

this fair Dominion. Nevertheless, it is proper that we should remember the heroic deeds and the great sacrifices of our fathers—what they did and what they suffered in order that they might hand down to us a heritage of freedom and the dower of empire. Their acts should be inscribed upon the brightest page of our history, and their names should be written high among the names of those whom Canadians delight to honor. Not least among the notable patriots of those days was William Johnson Kerr. His patriotism and loyalty incited him to lofty deeds, and his victory of Beaver Dam was material to the success of the cause for which he staked his life, and by which we hold the heritage of this great Dominion.

"As a slight memorial to this brave and true man—this sterling patriot and good Mason—the members of The Barton lodge have erected this stone; and, as their representative, I now unveil it to the world."

As he uttered the last words Grand

Master Freed untied the cords which held the Union Jack, and as it fell to the ground the beautiful stone was exposed to view.

Rev. F. W. Hovey offered prayer, and the singing of Lead, Kindly Light and the grand honors to the grand master brought the exercises to a close.

The gathering included Lieut-Col. E. E. W. Moore and Major Ross, representing the Thirteenth regiment. Lieut. George V. Taylor of the Fourth Field Battery, all the masters of the city Masonic lodges, P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Dr. McGregor of Waterdown, and P.D.D.G.M. Bro. Dr. C. V. Emory.

Rt. Wor. Bro. John Hoodless acted as master of ceremonies.

The stone bore the following inscription:

"In memory of Captain William J. Kerr, the victor of Beaver Dam, June 24, 1813. W. M. The Barton lodge, A., F. and A. M. Erected by the brethren of the Barton lodge, Hamilton, Ontario."