

On the 18th February, 1862, installed as Knight Companion of the Order of Masonic Knights Templar, in the *Richard Cœur de Lion* Encampment, at London, Ont., and presented on same occasion with a full suit of the clothing of that degree.

On 21st Oct., 1864, enregistered as a Knight of Malta, and subsequently installed as Eminent Commander of the *Godfrey de Bouillon* Encampment of Hamilton.

On the 21st June, 1865, Col. Wilson, having proceeded to Halifax for the purpose, installed the First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia there.

On the 9th May, 1866, appointed Grand Constable or Mareschal of Grand Conclave of England and Wales.

On the 28th August, 1866, appointed to the honorary rank of a Past Deputy Provincial Grand Commander of Knights Templar, in Canada.

Is an honorary member of many subordinate Lodges, both in Canada and the States, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Illinois, San Domingo, and Cuba.

Is also an honorary member, with full privilege, of Ezra Chapter, No. 23.

Degree of LL. D., conferred by the University of Kentucky.

Turning to the story of his secular life, we have but to relate that Colonel Wilson was born in Scotland on the 24th August, 1813, and emigrated to this country in April, 1832, receiving, next year, the appointment of Commissioner of the Court of Requests. For three years, during the Mackenzie rebellion, he actively commanded a troop of cavalry, and did dashing service on more than one occasion. In 1839 he was appointed Clerk of the Peace and Clerk of the County Court of Norfolk; in 1842, Registrar of the Surrogate Court; in 1848, gazetted as Lieut.-Colonel of Militia; in 1853, called to the Bar of Upper Canada; in 1858, appointed County Crown Attorney; from 1862 to 1865 served as Warden of Norfolk County; in 1869, tendered his resignation as commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion, Norfolk Militia, and was allowed to retire retaining his rank—a special Gazette in which his past services were noticed in most complimentary terms, being issued, and an engrossed copy forwarded to himself by order of His Excellency the Governor General.

Such is a brief outline of the biography of the distinguished brother, a presentment of whose well-known lineaments makes the frontispiece of our present number. For those by whom he is personally known, there is no need to speak here of his private worth or social qualities. For those outside his immediate circle of acquaintanceship, we are content to permit even the above condensed record of his services and honors to tell their own unvarnished tale.