



## WELCOME TO HAMILTON

THE HOME OF HOSPITALITY



WELCOME, WELCOME, THRICE WELCOME! Patriarchs, Brothers, Sisters and Friends:—On behalf of all members of our great fraternity, and of our citizens generally, we extend to you hearty greetings and a royal welcome to the fair City of Hamilton. We are pleased beyond measure to have had the opportunity to join with you in fittingly and enthusiastically celebrating the Golden Jubilee year of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, and to participate in your observance of the occasion.

Hamilton was the birthplace of the Grand Encampment of this Jurisdiction, which was instituted here on the sixth day of August, 1869, and it is therefore very appropriate, opportune and pleasing that you should return to your old Cradle City to celebrate your 50th birthday. We appreciate this signal honor, and will endeavor to assist in making your visit to our City a most interesting occasion, one that may long be remembered by you with feelings of delightful pleasure and fraternal regard.

The City of Hamilton has been a stronghold of Odd Fellowship for very many years. Here the seeds of our beloved Order and its principles were so carefully sown and nurtured by our early pioneers that they quickly took deep root in the hearts and minds of our people, and now the teachings of those cardinal virtues—Friendship, Love and Truth, and Faith, Hope and Charity—permeate a very large number of all classes of our citizens. That our Order will still continue to grow in numbers and influence in this fertile soil we are confident, and when the time arrives to celebrate your Centennial Anniversary in Hamilton in 1969 (which we already invite you to do) we hope to present to your Grand Body an army of patriachs ten-fold larger than we are able to muster today.

As representatives of Burlington Encampment No. 7, one of the oldest Subordinate Encampments in Ontario, we feel particularly highly honored to have the pleasure of welcoming and entertaining you. We have looked forward to your coming with feelings of keen anticipation and unmeasured pleasure, and have endeavored to formulate a programme of entertainment which we trust will meet with your approbation. We invite you to join heartily in all phases of the different events which will be provided, and hope that you will enjoy yourselves to the limit. Should you desire any particular information regarding our City and its beautiful environs, just make known your wishes to one of the Committee, and we will endeavour to provide your requirements. A Quaker friend once remarked, "Much that is good and wholesome cometh out of Hamilton," and we want you to realize the truth of this wise saying. "Seek and ye shall find."

Fraternally yours,

THE COMMITTEE.