

active member thereof since its first formation, but more especially during the period in which you have more recently occupied the Master's Chair. Your best exertions, on all occasions, have been used for the promotion of Masonry generally, and the interests of this Lodge in particular. You have ever shown the greatest willingness to impart instruction to the younger members of the Craft, and always aimed to keep before us the ancient landmarks of our time-honored Institution. You have thrice filled the high and responsible office of Master of the Lodge with honor to yourself and pleasure and profit to the Brethren.

Fourteen years ago, it was the pleasure of the then members of the Lodge to present you with a valuable Past Master's Jewel, as a recognition of your labors as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the previous two years; and it now affords us great pleasure to ask your acceptance of the accompanying Testimonial, as a token of our appreciation of your solicitude for the interests of the Lodge from that period to the present time, and more especially for your valuable services in the Chair during the past year.

In conclusion, we would respectfully avail ourselves of this means of conveying to Mrs. Fraser and yourself our best wishes for your present and future welfare and happiness; and we hope that the All-Seeing Eye may continue to watch over you and yours for good, and that the Grand Architect of the Universe may finally bring us all in his own good time to the Grand Lodge above, where Love, Peace and Harmony forever prevail.

We remain, R. W. Sir and Brother,  
Fraternally yours on behalf of the Lodge,

ANGUS McLEOD, W. Master.  
JAMES M. ALLEN, S. Warden.  
JOHN SUTHERLAND, J. Warden.  
EDGAR DOLSON, Treasurer.  
JAS. R. CHAMBERLAIN, Sec'y.

To which Br. Fraser replied as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Athole Lodge, No. 361, Registry of Scotland.

R. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In replying to the highly complimentary Address which you have done me the honor to present on this occasion, accompanied as it is by so valuable a Testimonial, I can assure you that language fails me adequately to express my due appreciation of the fraternal regard manifested therein.

The simple assurance that my exertions for the promotion of Freemasonry in general, and the interests of Athole Lodge in particular, had merited your approval, would of itself have been deemed sufficient recompense for my humble efforts, without this additional and munificent token of your approbation.

Your kind remembrance of the Presentation of fourteen years ago, is particularly pleasing to me, inasmuch as it shows that what I then endeavored to do for the benefit of the Lodge, has not been forgotten.

Having, during the last twenty years of my life, devoted much of my time to the interests of Freemasonry in this Province, and having had the honor, on three several occasions, of being elected to the chair of Athole Lodge, it may naturally be inferred that my desire would now be to retire from any participation in the active duties of the Lodge, but I assure you such is not my intention, and it did not require this incentive (valuable as it is) to increase my zeal in doing all in my power to advance the interests of our Lodge, and of promoting the general welfare of the Craft.

On behalf of Mrs. Fraser and myself, I heartily thank you for the expression of your good wishes for our welfare and happiness, and we earnestly hope that you may individually, as well as collectively, enjoy every earthly blessing, and we fully reciprocate the hope that when our probationary state is over, we all, at last, may meet in "the house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

I remain,  
Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren,  
Faithfully and Fraternaly Yours,  
GEORGE FRASER, P. M.

Halifax, N. S., 12th February, }  
A. D. 1869, A. L. 5869. }

Appropriate addresses were delivered by Hon. James McDonald, (P. M. of New Caledonia Lodge,) and R. D. Clarke, Esq., (P. M. of St. John Lodge.) Fitz. Cochran, Esq., alluded to the presence of the ladies as a pleasing feature of the occasion, and moved a vote of thanks to them for their attendance, as well as to the two ladies who kindly presided at the melodeon, and by their vocal and instrumental music, added largely to the enjoyment of those present.

After the presentation ceremonies were over, Past Master Fraser entertained the members of the Lodge, and a large number of guests, to an excellent supper, prepared by Mr. Davey, in his usual good style. The chair was occupied by the Hon. Mr. Keith, and the vice-chair by Angus McLeod, Esq., the present Master of the Lodge. Ample justice was done to the "good things," and after devoting an hour or two to "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," the company retired at an early hour, "happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again," being well pleased with the entertainment, and particularly with the occasion which had called it forth.

#### EMBLEMS FOR SHOW.

A perfect fury appears to rage wildly through the American Press, against the display of Masonic jewelry. Undoubtedly, as the *Craftsman* says:—

"One of the most fruitful sources of evil to the Masonic institution and most inconsistent practices of its members, is the display of Masonic emblems in the form of jewelry, conspicuously placed on their person to attract the attention of the community." One might suppose, from its prevalence among the fraternity, that so soon as you are inducted into the Order, it is obligatory to publish to the world that you are a Freemason. Indeed, to such an extent does this practice prevail, that almost every other young man you meet has either a Masonic pin in his neck tie, or his watch chain borne down with the weight of Masonic jewels. Nor does the display stop here, but some more zealous of the Craft have these emblems printed on business cards, painted on sign boards, on bar-room windows; and we have even heard of them being engraven on dog chains; this last application of them is, we presume, designed to insure the life of the dog. Whenever we see a profusion of these emblems displayed upon the person, we cannot help the conclusion that it is either done through ignorance, a misapprehension of the nature of our institution, or from sinister motives, and a desire to speculate upon Freemasonry.

There is no language too strong to express the condemnation by the true spirit of Freemasonry of this prostitution of its privileges, or this perversion of its sacred emblems. Masonry is a secret institution, and the great responsibility that rests upon every member to keep sacred and inviolable the secrets that are committed to him, should keep them ever mindful of the injunction, never to let fall the least sign, token or word, whereby the secrets of Masonry might be unlawfully obtained.

Let no one imagine that because he has passed through the ceremonies of the several degrees, and become a Templar Mason, that Masonry has done its work upon him, and that, therefore, he is bright in the noble art, and that all that remains for him to do is to adorn himself externally with Masonic emblems, and to proclaim to the world that he is a luminary in its sacred temple; but rather let him seek to adorn his mind and heart with its noble principles and generous affections, by studying its moral teachings, and expending the money wasted on those expensive emblems in drying the tears of the widow and orphan, cheering the heart of the desolate, so that when he knocks at the door of the Grand Lodge above, our Supreme Grand Master