

A. L. 5896, on behalf of the Free masons of Toronto.

AUBREY WHITE,

*D.D.G.M. Toronto District, No. 11.*

W. GEO. EAKINS,

*District Secretary.*

Also signed by the following Masters of the city Lodges:—Wor. Bros. J. W. Dowd, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16; T. D. D. Llwyd, King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22; A. B. Aylesworth, Ionic Lodge, No. 25; Fred. W. Unitt, Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65; Jos. Tomlinson, St. John's Lodge, No. 75; Geo. Duthie, Wilson Lodge, No. 86; J. W. Jones, Stevenson Lodge, No. 218; Curran Morrison, Ashlar Lodge, No. 247; B. N. Davis, Doric Lodge, No. 316; W. D. McPherson, Zetland Lodge, No. 326; W. J. Chick, Orient Lodge, No. 339; F. Prince, Occident Lodge, No. 346; Frank Denton, St. George's Lodge, No. 367; Jas. Ingham, Alpha Lodge, No. 384; George T. Pendrith, Zeta Lodge, No. 410; A. L. Malone, Georgina Lodge, No. 343; W. R. Walters, Acacia Lodge, No. 430, and V.W. Bro. G. C. Patterson, Harmony Lodge, No. 438.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Gibson, in reply, said that words failed him to adequately express his heartfelt thanks for the token of regard they had presented to him that night. He assured those present that he would do all that lay in his power to maintain the dignity, respect and affection of the brethren of Toronto as well as that of all Masons in the length and breadth of Canada. It was a proud position that he held, being the head of a Fraternity in the Province of Ontario representing nearly 24,000 picked men, the best men that could be found in the Province. He then went into the growth of Masonry during the past few years, during which he said, there were 2,800 Masons in the city of Toronto, an increase of 1,100 members during the last ten years. After speaking of the stability of Harmony Lodge, he said there had been a privilege accord-

ed to him by Grand Lodge, that was to confer the rank of a Past Grand Registrar on the W. Master, Bro. George C. Patterson. In doing so, he could assure the brethren that he thought if ever a brother deserved honors from Grand Lodge it was Brother Patterson. He referred at some length to the good work done by W. Bros. T. R. Barton, W. Cooper, J. J. Ramsay, J. Egan and W. Reith, and that Grand Lodge in its wisdom had not overlooked these brethren, for in the near future suitable recognition of their services would be made.

The impressive ceremony of consecrating, dedicating and constituting Harmony Lodge was then performed, with the elements of corn, wine and oil.

The ceremony being concluded, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast in the large hall. The chair was occupied by R.W. Bro. George C. Patterson, being supported by Grand Master Gibson and D.D.G.M. Aubrey White on his right, and Deputy Grand Master E. T. Malone, Grand Treasurer Hugh Murray and Grand Secretary J. J. Mason on his left, as well as a large number of present and past Grand Lodge Officers.

The chairman proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which being loyally honored, he followed by giving the "Grand Master."

M.W. Bro. Gibson in rising to respond was received with applause. He referred to the motto on the menu card, under the toast of the Grand Master, "He has done the State some service," and said, that if a vote was taken while he was away from Ottawa, his political opponents would doubtless agree that the sentiment expressed in the motto was correct. He spoke of the presence in Parliament of a number of the fraternity on both sides of the House, and he attributed not a little of the altered condition and the moderation of the asperities of debate to the presence there of so many members of the fraternity. In concluding a rather pleasing address, he congratulated Harmony Lodge on its past suc-