

PRESENTATION TO R. W. Bro. D. CURTIS.

At an emergent meeting of Brant Lodge, No. 45, held in the Masonic Hall, Brantford, on Friday evening, the 10th inst., and which was largely attended, R. W. Bro. P. J. Brown, D. D. G. M., on behalf of the Lodges in the Wilson District presented an address, and a magnificent testimonial, in the shape of a rich silver tea and coffee service and salver, to R. W. Bro. David Curtis, P. D. D. G. M. of the District. The salver bears the following inscription: "Presented with tea and coffee service to R. W. Bro. David Curtis, P. D. D. G. M., by the Lodges, in the Wilson District, as a mark of the high respect entertained for him as a Freemason, and of their appreciation of the eminent services rendered by him during the six years that he has ruled the Craft in that District."

The testimonial was procured by the members of a Committee appointed for that purpose, from the establishment of Messrs. J. G. Joseph & Co., of Toronto; and the selection reflects great credit upon the Committee.

It had been hoped that the Dedication of the Hall, which bids fair to be, when finished, the finest in the Dominion, and the Presentation to R. W. Bro. Curtis, would have taken place at one and the same time. It was found, however, that the Hall would not be ready for Dedication for some little time yet, and as the Presentation had been already considerably delayed, it was decided to postpone it no longer, and hence, the emergent meeting referred to.

The Lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. H. McK. Wilson, W. M., R. W. Bro. Brown rose, and addressing R. W. Bro. Curtis read the following eulogistic

ADDRESS.

To R. W. Bro. David Curtis, P. D. D. G. M.,

Wilson District :

R. W. Sir, and Dear Bro.,

"The Representatives of this District, at the last communication of Grand Lodges, actuated by that grand and fundamental principle of masonry—Brotherly Love—and ever remembering with much gratification the pleasure and profit derived from your many visits to the various Lodges, which, for the past six years you have so zealously, creditably, and satisfactorily ruled and directed,

Unanimously resolved, that a suitable Testimonial should be presented as a token, not only of their sincere regard and esteem for you as a man and a Freemason, but also as an evidence of their appreciation of the kind and valuable services you have at all times most cheerfully rendered for the benefit of the Craft in our midst.

As your immediate successor, the delightful duty of presenting that Testimonial has devolved upon me. In doing so, I can assure you that personally, as well as on behalf of all the Lodges in the Wilson District, it affords me the most lively satisfaction in being permitted to carry out their laudable wishes.

Therefore, R. W. Sir, without further preface, I have very great pleasure in asking your acceptance of the accompanying Testimonial.