

To which the Most Worshipful Grand Master made the following

REPLY :

GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA,
Office of Grand Master, 82 Argyle Street,
HALIFAX, 13th Dec., 1867.

*To the Masters, Wardens, and Brethern of the several
Lodges holding under the Most Worshipful Grand
Lodge of Nova Scotia.*

BRETHREN,—

The Address with which you have honored me this evening stirs within me strange emotions: on the one hand the proud consciousness that my humble efforts on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia are considered worthy of acknowledgement, and that I enjoy in a high degree the confidence of the Craft over whom it has been my privilege to preside for some time. On the other hand it reminds me that I am now called to rest from my labors at least for a season, and that the many pleasant communings we have enjoyed, must only be treasured memories of the past. We are taught in our beautiful ritual at all times to bow with submission to the will of our Supreme Grand Master, and while trying to act up to its glorious teachings, I may still be permitted to express my deep regret at our approaching separation. But, brethren, I carry with me very tangible proof of your affection in the elegant piece of plate your truly Masonic generosity offers for my acceptance; but I needed no such valuable present as a "continual memento" of your good and friendly wishes, for I am assured from the many expressions of brother-