

W. Past Master, William Wright, March 20th, 1860, as a faint token of their veneration and esteem, and expressive of the warmest gratitude and high estimation of his meritorious services; who forsaking his own comforts, deigned to turn his mind with its energies, to promote the welfare and happiness of this particular Association; commanding respect and confidence, has laboured with effect to impose and to enforce these duties, which are necessary to the welfare and success of the craft. This Lodge, in communicating their feelings, are impressed with a conviction that to the W. P. M. Br. William Wright, above all others, we owe obligations which we never can forget. At a moment when this Lodge was threatened with total destruction, his exertions created and excited new energies, and, like the Phoenix which rises from the flames, we rose again. Impressed with these ideas, and inspired by these sentiments, we present him, on his retiring from the active duties of this Lodge, with this testimonial, as a small souvenir of our lasting respect and esteem.

(Signed) "CALVIN P. LADD, V. W. P. M.  
"R. STRONG, Secretary."

The address is handsomely engrossed upon velvet and encased in a richly carved gilt frame: the Beaver and Maple Leaf, square and compasses are amongst the embellishments. W. Br. Wright, replied in suitable terms, and offered some very judicious counsel to the young members of the craft. He was afterwards escorted to his residence by the brethren, who were the most hospitably entertained and called to refreshment, after the pleasing labors of the evening. All parties separated highly gratified.

The following has been communicated to us by a valued friend from Brantford. At his earnest desire we give it literally as received:

#### UNIFORMITY OF WORK IN LODGES.

As this all important and vital subject, will, of necessity, come under discussion in Grand Lodge, at the Annual Meeting, on the 11th July, at Ottawa, the attention of Lodges should, we think, be earnestly directed to the Minute of last Grand Lodge thereon. The Representatives (to the Grand Lodge), duly instructed to attend to the working, as recommended by the "Committee of Work," and the slight modifications mentioned, more particularly those from places where the D.D.G.M. has neither visited or instructed the Lodges. Composed, as we are in Canada, of men of many climes and nations, a diversity of opinion and system of work is a natural consequence, and it unfortunately often happens that where there are two or more Lodges in the same place the W.M. of each pursue a different mode, and introduce such alterations that the members of one Lodge cannot follow out the work of another, this is exceedingly perplexing to the younger members, and highly detrimental to the unity and well-being of the craft.

The system recommended by the Committee on Work may, or MAY NOT, be perfect, or such as SHOULD BE adopted. It is to this that old and experienced Masons should give their close attention and represent their views to Grand Lodge; if in their opinion any deviations from such system appear desirable, they should suggest to Grand Lodge altera-

tions, and thus establish a standard of work worthy of the craft, and which may still further redound to the honor and credit of our justly esteemed, and indefatigable Grand Master.

#### ST JOHN'S DAY IN WOODSTOCK.

The 24th falling on Sunday was duly observed by the Masonic fraternity on Monday last. The proceedings commenced with the installation of officers of King Solomon's Lodge, as follows:

W. P. M. Br. George Forbes, W. M.; Br. James Kintrea, S. W.; Br. Andrew Ross, J. W.; Br. C. L. Phelps, Secy; Br. C. H. Whitehead, Treas; Br. R. McKay, S. D.; Br. J. Chalmers, J. D. Br. H. Brown, Tyler.

The ceremony of installation was conducted under the direction of the W. M. of the Drumbo Lodge, Br. Brown and W. M. Br. Charles, of the Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, assisted by Br. McWhinnie, P. M. of St. John's Lodge, Carleton Place. This portion of the proceedings was followed by a procession. The march through the town was enlivened by the sweet music of the Woodstock Band, the services of that body having been secured for the occasion. The procession, on reaching the Woodstock Hotel where met Br. Courtlandt, and having re-formed, escorted him to the Lecture room. The eloquent and masterly address, which will be found in this paper, was listened to with marked attention by all present, and the Hall on the occasion was well filled, the oratorical abilities of the lecturer having secured the presence of some of the clergy and the more respectable public. On the conclusion of the address, Brother Kintrea proposed a vote of thanks to Br. Courtlandt, which was seconded by Br. Charles. Br. Turquand then rose to request that the lecture might be put into the hands of the conductors of the respective journals, with a view to the more extensive circulation of its excellent truths, and the spirit of Masonic light—a request that was at once acceded to by Mr. C. A vote of thanks was then given by Br. Turquand to the ladies, and the public, whose presence at the lecture indicated a deep interest in the welfare of Masonry.

The order of procession was then established, and the members of the mystic tie, headed by the band, proceeded to the Alhambra.

#### THE LUNCH

Which followed the labors of the day, was provided by Bros. Drew and Andrew. Of it we need only say that in every respect it was a complete success. The tables' to use the common expression, "groaned" under the abundance of delicious delicacies and towering joints of substantial with which it was covered, and all this being rendered to appear more attractive still, by a judicious display of bouquets of well culled and choice flowers, in vases of elegant mould and outward appearance. And still more to add to the gay scene, the room was tastefully arranged, the walls exhibiting costly and choice pictures; conspicuous in this respect was the likeness of HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY THE QUEEN, and that also of our illustrious grand Master, WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, Esq.

The W. M. Br. Forbes, occupied the East; on his right sat Br. Courtlandt. To the left of the W. M. sat the W. M. of the Oxford Lodge, Br. Charles, and W. M. Br. S. Brown. The west was occupied by Br. Kintrea, and Br. Ross, superintended the duties of his office from the South. We need hardly add that tempted by the good things provided for them, the craft did ample justice to the feast. On the removal of the cloth followed the toasts, first,

"THE QUEEN AND THE CRAFT."

Followed by an appropriate song by Br. Chalmers. The W. M. then gave

"THE PRINCE CONSORT AND THE ROYAL FAMILY."

Song by Br. Avery, after which was given

"THE GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, AND ALL SISTER GRAND LODGES."

The S. W. then gave "THE GRAND MASTER, W. M. WILSON, Esq.," accompanied with some happy allusions to the many Masonic and social excellencies of that exalted individual. Br. Courtlandt also contributed to swell the praise of our most worshipful G. M., by asserting, that from many opportunities afforded by a residence in the community of which our G. M. is an honorable member, that Br. Wilson was entitled to the gratitude and the love of his brethren. The toast was received with all the honors. Then followed

"OUR GUESTS," coupled with the name of Br. Courtlandt, of Otterville.

In giving this toast, Br. Kintrea took occasion to thank the brethren of Drumbo and Ingersoll for their attendance, and alluded again to the valuable lecture delivered by Br. Courtlandt. The toast was responded to with the highest marks of Masonic approbation.

Want of room compels us to close our notice of this pleasant affair. We cannot, however, do so without complimenting Br. Vanvorhis on his happy choice of words, and generosity of sentiment, in giving the health of the two brethren who had charge of the lunch—such authority, to those not "posted" in the duties of the *cuisine*, convincing proof that the lunch was all that it should be. Thus the effort of Br. Drew and Br. Andrew, sustained as it was by the approbation of one of experience, must be flattering. We congratulate the W. M. and members of King Solomon's Lodge, and the fraternity in this section, on their manner of celebrating occasions like that just passed, evidenced by what took place on Monday. It seems to us that a general observance of this rule, when such as that enjoyed by our gifted brother Courtlandt is brought into requisition, is calculated to produce more real good to society, and more honor to the fraternity, than any other that could be chosen. Fortunate, then, is it for us that the Wilson District can boast a WILSON and a COURTLANDT.

The eloquent Lecture delivered on the occasion by Br. H. N. Courtlandt of Otterville will be given in our next number.

We give the Address of the Grand Master, and the Masonic ceremonial used at the laying of the foundation stone of the Crystal Palace at Hamilton, for which we are indebted to the *Hamilton Daily Spectator*:—

Mr. Mayor, Mr. Chairman of the Celebration Committee and Citizens of Hamilton:

At your request we have assembled here this day to assist you in the interesting ceremony of laying, with appropriate forms, and according to ancient custom, the foundation stone of your proposed Industrial Palace. And it is to me, and doubtless to all here present, a matter of pleasure and satisfaction, that another object of interest and beauty is about to be added to those which already distinguish and adorn your flourishing and rapidly improving city.

A lively interest also has been excited, with reference to the peculiar object of the work, in which we are about to engage; for when we consider, that although the large sum of money about to be expended in its erection and adornment, comes principally from the coffers of your own citizens, aided certainly to some extent (although not with their accustomed liberality,) by the men of Gore—and that the building is not intended to serve a mere local purpose, but that it at once acquires a provincial character, and is to be used as one of those great store-houses, in which not only the produce and the wealth of the country is to be gathered together and exhibited, in which Science and Art will find a home, and by which, the world at large may be convinced of the rapi-