

The opening address was delivered by R. W. Bro. D. Spry, D.D.G.M., who said:—

Ladies and gentlemen,—It is foreign to the objects of Freemasonry to give a public exposition of its aims and objects. Freemasonry does not seek to induce any person to enter its folds. Those who desire to become associated with us must ask for admission and even then they must submit to the severest scrutiny before they are permitted to be enrolled amongst our members. The aim of masonry is so entirely foreign to that of any other organization that should any be tempted to enter it from mercenary or other unworthy motives, or under the impression that it is a charitable organization, and that all for all they may contribute they are certain to receive an equivalent in the way of business or from patronage that will be extended to them by the Masonic fraternity, will find themselves very much deceived. Those who enter our portals must come prompted with the highest and best of motives, and when such are once within our fold, should misfortune overtake them, or should they become assailed and require our assistance, they then have a claim and will receive our warmest assistance and support. It is not customary, nor would it be desirable on such an occasion to give an exposition of all that Freemasonry does, and while we do not parade our benevolence before the public, I may be permitted to remark that we are not unmindful of the high principles on which Masonry is founded, and as an instance I may mention that from 1867 to 1875, the Grand Lodge of Canada expended in aiding and assisting the widows and orphans of Masons who had passed away, to the extent of \$32,886, while the Masons of Toronto during the year 1875-76 expended in the same object over \$4,500. You will easily understand that these matters are never made public by us, and you will look almost in vain for any such announcements in the public press. Privately and quietly we do our own work and aim to elevate our fellow men. (Loud applause.)

At the conclusion of R. W. Bro. Spry's address, Mr. J. Warrington, in capital voice, sang "The Fisherboy's Home," followed by Miss Reid, who gave "The Cuckoo." Mr. W. W. Walmsley pleased the assembly with a couple of humorous songs, and Miss Reid and Mr. Warrington sang the duett "Love and War," and received an *encore*. A piano solo by Mr. F. Tasker was well executed, while the "Warrior Bold," by Mr. J. Fahey, who was in excellent voice, delighted those present. Miss Corlett was *encored* in a Scotch song, after which dancing commenced, and was kept up to an early hour in the morning. Refreshments were served in a large room adjacent to the ball-room by Coleman, of King Street, and the capital dancing music was furnished under the leadership of Mr. Thos. Warwood. Amongst those present were Miss A Macdonald, Wm Fahey, Mrs Fahey, Miss Lizars, Miss Bella Fahey, Robert Jaffrey, Mrs Jaffray, Thomas Houston, H C Myles, H E Morphy, J T Jones, Mrs Jones, J B Nixon, Mrs Nixon, Mrs McCulloch, J B Reed, Mrs Reed, H M Graham, Mrs Graham, Wm Christie, Mrs Christie, Robert Cheney, Mrs Cheney, J S Macdonald, Mrs Macdonald, Miss Rough, Mr Jardine, Miss Jones, T M Cavan, — Howell, A J Gear, Mrs Gear, James Robertson, Thos Sargent, Mrs Sargent, Miss Sargent, J G Burns, Mrs Burns, Daniel Spry, Mrs Spry, Miss Fortier, J Ross Robertson, Mrs Robertson, Mrs E W Gardner, A H Cosbie, W J Harper, J McKee, J Beatty, Mr Malone, C Martin, W A Phipps, W Makens, Miss Makens, H H K Dunn, Miss Davies, Robert Murphy, H Mallison, Wm Davidson, C McCleary, Hugh Blain, W Mara, Mr Muir, Mr Lee, G A Mitchell, J G Patterson, J Purvis, Mrs Purvis, J W O'Hara, W E Fletcher, W Douglass, J Bedson, Miss McCulloch, C C Alexander, Mr Andrews, J H Cornish, Mrs Cornish, Miss