

The peculiar circumstances, as well as to see the beautiful ritualistic ceremony, brought together in the neighborhood of five hundred Masons, which must have been very gratifying to the members of the new Lodge.

A special convocation of the Grand Lodge was held in the Chapter Room, the following being present :—M.W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, M.P., Grand Master ; R.W. Bro. E. T. Malone, Deputy Grand Master ; M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer ; R.W. Bros. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary ; R. W. Barker, as G.S.W. ; N. T. Lyon, as G.J.W. ; W. C. Wilkinson, as G. D. of C. ; J. Hetherington, Grand Registrar ; Rev. Bro. Joseph Odery, as Grand Chaplain ; R.W. Bros. Aubrey White, D.D.G.M. ; R. Dinnis, George Tait, B. Saunders, T. Sargant, P.D.D.-G.M.'s ; F. F. Manley, F. C. Martin, M. Gibbs, Wm. Simpson, and V.W. Bros. Daniel Rose, G. S. Ryerson, J. W. O'Hara, R. Cuthbert, John Hall, J. R. Dunn, Alex. Paterson, C. F. Mansell, E. J. Voss, A. A. S. Ardagh and N. L. Steiner.

Harmony Lodge was opened in due form, V.W. Bro. George C. Patterson, W.M. of the Lodge, presided, the Senior Warden's chair being filled by Bro. Warring Kennedy, (ex Mayor of the city of Toronto), and the Junior by Bro. Joseph Oliver. After the routine business of the Lodge had been concluded the Grand Lodge was announced, received and seated.

R.W. Bro. Aubrey White, D.D.G.M., accompanied by the W. Masters of St. Andrew's, King Solomon's, Ionic, Rehoboth, St. John's, Wilson, Stevenson, Ashlar, York, Doric, Zetland, Orient, Occident, St. George, Alpha, Zeta, Harmony and Acacia Lodges, after a few felicitous remarks read the following handsomely bound engrossed address :—

TO MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER WILLIAM GIBSON, M.P., *Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.*

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother :

The Freemasons of Toronto take great pleasure in extending to you respectful greeting and a cordial and fraternal welcome on the occasion of your first official visit to this city as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

We gladly avail ourselves of this our earliest opportunity of congratulating you upon your elevation to the dignity of Chief Ruler of our ancient and honorable Fraternity—an office for which your personal merits and your long service and high attainments as a member of the Craft eminently qualify you.

You have filled with the greatest credit to yourself and with honor to our Order, many high offices in the gift of your Brethren, and in the twenty-fifth year of your connection with Freemasonry you have received at their hands the greatest reward for your labors that it is in their power to bestow. We entertain no doubt that you will, as you have ever done, show yourself worthy of the crowning distinction thus conferred upon you, and that under your wise and beneficent rule our Fraternity will be blessed with complete harmony and increasing prosperity.

We are glad to be able to assure you that in this city our Order flourishes apace, and we unite in rejoicing that one of your first public official acts as Grand Master is the constitution, consecration and dedication of a new Lodge in our midst—a Lodge whose name adequately expresses the spirit existing among us.

In welcoming you, and the members of Grand Lodge who accompany you, to our city, we beg to assure you of our unswerving loyalty to Grand Lodge, and to yourself as the official Head of that body. We pray that you may long be spared to promote the interests of our Order by the exercise of your abilities and zeal ; and that the Great Architect of the Universe may guide you in all your undertakings.

Signed this 28th day of September,