

### Welcome Home to M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, J. K. Kerr, Esq., Q. C., having returned to his home in the City of Toronto, from a visit to Europe, the members of the City Lodges requested his attendance in the Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, on the evening of the 7th instant, when a large number of the Craft assembled to extend to him a cordial welcome, R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, D. D. G. M., reading the following

#### ADDRESS.

J. K. KERR, Esq., Q. C., *Grand Master A. F. & A. M. of Canada.*

DEAR SIR AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BRO.,—The office and members of the various Masonic Lodges in this City, avail themselves of this opportunity of expressing the high appreciation in which you are held by them, and of extending a cordial welcome to you on your return to our midst.

We heartily congratulate you on your safe arrival amongst us with improved health and renewed vigor, which will enable you to continue to discharge those important duties devolving upon you as ruler of the Craft in this Province.

Your Masonic career has been as brilliant as successful; the impartial manner in which you have discharged the duties of Grand Master has endeared you to thousands of the brethren, who feel that you have conferred honor on the high office with which you have been invested.

The Masons of this city look with pride and pleasure upon their Grand Master, the first Canadian born Mason who has filled that important position, and who, as a citizen, has ever been prominent in whatever was beneficial to our fellow man.

It has afforded us great pleasure, Most Worshipful Sir, to hear of the receptions recently accorded you by the different Grand Bodies of the Mother Country. While gratified by the distinctions received by our Grand Master from the hands of British Masons, we know that you would, in representing the Grand Lodge of Canada, add honor and lustre to the Great Brotherhood over which you preside.

In thus addressing you, we would be remiss did we not refer to the unvarying prosperity which has characterized the operations of the Grand Lodge under your government, its finances have been improved, its usefulness increased, its dignity advanced, and this in a great measure in consequence of the prudence and ability with which you have managed its affairs.

With sentiments of deepest esteem and regard towards yourself and Mrs. Kerr, and with earnest prayers for the continued

health and happiness of both, we are, Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother,  
On behalf of the Toronto Masons,  
Yours fraternally,

DANIEL SPRY,  
D. D. G. M. Toronto District.  
F. J. MENET,  
District Secretary.  
W. C. WILKINSON,  
W. M. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16.  
W. J. HAMBLY,  
W. M. King Solomon Lodge, No. 22.  
J. G. ROBINSON,  
W. M. Ionic Lodge, No. 25.  
R. J. COADY,  
Wm. BRYDON,  
I. P. M. Rehoboth Lodge, No. 65.  
GEO. MASSIE,  
W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 75.  
W. M. Wilson Lodge, No. 83.  
W. S. ROBINSON,  
W. M. Ashlar Lodge, No. 247.  
J. B. NIXON,  
W. M. Zetland Lodge, No. 326.  
JAMES MARTIN,  
I. P. M. Stevenson Lodge, No. 218.  
H. A. COLLINS,  
W. M. Doric Lodge, No. 316.  
JAS. WILSON,  
W. M. Occident Lodge, No. 346.  
J. G. BURNS,  
I. P. M. Orient Lodge, No. 389.  
S. B. HARMAN, P. D. D. G. M.  
JAMES BAIN, P. G. S. W.  
JOHN ERSKINE, P. M.  
J. D. HENDERSON, P. M.  
THOS. SARGANT, P. W. S.

Toronto, 7th Sept., 1877.

To which M. W. Bro. Kerr made the following

#### REPLY.

*To the Officers and Members of the Masonic Lodges of Toronto.*

BRETHREN,—I find it impossible to express to you in suitable terms my grateful acknowledgment for the address which you have just presented to me, on the occasion of my return to Toronto.

For the kindness and fraternal feelings which prompted you thus to notice my arrival, after a short absence for recreation, I am indeed truly thankful to you.

I recognize in this kind expression of satisfaction at our meeting again, that truly Masonic spirit which enables us to look with interest upon the concerns of those who are bound to us by the closest ties of brotherhood.

It is with pleasure of no ordinary character that I find myself now surrounded by so many distinguished members of the Craft, and prominent and influential citizens, to signify the interest which our common brotherhood has enabled them to feel in my welfare.

It is most gratifying to me to receive your assurances that my efforts to administer the duties pertaining to the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, have met with the approval of the Brethren, thus affording another proof of that generous support which has been accorded to me by the