

is done in Hamilton, was good work. The proper officer to inspect the work was the esteemed chairman, R. E. Comp. Reid, but he thanked the companions all for the very handsome manner in which he had been received.

R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason spoke for a short time in a humorous manner, introducing his assistant, V. W. Bro. C. H. Foster, who sung a comic song in a very acceptable manner.

The chairman then proposed "The Grand Lodge of Canada," coupling with it the names of R. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. M. Gibson, D. D. G. M. of the Hamilton District, and R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, all of whom spoke of the satisfactory condition of the Grand Lodge and warmly in favor of the present Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, of Barrie, who fills this high and important office with so much credit; also of the esteemed and popular Grand Treasurer, who would have considered it an honor to be present that evening to do honor to their guest, but R. E. Comp. E. Mitchell was compelled to leave the city for the sunny South to regain his health, which all expressed the hope would be fully restored, and return again to mingle with his friends and companions.

R. E. Comp. J. M. Gibson then proposed the health of the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, R. E. Comp. David McLellan, and in submitting it to the companions present, spoke in a very kind and friendly way of the manner he discharges the duties incumbent on him, which reflects honor on the companion who fills that important office.

R. E. Comp. McLellan, in responding, thanked the companions present for the very hearty manner in which the toast had been received,—also thanked his kind friend, the proposer, and assured them he was pleased to be with them to-night to do honor to the guest of the evening, M. E. Comp.

Macpherson, who had by regular gradation risen step by step to the highest gift in the hands of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada, and from the active part he takes, and in fact has always taken in the affairs of Grand Lodge, he hoped to see the day when he would hold as high a position in that body. R. E. Comp. McLellan also spoke highly of the efficient Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, who need not fear of any other nomination to that office as long as he fills the position with such care and attention; as to the affairs of Grand Chapter, it is true they are not as onerous as those of the Grand Lodge, but he was pleased to say for the information of the companions present that they are increasing year after year, and, financially, the Grand Chapter is in as sound a position as most of the Grand Chapters on this continent.

R. E. Comp. S. E. Townsend, G. P. Soj., also expressed his gratification at being present that evening to do honor to their guest, but he hoped the next time he visited the city it would be when Hiram, No. 2, was in session, when they would be very much pleased to show the Grand Z. their work.

The Grand Z., in a neat speech, proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Hamilton Chapters, viz., the Hiram, No. 2, and St. John's, No. 6," which brought the following companions to their feet, viz., E. Comps. F. F. Dalley, John Malloy and C. H. Foster, all of whom thanked the Grand Z. for the complimentary way in which he had mentioned their several names. [SEVERAL]

E. Comp. C. W. Mulligan then sang, in excellent style, "The White Squall," when "The Host" was proposed and responded to by Comp. W. Noble, after which "The J. W.'s" toast was proposed and drank, and the company sang "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen," and separated for their homes after spending a very happy hour.—*Hamilton Times*, October 12, 1883.