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After routine business the brethren were called from labor to refreshment. The banquet at the Walker House, which followed, was a most successful affair in every respect. The chair was occupied by the V. W. Bro. W. J. Hambly, W. M., and among the distinguished members of the fraternity present were M. W. J. K. Kerr, G. M.; W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson and A. Smith, of St. Andrew's Lodge; W. Bro. Darby and W. Bro. J. G. Robinson, of Ionic Lodge; W. Bro. Ritchie, of St. John's Lodge; W. Bro. Thomas Davies, of Orient Lodge; W. Bro. Collins, of Doric Lodge, and W. Bro. Kerr, of Kemptville. Letters of apology were received from R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, R. W. Bro. Sir John Macdonald, Bro. Rev. Charles Clark, W. Bro. Dr. Robb, R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns, and W. Bros. Hovendon, Robinson and Wilson.

After justice had been done to the elegant repast spread in the dining-room of the Walker House, the Chairman proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was drunk with all the honors, the company remaining on their feet during the singing of God Save the Queen.

The Chairman next gave "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada." In giving this toast, the Chairman said that twelve months ago it had been his pleasing duty to propose this toast, but if it was pleasing to do so then it was doubly so on the present occasion. Since then an attempt had been made to sow the seeds of dissension in the craft by the organization of another so called grand lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and all present well knew how promptly and efficiently the Grand Master had met and grappled with the threatened difficulty, and had effectually nipped the rebellion in the bud. He thanked the Grand Master for being present with them as on former occasions.

The Grand Master M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, who was loudly cheered on rising, said that he was very grateful for the kind manner in which they had received the toast which had just been so flatteringly put by the Worshipful Master presiding. That he had been in some measure successful in his efforts to discharge the important duties of his high and honorable office, it would be absurd for him to deny. The Grand Master proceeded to discuss the condition and prospects of the Order, stating that except for the attempted secession just referred to, he was not aware that any dissatisfaction existed within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Regarding the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, he had the satisfaction of knowing that so far the attempt to produce schism in the ranks of Masonry had been an utter failure. The newly formed, self-styled grand lodge had not secured the allegiance of a single lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand lodge of Canada, nor had they been successful in securing more than three members from any one lodge. As for Grand Lodges, they had not been recognized by any with the single exception of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and he was convinced that it was only by mistake that this had occurred. After making some remarks highly complimentary to the Worshipful Master of King Solomon Lodge, and again thanking those present for the kindly manner in which they had received the toast, the Grand Master took his seat amid loud and continued cheering.

The Chairman next gave "The Masters of the City Lodges," which was responded to by Bro. Wilkinson, W. M., St. Andrew's Lodge, Bro. Robinson, W. M., Ionic Lodge, and Bro. Ritchie, W. M., St. John's Lodge.

"The Worthy Master," "The Visitors," "The Host," and other toasts followed, all of which were duly honored.

Songs were given during the evening by Bros. Walker, Ritchie and Darby, and the company broke up about midnight, having spent a very pleasant evening.

**INTERESTING PRESENTATION.**—At the regular communication of Civil Service Lodge, No. 148, G. R. C., A. F. & A. M., held 9th January, an episode of a specially interesting nature occurred, being the presentation by the lodge of a solid silver mug, suitably inscribed, to Bro. John Walsh, I. P. M., on behalf of his infant first born son. After the brethren had been called from labor to refreshment, the presentation was made by W. Bro. W. McLean, W. M., in felicitous terms, and responded to in an equally appropriate manner. Many expressions of good will and fraternal feeling were tendered to W. Bro. Walsh for his services to the lodge, and deep regard for the welfare of himself and family. — *Ottawa Free Press.*