

escort he had a guard of honor from Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery, Knights Templar, in command of R. E. Sir Knight J. H. Stone. An arch of steel was formed by the swords of the Sir Knights, and under it the Grand Master, accompanied by prominent dignitaries of the Order, proceeded to the dais in the East, a stirring march being meanwhile played on the organ by Prof. Aldous. The guard was composed of the following knights: R. E. Sir Knight Kennedy, R. E. Sir Knight Bishop, and Sir Knights W. J. Field, Thomas Hood, W. R. Fish, H. Carscallen, Wm. Noble, James Malcom, A. Renwick, A. T. James, John Vanatter, G. E. Tuckett, A. White, F. Rowlin, W. Goering, Geo. Fisher, W. L. Hubbard, E. Hill, C. Hill, and E. A. Dalley. The Sir Knights did their duty with a military precision that reflected great credit on them.

#### PRESENTATION OF AN ADDRESS.

R. W. Bro. Murray, on behalf of the Masonic fraternity of Hamilton, presented the Grand Master with the following address, beautifully engrossed by Bro. Wm. Bruce:

To M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. and A. Mas: us:

**MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,**—On behalf of the Masons of Hamilton, we desire to testify to you their sense of satisfaction at your election to the high and honorable position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and have great pleasure in tendering you a most hearty reception. We have for many years watched your career as a member of the Board of General Purposes, in which you have always displayed mature knowledge of Masonic usage and custom, and uniformly adopted an independent course of action in the promotion of what you considered right and just; while more latterly, as President of that Board in the position of Deputy Grand Master, the immediate precursor to the exalted office you now hold, you justified the high opinions your brethren of Hamilton had previously formed of you. And when Grand Lodge itself—the highest Court of the Order—passed the same judgment upon you, by electing you to the most responsible office in the gift of the fraternity, we felt special pleasure and satisfaction that our estimate of you was that held by the representatives

of the whole body of the Craft in the jurisdiction. Most Worshipful Sir, we ask that you will receive this demonstration as an expression of personal appreciation of your own worth, and of fealty and devotion on our part to the Grand Lodge of Canada, the original and most important Grand Lodge of this Dominion. We pray the Grand Architect to spare your life for very many years, and to grant you during those years every blessing which His goodness and loving kindness may vouchsafe; and we have no doubt whatever, from the course you have already pursued as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, that you will sustain the dignity and honor of that Illustrious Body, and that when you yield up that office you will retire crowned with the laurel and olive, and carrying with you the grateful remembrance and fraternal affection of the brotherhood of this time-honored Craft.

(Signed),

W. Bro. J. Clappison,	R. W. Bro. H. A. MacKay,
" " F. F. Daley,	" " W. G. Reid,
" " J. A. Malcolm,	" " R. L. Gunn,
" " A. Poultier,	" " J. M. Gibson,
" " J. B. Young,	" " C. R. Smith,
" " J. Stiff,	" " J. H. Filden,
R. " " E. Murray,	" " D. Lemmon,
" " T. Clark,	" " D. McPherson,
" " E. Mitchell,	" " S. E. Town-end,
" " J. J. Mason,	" " H. Sweetman,
" " B. E. Charlton,	" " A. Turner,
" " J. W. Murton,	" " F. Wanser,
" " G. Stewart,	" " W. E. Brown,
" " D. McLellan,	" " A. Powis.

Hamilton, Dec. 27th, 1882.

#### THE REPLY.

**MOST WORSHIPFUL BRO. SPRY,** who was received with warm demonstrations of respect, replied as follows:

**R. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,**—Accept my warmest thanks for this hearty reception. It is indeed gratifying to know that the brethren of the city of Hamilton—to so many of whom I am personally and intimately known—are pleased with my election to the office of Grand Master of so important and honorable a body as the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada. And when I recall to mind the active part the Masons of this city have always taken in furthering the interest of the fraternity, I cannot but feel flattered with this large gathering. If I have been successful in performing my Masonic duties in the past, so as to meet with your approval, I cannot forget that much of that success is due to the able brethren with whom I have been associated, many of whom were representatives from your lodges, and I have the proud satisfaction of knowing that in vacating the position of President of the Board of General Purposes, my place has been filled by my esteemed friend and earnest brother, R. W. Bro. Hugh Murray.