

Sovereign, you will as rolling time brings round the Festival of our Patron Saint, kindly remember the Officers and Brethren of the St. John's Lodge, 491, Kingston."

Brother Lieut. Morrison, Royal Engineers, was then called upon for a Toast. He accordingly rose and said :

"Worshipful Sir, and Brethren all,—In compliance with the request of the Worshipful Master, I rise to offer you a toast, to which I am confident every Mason will respond with heartfelt sincerity. At the same time I deeply regret that it has not fallen to the lot of one better qualified than myself to do justice to its merits.

"Assembled as we are to-night to celebrate a truly Masonic Festival, the pleasure that we naturally feel on the occasion, is materially augmented by the presence of our guests, and the circumstance of this being the Anniversary which marks the Centenary of the Minden Lodge. Free Masonry, opposed as it has been since the first hour of its existence, by the schemes and the passions of mankind, has, however, never been effectually obstructed. Coeval with the progenitor of the human race, the first violation of its principles occurred in the person of the first born, Cain. After the flight of that restless criminal into Eastern Asia, and his descendants had acquired possession of, and spread themselves over, vast territories, the principles of Masonry, though preserved in their original purity in some of the posterity of the virtuous Patriarch Seth, became, in that of Cain, vitiated and degraded to a fearful extent.

"The subsequent amalgamation of these two races, tended still further to destroy the principles of Religion and true