treasurer, Jas W Copeland; Treasurer, H T Sutherland, Chaplain, Cameron Fraser; Organist, E Cheswick, S D, Robt Graham, J D, K S McDonald; S S, Geo A Douglas, P M; J S, John R Turner; I G., Thos Smith; Tyler, Wm Betts.

**NORTH SYDNEY.**—Officers of Royal Albert Lodge; No. 19, held at North Sydney, and installed by W. Bro. Wm. Peerves, on 18th April, 1877. W M, W Bro Daniel McKay; S W, Bro Chas B Thompson; J W, Bro Wm S Copeland, Treasurer, Bro Daniel Lawlor; Secretary, Bro G F Muir Forbes; S D, Bro John D McDonald; J D, Bro Wm Forbes; S S, Bro John J Murgan; J S, Bro Murdi McLean, I G, Bro Robert Musgrave; Tyler, Bro David Scott.

**SHERBROOKE.** Officers of Queens Lodge, No. 34, held at Sherbrooke, and installed by W. Bro. A. K. White. W M, W Bro Jas H McDonald; S W, Bro Wm L Painter, J W, Bro John Archibald; Treasurer, Bro Chas Mcintosh, Secretary, Bro W H McDonald, Organist, Bro W D R Cameron; S D, Bro David J Mcintosh; J D, Bro Henry McLean; S S, Bro Dan Hattie, J S, Bro Samuel T Archibald; Tyler, Bro Jno A Stuart.

**BADDECK.**—Officers of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 35, held at Baddeck, and installed by S. G. A. McKee, M. D., on 5th of April, 1877.—I P M, Jas L Rice; W M, D F McRae; S W, W H Watson; J W, Charles Jones; Treasurer, Robt Elmsly; Secretary, Leaver Sparling; Chaplain, David Dunlop; S D, L G Campbell; J D, D McRae; S S, Wm Cain; J S, Philip McRae; I G, M McDonald; Tyler, Robt Watson.

**TRURO.**—Officers of Truro Lodge, No. 41, held at Truro, and installed by P. M. Page, assisted by P. M. Hyde, of Cohequid Lodge, on 8rd April, 1877.—W M, Wm E Logan; S W, Donald A Fraser; J W, Jas Mc D Pitblado; Treasurer, Jas Little; Secretary, William Faulkner jr, Chaplain, Jas K Blair; S D, Andrew Creeman; J D, John Munroe; S S, Alex McKenzie; J S, Ross Cummings, Marshal, Jas W Miller, Tyler, Fred K White.

**RIVER PHILIP.**—Officers of Widow's Son Lodge, No. 48, held at River Philip, and installed by Jno. Powers on 2nd April, 1877.—I P M, John Powers, W M, Fred Sweet, S W, Henry A Johnston, J W, Rupert B Donkin, Treasurer, Richard L Black, Secretary, Fred W Patton, S D, John W Johnston, J D, Charles E Donkin, S S, Alex Morrison, J S, Chas Purdy, I G, Wm R Scott; Tyler, John C Mickel.

**LARTHOVA.**—Officers of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 61, held at Lartmouth, and installed by W. Bro. E. Howell, P M, &c., &c.—I P M, Edward Howell, P M, G Lecturer, &c; W M, Charles Gladwin; S W, G A Green, J W, Parker Muland, Treasurer, John C Oland, Secretary, Francis H Pauley, I D, Jas Halliday, J D, James Anderson, S S, Jam s Ross; J S, W Pearce, P M, Marshal, Wm McDonald, Tyler, John Patterson.

**GREAT VILLAGE.** Officers of Cornelian Lodge, No. 63, held at Great Village, and installed by W. Bro. E. T. McRobert, P M., on April 9th, 1877.—I P M, E T McRobert, M D; W M, J L Peppard, M D; S W, Geo Leavitt; J W, Geo O Caldwell; Treasurer, Amos Fountain; Secretary, & T McRobert, M D; Chaplain, Roy A E Ingram; S D, J McEiff Sponce; J D, J B Christie; S S, Geo H Paffard; J S, Geo B Layton; I G, A S D Fulton; Tyler, J A Mahon.

[We are compelled to hold over a few others until our next issue.]