

central, adjoining as it does the property of the "Trinity Church," upon which a splendid Church, with school and lecture halls, are now being erected, at a cost of about \$120,000. The Masonic lots have a frontage of 100 feet on the East side of Germain street, and extend back 200 feet. There are five stores in the building, and as an investment, in a few years, it will, doubtless, prove most profitable. It is intended that Grand Lodge shall ultimately own the property, and that the surplus revenue shall be used for the charitable purposes of the Craft within the Province. The Freemasons of St. John, assisted, as they expect to be, by Brethren everywhere, will hold a "Fair," in the new Masonic Hall, in September next. Brethren throughout the Dominion are asked to aid in this good undertaking, which promises to be a great success.

LONDON.—On the 28th April, ult., a presentation was made to Ill. Bro. James O'Connor by a few of his Masonic brethren, on the occasion of his approaching departure to Manitoba. The presentation took the shape of a very handsome Royal Arch Mariner's regalia for Bro. O'Connor, and a beautiful gold ring for Mrs. O'Connor. The address was read by Bro. Hawthorne, the presentation being made by Bro. Baxter, who also added a few appropriate sentences to the address, which is as follows:

*To Illustrious Bro. Jas. O'Connor, Past Z. of St. John's Chapter No. 3, and P. G. Superintendent of London District for R. A. Chapters, P. D. G. Master of Royal and Select Masters:*

ILLUSTRIOUS SIR AND RIGHT EXCELLENT COMPANION: The members of St. John's Chapter, No. 3, G. R. C., and of Enoch Council, No. 10, R. & S. M., having heard with deep regret of your determination to leave this city for the Prairie Province of Manitoba, and in order to mark their due appreciation of your Masonic abilities, have, at their last communications, unanimously passed resolutions:

1st—To make you an honorary member of each of the above bodies, with all the privileges pertaining thereto; and

2nd—To ask of you to accept of this address and Past D. G. Master's regalia, which they hope you will long be spared to wear with honor to yourself and benefit to the craft. And further they ask of you to hand to Mrs. O'Connor the accompanying ring as a slight token of the many kindnesses on her part to the brethren, and that the G. A. O. T. U. will have you and yours in His keeping for all time is their earnest and sincere prayer.

Signed, on behalf of the above bodies, at London, Ontario, this 28th day of April, A. D. 1879.

H. A. BAXTER, 32<sup>o</sup>

T. Ill. M. Enoch Council No. 10.

WALTER RIDDELL, Recorder.

W. HAWTHORNE,

Z. St. John's Chap. No. 3.

JOHN SIDDONS, Scribe E.

Committee—W. H. Rooks, J. R. Dixon, and W. J. Smyth.

Bro. O'Connor, who was visibly affected, replied in the following terms:

*To the officers and members of St. John's Chapter, No. 3, G. R. C.; also the officers and members of Enoch Council, No. 10, G. R. O.;*

EX. SIR AND COMPS., ROYAL AND SELECT.—I can assure you it is with heartfelt feelings of regret that I address you on the eve of my departure, after so many years happily and profitably spent amongst you. Although about to make my future home on the far-distant prairies of the North-west, where I trust our ancient and honorable rites may be brought to light and shine forth in all their ancient glory and brilliancy, as in the Province of Ontario.

Companions, I thank you for the high honor you have conferred upon me in electing me an honorary member of St. John's Chapter, No. 3, G. R. C., and Enoch Council, No. 10, R. & S. M., and my prayer is that you may continue to prosper and flourish like a green bay tree.

In accepting from you this valuable and handsome jewel and regalia, I will wear and cherish it with honor until the G. A. O. T. U. shall summon me to the Grand Lodge above.

I also take this opportunity of returning my heartfelt and sincere thanks to all present, and also to those brethren who have so ably assisted in all our undertakings in promoting the welfare of the Order in London. In accepting this handsome ring on behalf of Mrs. O'Connor, I am sure she will accept and wear it in remembrance of the