

BELOVED BRETHREN :

In consenting that the following address should be printed, I have simply sacrificed my wishes to yours. Since you deem that it may prove an acceptable memorial of an occasion so interesting, and strengthen the cause of Masonry, I place it entirely at your disposal. I present it in the exact form in which it was delivered. I do this not from want of desire to amend it, but from the same reason which prevented me from preparing it more carefully at the first—want of time, amid the pressing duties of my vocation.

I am,

With all Fraternal Regard,

THOMAS SOMERVILLE.