

Faith, Hope and Charity, the leading principles of our Order, may be thereby firmly established on the three great pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty."

The Lodge was then closed and over 300 of the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, the tables being spread in the main hall of the Masonic Temple. Bro. J. H. Pritchard being the caterer. Speeches were made by W. Bro. J. W. Dowd; R.W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M.P.; M.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Q.C.; R.W. Bro. Benjamin Allen; R.W. Bro. Richard Dinnis; Bro. Hon. Senator Gowan; R.W. Bro. Æmeilius Irving, Q.C.; R.W. Bro. Thos. Ridout; V.W. Bros. N. T. Lyon, Walter S. Lee, W. F. McWatt, S. Wesley; W. Bros. W. D. McPherson, and J. L. Hughes, Inspector of Toronto Public Schools, who spoke of the future of womanhood in a pleasing speech. The speeches were interspersed with songs by Bro. John Keachie; W. Bro. G. L. Lennox; W. Bro. John Pearson, and Mr. G. K. Dowd, a son of the genial Master of the Lodge.

One of the most successful gatherings that St. Andrew's Lodge has had for many years came to a close at midnight with the Junior Warden's toast—"Happy to meet, Sorry to part, Happy to meet again," and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

BRO. SENATOR GOWAN, C.M.G., Q.C., LL.D.

Bro. Hon. James Robert Gowan, was born on the 22nd of December 1815 in Wexford, Ireland. His father, Henry Hatton Gowan, emigrated into Upper Canada in 1832, with his family, and settled in the county of York. He became Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Pleas for the District of Simcoe, where he lived until he died in 1863, at the age of 84. Bro. J. R. Gowan, the subject of this sketch, having received a fair education at private schools in Ireland, and which he improved by

careful study in Canada, entered upon a course of law in the office of the Hon James E. Small of Toronto, Solicitor-General for Upper Canada, and in 1839, was called to the bar. He began practice in partnership with Mr. Small. At the age of 27 he was offered, by the Baldwin-Lafontaine Administration, the office of Judge of the Judicial District of Simcoe, which he accepted. The position was one requiring for the proper fulfilment of its duties a rare combination of qualities. The Judicial District of Simcoe in those days was vastly different from what it is to day, railways did not exist then, and to fill the many appointments, the Judge had to travel mainly on horseback, enduring the fatigues, and very often facing the dangers which such conditions involved. He had the largest Judicial District in Upper Canada, and he continued to actively discharge his duties as a Judge for forty-one years, making his experience a longer one than that of any other man who ever occupied the Bench in Canada. At the same time that Bro. Judge Gowan was appointed to the Bench, he was appointed by the Crown one of the trustees of the District Grammar School at Barrie. This position he still holds after almost half a century of service. On the death of Rev. S B. Ardagh, M.A., the first Chairman, (whose daughter Bro. Gowan married in 1853), Bro. Gowan was elected his successor. He is still in that position as Chairman of the Barrie Collegiate Institute Board, so that this institution presents the remarkable record of having only two Chairmen since its formation. In the year 1855, Bro. Judge Gowan established the first legal periodical in Canada, the paper being called the "Upper Canada Law Journal," which is still in existence. It was deemed necessary in the year 1857, to make regulations respecting fees under the Common Law Procedure Act, and the Judges of the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas were entrusted with that duty, having power to associate with them a District Judge. They chose Bro. Gowan as their Asso-