

"All thanks are due to the able and prudent Brethren in both the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec,—who officially or otherwise have so earnestly and efficiently labored to bring about this most desirable end. May they long live to see the blessed fruits of their good work. May one and all put out of sight and out of mind all past differences;—and each try to excel in that noblest of emulation of who can best work and best agree, so that our symbolic temple may be erected harmoniously and successfully and in the perfection of beauty, to the honor and glory of the Great Architect of the Universe. So mote it be."

And as we quite naturally feel a warm interest in our Masonic Alma Mater the venerable Grand Lodge of England, and in the charitable institution fostered by her, we cheerfully continue from this excellent address :

"Circumstances required me to visit England during the early part of the year. A favoring Providence afforded me the unanticipated pleasure of reaching London (that great metropolis of the world) on the seventy-sixth anniversary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys,—one of the oldest and most noteworthy of the great Masonic charities of England, and under the patronage of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria (than whom no better Sovereign ever graced a throne). I accepted a most courteous invitation which was immediately extended to me, to attend the anniversary banquet in the evening, at which the Grand Master, the Most Honorable the Marquis of Ripon presided. Some four or five hundred representative brethren from London and all parts of England were present on the occasion. Nothing could exceed the fraternal heartiness of my reception as your representative, by his Lordship and many other leading officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge, for which, personally and in your behalf, I improve this opportunity to return most grateful thanks. A noteworthy feature of the occasion was the presence of several hundred ladies at a magnificent entertainment given in the grand hall after the banquet. From this our brethren may be reminded of their own remissness in not having the ladies share in some of our annual festivities.

"It was indeed pleasant and instructive to learn from actual observation of the interior working of the great Masonic beneficencies of the mother land, which we may well strive to imitate, but cannot hope to equal. At this anniversary upwards of ten thousand pounds sterling were reported as having been contributed for the support of this Institution during the current year, which large sum was, I learn, very considerably increased before closing the annual accounts.

"When it is remembered that this is but one of the Masonic charities of England,—another most notably being the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls,—it will be seen how extensive and substantial is the practical charity of our British brethren. Being, moreover, on this visit to England and also

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