

fellowship. He had been a member of the Order now for over twenty-five years, and every year he had lived since, he had seen satisfactory evidence of the beneficent charitable work and strong sympathy of the Odd Fellows. It remained to this day, however, for him to see the most striking example of the inner spirit of Oddfellowship, the erection of a memorial not to members of any particular lodge, not to those who had sat beside them and were bound by any special ties of good-will and fellowship, but to the stranger within their gates, to those members who, drifted by circumstances from distant lands or distant parts of our own land, were overtaken by disease and would be unprotected without the kindly friendship of Oddfellowship. They could easily say with Tennyson, "Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still," but it required something more than ordinary friendship to stretch out the hand of fellowship to those they never saw, whose only bond of sympathy was that they bowed before the same fraternal altar. This he held to be the climax of the principles they held, and of which they beheld the proof before them. He congratulated them upon the memorial, paying a high compliment to the committee, to the designer and the artists who had executed it. He told a story of an occurrence at the house of Lord Sanford in London, where a number of the scarred veterans of the Crimea were gathered. A paper was passed around the table and each was asked to write the name of the person who had rendered the greatest service to humanity during the struggle; the name written upon the paper was in each case the name of one who a few years before had been an obscure woman—Florence Nightingale, because of her love of humanity, for the soldiers of all nations as they struggled for their country. If ever there should be a gathering and he was there and a question was asked what Order did most for humanity everyone present should be able to write "Oddfellowship."

The benediction was pronounced by Bro. Rev. E. S. Rowe.

The plot and monument will now be taken care of by the Relief Board of the I.O.O.F., of Toronto, but the more interested should be those members of every lodge in Ontario, and even of those beyond the line. Brothers from your midst come to Toronto, and in many cases that pretty plot will be their last resting place.

In response to suggestions and requests from interested ones, the Committee has had a very pretty photogravure of the monument prepared, under the supervision of Bro. A. Macomb, and it is now proposed to supply every member in Ontario with one, and the same will be mailed free of further charge on receipt of 25 cents. Lodges will be supplied at the rate of five for \$1 twelve for \$2, or twenty for \$3. Fifteen cents each for large orders. The picture is beautifully tinted and would look very handsome in a frame. Every lodge in Toronto will have one in its hall. By forwarding your subscriptions you repay yourself by assisting in a very worthy cause and get a fair return in the shape of a very handsome impression of the best Society Monument in America.

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Whitby, Oct. 29th, 1897.

DEAR BRO. PAULL,—Owing to my having to be at Toronto yesterday, I greatly fear I shall be unable to be present at the unveiling of the Odd Fellows' monument to-morrow. I much regret this, as I wished to be present at what will, I am sure, be an interesting ceremony. I desired to have the opportunity of congratulating the Toronto brothers on their pluck and foresight in commencing and completing this work. It is a work which, while showing respect to deceased brothers, will show to the world that, while we are not making much noise in the world and filling the newspapers with our movements, we are endeavoring to carry out a spirit of fraternity upon which our Order rests. I shall be greatly obliged if you will be good enough to convey to the committee my thanks for their kind invitation to be present, and my great regret if I am compelled to absent myself. If to-morrow morning's mail does not bring me too much trouble and work, I hope still to be there. Kindly intimate to the committee that I shall be pleased if allowed to contribute towards the Monument Fund. Fraternaly yours,

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