

## ADDRESS.

"THE DESIGN OF FRIENDSHIP, IS TO MAKE TWO OR MORE ONE. MEN OUGHT TO BE UNITED."

*Pythagoras.*

GRATIFIED, I trust we all feel, that we are permitted to assemble together on this interesting occasion. I feel a great degree of pleasure in witnessing the union and harmony of Odd-Fellowship exemplified in this gathering of Brothers of different political and religious tenets, and subjects of different Governments. Among the ancient Jews, we read that the people assembled to be numbered, and that on such occasions, the several tribes of Israel, each springing from a common ancestor, assembled by thousands. They went to make a census of their numerical and available warlike strength. But no warlike summons has brought us together. We come not to dig up the hatchet, or whet the tomahawk, like Indian tribes—we come not to light the beacon fires of a Scottish foray, nor to draw the line of *fifty-four forty*, or *forty-nine*; but in the peaceful garb of brothers have we come into God's sacred temple, on an errand of peace and love,—an errand fit to be consecrated in such a place, and by such a band of brothers. I congratulate you, my brethren, on this assembling. It is matter of gratulation to our wide-spread Order, that we assemble here in the spirit of Odd-Fellowship this day,

"Not as the conqueror comes,  
But the true and honest hearted,"

have you come up here, in accordance with an ancient and honorable usage, to celebrate an event which to you is full of deep interest, and to the Order, yea, to the world, important.

People of all nations have been accustomed to celebrate by festivals or otherwise, the annual occurrence of days on which events of moment have transpired. They have commemorated by Anniversary celebrations the rise of nations, and communities,—the uprising of philanthropy, morality, and virtue, as well as the war-founded throne of power.

You meet now to commemorate the birth of Oriental Lodge, No. 7, into the great family of our honorable Fraternity. Twelve months have rolled away, and are numbered with the past, since your Lodge was Instituted. You have the privilege of knowing if your principles as Odd-Fellows, are serviceable when reduced to practice; and from the retrospection to gain lessons of instruction to guide and influence you in coming time.

That you have not been disappointed in your early formed opinions of the utility of the Institution, is evident from the fact, that you regard the establishment of your Lodge, an event worthy of commemoration. I have no doubt it is so regarded by the Grand Lodge and the Fraternity of Canada, and I the more heartily congratulate you on this anniversary, on this account.

It matters not to what form of Government the man belongs, whether it be Despotie, Monarchial, or Free,—around the altar of Odd-Fellowship he will always meet with a friend, protector and brother. It matters not