

CHAPTER XX.

We have now traced the record of the Lodge, from its first beginnings, down to the present day. Personally we have no doubt that this old Lodge began its career through the efforts of the Hon. Edward Cornwallis in 1750, and that the "Modern" Lodge, he founded transferred in 1767 to the register of the Ancients receiving its Charter in 1768. From that date there is an unbroken history, unmatched by any other Lodge in Canada or elsewhere in the Empire Overseas.

Hon. Wm. Ross, speaking in 1900, before the N. S. Historical Society said: "What serious thoughts press on our minds when we think of the time! How crowded with incidents has been the history of the craft and our country, and even when noticed, how closely have the two been connected. Masons, like other mortals, fall by the way and are soon forgotten. But St. Andrew's Lodge flourishes and grows more and more vigorous with increasing age, and its ranks are constantly recruited by Freemasons proud of its antiquity and its history, and determined to do their part towards perpetuating its increasing influence and usefulness. What a blessing this Lodge has been to Halifax, with its silent deeds of charity in relieving the distressed, soothing their afflictions and looking after the sick, and at their own expense burying the dead."

Floreat Saint Andrew's!