

chairman took the opportunity of eulogizing the Grand Master, at the same time expressing his regret at his absence.

Instrumental selections were now given most charmingly by the Kerr Glee Club, composed of Bros. Morgan, J. Henderson, Stearns and Barraud, after which M. W. Bro. Spry arose and said that it afforded him great pleasure to respond on behalf of the Grand Master, whose duties he regretted to say prevented him from being present this evening. He declared that it was a matter of very general satisfaction amongst the Craft that he had been elected by such an overwhelming majority, proving that the slurs and slanders hurled against him had no weight with the thinking members of the Fraternity, who, by the largest majority vote on record, placed him on the throne, and he assured them no worthier or more able brother than M. W. Bro. H. Murray, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada, had ever been elected to that proud position. In reference to Grand Lodge, he believed it the Parliament of Masonry that should protect and uphold its members. He defended the Board of General Purposes as a committee composed of the ablest men in Grand Lodge, and concluded his address by expressing the pleasure he felt in being present to do honor to his worthy and excellent townsman, the D. D. G. M.

P. W. Bro. Ramsay followed.

V. W. Bro. Sanders was particularly happy in his remarks, and in alluding to the Grand Lodge of Canada as the Parliament of Masonry, said that in that he fully concurred with Bro. Spry, since to it every brother could appeal, and before it any Mason was considered the equal and the peer of a Past Grand Master. He then referred to Bro. King's long and faithful services during the past quarter of a century, and expressed the satisfaction he felt at noticing the cordial welcome extended to him.

Bro. Rogers then sang "To all good ladies."

"The Guest of the Evening, R. W. Bro. R. King, D. D. G. M. Georgian District," was welcomed with great applause, and on rising to respond, that brother was received with loud cheers.

He began by stating that he greatly felt the honor accorded him, and referred to his long connection with the craft, and the many kindnesses and courtesies he had received from the same; expressed the pleasure he felt at noting old faces of friends of fifteen and twenty years' standing,—as Bros. Spry and Ramsay,—whose presence, with those from a distance, he highly appreciated. He said that he intended to discharge the duties of his office with courtesy and firmness, and this splendid "send off" would certainly greatly encourage him. He wished, if possible, to visit every lodge in the District, and hoped that by his experience and personal supervision, he would be able to confer some benefit upon the craft in the District. He alluded to Bro. Spry's remarks in his address to Grand Lodge regarding ritual, he said he fully concurred in the sentiments therein expressed; he claimed that to "omit" by mistake was no great fault, but to "add" to our beautiful ritual, he deemed such a course uncalled for and unpardonable. Before resuming his seat he expressed some very kindly sentiments towards Kerr Lodge, with its splendid management and work, and the many friends who had come to do him honor.

The next toast was "The Worshipful Masters and Past Masters," which, after a rather amusing recital in song, by Bro. Barraud, of the wanderings of the Hon. Edward Blake, M. P., whom he designated "Teddy" in the land "Where the Grass Grows Green," called to their feet W. Bros. Rogerson, Clair, Gordon, McCraw and Reid; all of whom alluded in courteous terms to the new District Deputy.

"Our Visiting Brethren," was the cause of a great flow of spontaneous eloquence from Bros. Wray, Smith, Dalh Ramsay, Barraud Cassan, and