

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION IN B. C.

At the regular communication on Monday night of Union Lodge, No. 9, New Westminster, B.C., Brother D. Wilson, B.A., was presented with an address and elegant gold watch and chain, on the occasion of his leaving the "Royal City" to enter upon his new duties as Inspector of Schools, residing permanently in Victoria. The address was as follows:—

To Bro. D. Wilson, B.A., Junior Warden of Union Lodge, and Inspector of Public Schools:—Having heard with feelings of the deepest regret that you are about to leave our city, we assure you that were it not for the knowledge of the fact that it is for your advancement, we would feel the separation keenly. During your residence amongst us as a citizen, a public officer, and a Brother, we have found you in every way worthy of our confidence, respect and esteem. The great interest you have taken in Union Lodge has not escaped our notice, and we feel that to your skill, zeal and ability, we are indebted for much valuable assistance. As a slight token of our esteem and confidence, we ask your acceptance of this gold watch and chain, not for its intrinsic value, but that in after years it may serve to remind you of your sojourn in New Westminster and association with the members of Union Lodge. When you leave us, rest assured you carry with you our best wishes for your future prosperity, and when you are seated in the oriental chair of your new vocation, may you select from among the fair daughters of B. C. one to preside in the south who will be the glory and beauty of your day, and when the olive branches will have grown up around you, may your home be filled with "the oil of joy, the corn of plenty and wine of refreshment," and when father time shall stand in the west to close your day may you

be ready to obey the summons—full of years and honors—the result of a well spent life, and ripe for immortality.

Signed by J. S. Clute, D. G. M.; W. A. Duncan, W. M., and the other officers and members of the Lodge.

Bro. Wilson feelingly expressed his thanks to the brethren for the honor done him and trusted he would always merit the favor he had received at their hands.

Thereafter speech-making was generally indulged in, each brother testifying to Bro. Wilson's many virtues and the general regret that he should be obliged to leave New Westminster, though gratified at his deserved promotion.

The watch is a handsome Waltham and bears the following inscription: "Presented to D. Wilson by the brethren of Union Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., on his departure from New Westminster, B.C., 1887." A heavy gold chain accompanies it, the whole forming a most delightful present and will no doubt long be cherished by Bro. Wilson for the sake of the kind hearts, good-fellowship and earnest feeling which prompted it.—*Daily Colonist*, July 29th, 1887.

In the United States there are now 69,347 Knights Templar.

N. J.—The annual session of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the northern jurisdiction of the United States, was held in the city of Providence, R.I., commencing on Tuesday, September 20. Illustrious Brother Murton, 33°, of Hamilton, well and worthily represented thereat the Supreme Council of the Rite for the Dominion.