

ter of our ancient and honorable fraternity is always received by us with unswerving loyalty and dutiful obedience, we have specially to congratulate ourselves on your presence this evening, as the celebration of the 92nd anniversary of the Old Barton has been seized upon by the brethren as a suitable occasion for carrying out the resolution of Grand Lodge to mark its sense of obligation to one whom we all delight to honor, and we ask your fraternal office in presenting and investing M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray with the Past Grand Master's regalia unanimously voted him for the eminent services rendered to Grand Lodge whilst occupying the exalted position of Grand Master. We rejoice that you, with whom he has been so long associated in Grand Lodge, in the discharge of the many and important duties appertaining to the members of the Board of General Purposes and whose eminent abilities and personal qualities constitute you such a worthy successor of, are with us this evening, and we take this opportunity, M. W. Brother, of expressing our hearty and fraternal feelings in welcoming you to Hamilton in your official capacity. May your sojourn amongst us be pleasant and profitable, and may T. G. A. O. T. U. be ever with you and preserve you in the discharge of every duty.

Signed on behalf of the Masonic fraternity,

JOHN HOODLESS, W. M. Barton, No. 6.

H. F. MCGIVERN, W. M. Strict Observance,
[No. 27.]

W. R. JOB, W. M. St. John's, No. 40.

ALEXANDER SMITH, W. M. Acacia, No. 61.

H. A. MACKELCAN, W. M. Temple, No. 324.

J. J. MASON, W. M. Doric, No. 362.

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In reply, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present, and to see the evidences of the loyalty of old Barton Lodge, a lodge which had always been a leading Masonic light in Canada, one of whose Past Masters had been the Chairman of the first convention which was held in reference to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada. He regretted very much that the regalia which was to have been presented to immediate Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, had not arrived from the old country, so that that part of the proposed ceremony would have to be dispensed with at present.

W. Bro. Hoodless then presented the Grand Master and the immediate

Past Grand Master each with a very handsome basket of cut flowers for Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Murray respectively.

R. W. Bro. Richard Bull, the oldest living affiliated member of Barton Lodge, who has been a member of the lodge ever since the year after its revival in 1841, then read an interesting paper on "Reminiscences of Barton Lodge." He spoke of its formation in 1795, when Capt. Joseph Brant was a member. Most of the incidents related, however, were such as had occurred in his own recollection. When the lodge was revived in 1841, after being in a dormant state for 28 years, Mr. Richard Beasley, who was Master in 1813, was re-elected Master. Among those who have occupied the chair since that time a good many have passed away. Col. Chas. Magill was elected W. M. in 1851, again in 1854 and 1855, again in 1857 and 1858, still again in 1861 and 1862. In 1864-5-6, W. Bros. B. E. Charlton was Master; 1867-8, Wm. Edgar; 1870-1, R. Brierley; 1872-3, Gavin Stewart; 1874-5, C. Davidson; 1876, W. Gibson; 1877, J. F. McClure; 1878, the late A. Macal-lum; 1879, Colin Monroe; 1880, Geo. Russell; 1881, H. Munzie; 1882, T. Clappison, 1883, Geo. E. Mason; 1884, Dr. H. S. Griffin; 1885, Geo. H. Bull, and 1886 John Hoodless. The first meetings, after revival, were held in the Police Court room, now King William Street Fire Station; then in the Town Hall, then in a frame house on Hughson street; then in rooms on MacNab street south; then in a hall fitted up on the southwest corner of Court House Square, then on the southeast corner of the same square, and then in the present hall. A vote of thanks was accorded R. W. Bro. Bull, on motion of M. W. Bro. Seymour, seconded by M. W. Bro. Klotz.

THE BANQUET.

Shortly before ten o'clock the brethren repaired to the Alexandra