

Gordon bowed gratefully over her offered hand, while I loved her more than ever, if that were possible. And thus the greatest and most blessed change of my life came to me, for Gordon and I were engaged, and the restless longing of my heart was stilled forever. I no longer asked to roam; I no longer wearied for gaiety. I was content to stay in my home and wait—wait with glad hope for the time when I should have one of my own, with Gordon Shaw for its head and master.

Often, sitting dreaming in the quiet, my thoughts would go back to that November night, when I listened, in wondering silence, to Ruth's strange story. Out of these thoughts strong lessons and warnings rose, that my heart did not fail to cherish. Dangerous places showed out clearly in the light of her bitter experience! pitfalls, that had well nigh proved fatal to her feet, shone as lights before mine,—so that through all my life I think I shall have cause to be thankful that ever I heard "RUTH RAY'S CONFESSION."—*Keystone*.

PRESENTATIONS.

OTTAWA.

At a meeting of the Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, Ottawa, held on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, the brethren of that Lodge presented to their (first) retiring master, W. Bro. D. S. Eastwood, a handsome cake or fruit stand, suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, D. D. G. M., O. D., who after a few appropriate remarks read the following.

ADDRESS :

To D. S. Eastwood, Esq., W. M. Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, C. R.

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother, We, the brethren of Lodge of Fidelity No. 231, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., appreciating the valuable services you have rendered to this Lodge, cannot permit you to retire from the Chair, you have so ably filled as the first W. M., without expressing to you our heartfelt thanks for your zeal and labor in the cause of masonry and particularly of this Lodge.

"Accept, with fraternal wishes for your future welfare, from your Brethren, this gift, as a slight mark, of the esteem in which you are held by them.

"May the G. A. O. T. U. bless and protect you and your family, and may he long spare you, guide us with your good counsel and advice.

Ottawa, Ont., (St. John the Baptist), June 24, A.L. 5871. A. D., 1871.
On behalf of the Brethren.

A. H. MATTHEWMAN, S. W. and W. M. elect.

G. LEVIN, Secretary.

To which W. Bro. Eastwood delivered the following

REPLY.

Worshipful Sir and Brethren of Lodge Fidelity.

"In retiring from the chair of Master of Lodge of Fidelity, knowing that I had done no more than my duty, I certainly did not anticipate the presentation of your too flattering address, and this handsome gift. For both, accept my hearty thanks. Your gift shall be preserved by me as a much valued memento, your kind expressions of esteem and confidence I cordially reciprocate. I have ever regarded my position as Master of Fidelity Lodge as one of high honor, and the discharge of the duty appertaining thereto has been to me a labor of love, made easy by the truly Masonic spirit at all times evinced by the members of the lodge. Permit me also to thank you for your kind expressions of interest in the welfare of my family, and to assure you that any service that I can render to you, Worshipful Sir, or to the Lodge, in future, will be performed with great pleasure.

"That the G. A. O. T. U. have you—one and all—in His safe keeping, and grant to Fidelity Lodge prosperity, is my earnest prayer.

I am, yours fraternally,

D. S. EASTWOOD."