

fold object of this great gathering of brethren from far and near; whereupon Deputy-Grand Master Robertson read the following address:—

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, to Most Worshipful Brother Otto Klotz, Past Grand Master,—

DEAR SIR, AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER:—Your brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, cheerfully embrace this opportunity of bearing testimony to the zeal and ability with which you have endeavored to further its interests since you became connected with the craft. From the time of your entrance into the Grand Lodge, in 1858, you have been constant in your attendance, and have diligently performed all the duties incumbent upon you, in the various positions you have been called upon to fill.

As Warden, Master, Past Master, and District Deputy-Grand Master, you have served the Grand Lodge efficiently, and as a member of the Board of General Purposes, continuously since 1864, you have taken a full share, and often more than a due proportion, of the labors of that body.

It is, however, more in connection with the practical exemplification of that virtue, which may justly be denominated the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart, that your name has become so widely known and will be long remembered. As the Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, you have systematized the large expenditure of the Grand Lodge for this praiseworthy object to a remarkable degree, and your perfect records of this department of Masonic work, deserve the highest commendation.

Reference should also be made to your excellent compilation of the resolutions of Grand Lodge, and rulings of Grand Masters, which have proved of great use to the craft in this jurisdiction; and also, to your valuable aid

on the Committees on ritual and revision of the constitution.

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, it was resolved by a unanimous vote, that the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master should be conferred upon you, in recognition of the long and distinguished service rendered by you to this Grand Lodge. It was further ordered, that a committee should be appointed, to select and present to you the regalia pertaining to your position.

We have, then, Most Worshipful Sir, very great pleasure in presenting you with the Regalia of a Past Grand Master, and we trust that you may long be spared, by the favor of the G. A. O. T. U. to wear it, as a mark of the esteem and respect in which you are held by your brethren in Freemasonry.

Fraternally yours,

HY. ROBERTSON, D. G. M.
HY. MACPHERSON, P. D. D. G. M. } Com.
THOS. SARGANT, P. D. D. G. M. }

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 13, 1886.

REPLY BY M. W. BRO. OTTO KLOTZ.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother, as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada; Right Worshipful Brethren of the Committee; and Right Worshipful Brethren, and Brethren here assembled:—

With the deepest feeling of gratitude, I tender to Grand Lodge, and to you, my brethren, my sincerest and warmest acknowledgment for this magnificent testimonial, accompanied by a beautifully engrossed address, expressive of the esteem in which I am held by the craft.

Grand Lodge, in conferring upon me this great distinction, has proved to me that it has followed that sublime injunction, given in one of our solemn ceremonies, viz:—"Let us cast around his foibles, whatever they may have been, the broad mantle of a Mason's charity." For although the beautiful, grand and sublime lessons taught by