

It is unfortunate that the duty of making this presentation should not have fallen upon one more able to perform the pleasing task, but it is a consolation to the speaker that however inadequately he may have given expression to the emotions of the Fraters of this encampment, the Timepiece now presented will when his feeble tongue shall lay cold and silent in the grave, ever remind your family and descendants of your many estimable qualities and stimulate them to copy your example in endeavoring to merit the esteem of all.

E. P. C. Sir Kt. Nash, made a few forcible and pleasing remarks and expressed his approbation at the Committee having departed from the usual course of presenting jewels, and hoped the example would be copied of giving household heirlooms which would be more appreciated by families of recipients.

E. C. Sir Kt. Smithers, 18^o, P. E. C. Sir Kt. Short and Sir Kt. Curren, also added their congratulations.

V. E. Sir Kt. Sircom replied as follows:—

EMINENT COMMANDER, OFFICERS & FRATERS,—Although I was not entirely unaware that you intended to confer upon me some mark of your favour and esteem, I was wholly unprepared for so substantial and *striking* a token of your partiality as the very handsome Marble Timepiece, you have just uncovered to my view.

I feel quite unable to express to you in suitable words my feelings of grateful thanks for the very kind and complimentary terms in which you bestow this costly gift, nevertheless I can assure you sincerely it affords me unqualified pleasure in accepting this valuable and useful token of your esteem, and I can confidently promise you that it will be preserved with the greatest care by me and mine as a family heirloom.

I have long been sensible of your warm feelings of fraternal regard, and this further proof I look upon as another link to more closely unite us in the bonds of our beloved Order. It will afford me at all times infinite pleasure to render any assistance so far as lies in my power towards advancing the interest of this Encampment, and furthering the prosperity of this most Illustrious Order.

In conclusion believe me, I thoroughly appreciate your very feeling expressions of esteem and regard, and I look forward with hope that as the Timepiece marks the fleeting hours, my future course may be such as to more fully entitle me to your high opinion, my family I am confident will equally appreciate this solid token of your esteem.

STEPHEN R. SIRCOM, 18^o

Past Eminent Commander,

Deputy Pro. Grand Commander.

PRESENTATIONS.

OSHAWA.—At the regular Convocation of Pentalpha Chapter, R. A. M., No. 28, held on the 11th inst., a magnificent First Principal's apron was presented to E. Comp. Wm. T. Brown, and on the 15th inst., at the regular meeting of Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, the same brother was the happy recipient of a very flattering address, accompanied with a Past Master's collar, jewel and apron. We regret that we have not space for the address and Bro. Brown's reply.

GRIMSBY.—At recent meeting of Union Lodge, No. 7, W. Bro. Forbes, who has devoted a great deal of time in furthering the interests of the Lodge, was presented with a Past Master's and Principal's jewel in consideration of his valuable services.

GODERICH.—At a recent Convocation of Huron Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M., held at the Masonic Hall, Goderich, E. Companion James Somerville, on behalf of the Companions of the Chapter, presented R. E. Companion Isaac F. Toms, with a Past First Principal's gold Jewel, on the occasion of his retiring from the chair, which he had occupied since the institution of the Chapter in 1867.