

for some minutes, the company singing, "For he's a jolly good fellow."

M. W. Bro. Henderson, on rising to respond, was again warmly applauded. He expressed his great pride and satisfaction at being the recipient of such grand honors. He regarded it as a high privilege. He might state that Ancient St. John's Lodge was represented here by the D. D. G. M. of St. Lawrence District; Minden Lodge was represented by the Grand Registrar; Catarqui Lodge was represented on the Board of General Purposes by one of their most able Brothers, R. W. Bro. Hendry; while St. John's Lodge, Pittsburg, was represented by the G. Chaplain, Bro. Gallagher, so that the brethren in and around Kingston had had their share of the offices. The Grand Lodge represented 336 Lodges, and the warrants were placed in the hands of men who were well up in their work and thoroughly understood the principles of Masonry. He might remind them that the great principles upon which they were founded were that they could all meet in their Lodge rooms on the principle of equality. The Grand Lodge at its last meeting had devoted \$7,000 to works of charity and benevolence. This fully accounted for the prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which comprised in its ranks men of the highest standing in the Dominion.

A number of other toasts were proposed, and the Junior Warden's toast brought the evening's entertainment to a close.

LONDON.

THE Freemasons of London East, and Petersville, to the number of about 250, assembled at their hall on Richmond street on the afternoon of Sunday, the 28th inst., and, headed by the band of the 7th Battalion, marched to St. James' Church, London South, where the annual sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. Evans Davis. The Masons occupied the centre pews, and the seats on both

sides were well filled. After preliminary services the rev. gentleman took for his text part of the 23rd verse of the 12th chapter of St. Matthew—"For the tree is known by its fruits." He heartily welcomed the brethren to St. James' Church, where they had chosen to celebrate St. John's Day by bowing their knees to the God of their fathers in spirit and in truth. He need hardly tell his hearers that every Freemason was bound by duty to advance the interests of the Order, and employ his best energies in showing that its laws of government were founded on the revelation of God's Holy Word. He had therefore cheerfully complied with the request, as a member of one of the city lodges, to preach a special sermon on the occasion. For himself, a Freemason at heart, he believed that he who was a true member of the Order, would be an honorable and upright man, a good citizen and a loyal subject; and while he knew that no work could be done in the Lodge until God's Word had been read, he felt it more and more his duty to guard its laws, elevate its principles, and further its influences. As the tree was known by its fruit, so should the noble Order of Masonry be known by the good accomplished, though those outside should never cease to hurl their unfounded anathemas against it. If its fruits were pernicious to humanity, then, like the barren tree, let it be removed; "but if on the other hand," he said, "it teaches its members that the All-seeing Eye of God beholds them, and in life warns them to prepare for death, let it be honored by kings, as it is today." It was the handmaid and conservator of religion, and the finest moral system extant. It did not interfere with a man's religious sentiments, nor did it meddle with politics, but recognised the frailties of man and the rewards of duty. As the Prince of Wales had said, "Its watchwords are loyalty and charity." Its laws were equitable, and its objects to promote the best interests of the human race;