

right of the Grand Chancellor, amidst the hearty applause of the members of Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Chancellor Gardner, addressing the Grand Chancellor, said: "I have much pleasure, Grand Chancellor, in introducing to you and through you to the officers and members of Grand Lodge His Worship Mayor Taylor, a member and Representative of Prospect Lodge, No. 10, who desires to extend to the Grand Lodge a welcome to the City of London." The Grand Chancellor in a few well chosen words expressed the pleasure of Grand Lodge at receiving the visit. Mayor Taylor, who upon rising was received with loud applause, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:—

*"Grand Chancellor and Brethren:*

"I can assure you it affords me great pleasure to meet the members of the Grand Lodge of Ontario in this City, and also to extend to you the cordial welcome of the Citizens of London.

"The freedom of the City is extended to you, and if it were possible to hand to you, Grand Chancellor, the Key to the Gates you would be welcome to the same. Happily, however, there is no necessity for gates or drawbridge.

"This is an age of Benevolent Societies, and it is an acknowledgment of man's good-will towards his fellow man when he becomes a member of a society, and I feel satisfied that the growth of the Knights of Pythias and kindred societies is an indication of a more refined and kindlier feeling existing among all classes of the people.

"During your visit you will be able to form a general idea of what an inland City may accomplish with good railway connections. We are proud of our City, our suburbs, and the beautiful agricultural country with which we are surrounded. We are proud of our parks, our wide well-shaded avenues, our schools, water-works, exhibition buildings, hospital, and other public and benevolent institutions, that will compare favorably with those of any city of our population in America.

"Permit me to thank the members of the Order for their kind consideration in selecting our Forest City in which to hold this important Convention, and I trust and hope that the deliberations of this Grand Lodge may be pleasant, instructive and beneficial to the members of the Order, and that you may carry back to your homes fond recollections of the pleasant hours you have spent with your Brother Knights in London.

"Once more I extend to you a hearty welcome and the best wishes of our citizens. I thank you, Grand Chancellor and Brethren, for the kind reception you have accorded to me."