

Bros. Wilkinson and Kerr, and the Masters of Cataragui and Minden Lodges, to his assistance, and Bro. Hendry was invested and warmly congratulated on all sides. He acknowledged the compliments in the heartiest spirit. The attendance was a large one from all the city lodges. The two Grand officers brought prominently forward on the occasion are very earnest laborers for the craft, and have earned their laurels.

PRESENTATION.—A pleasing incident transpired at Montreal, during the communication just over of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. We allude to the presentation by that body, through its Grand Master, James Dunbar, Esq., Q. C., of Quebec City, to Past Grand Master John Hamilton Graham, of Richmond, Que., of a very valuable and beautiful tea service.

Below we give the address of Grand Master Dunbar, to which the recipient responded in a most felicitous and eloquent manner.

*To John Hamilton Graham, Esq., LL. D.,
• Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.*

MOST WOR. SIR AND BRO.,—At the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved,—That in recognition of the many valuable services rendered to the craft in this Province by M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, and his labors for the welfare of this Grand Lodge, a suitable testimonial be tendered to him on behalf of this Grand Lodge, and that the M. W. the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary be a committee to carry into effect this resolution.

The accompanying silver tea service having been procured from England, the pleasing duty devolves upon me as one of the last and most agreeable of my official acts to offer it on behalf of Grand Lodge for your acceptance.

To add to the terms of the resolution of Grand Lodge, I need only say that by this testimonial is meant to evince the gratitude of Grand Lodge for your zealous and unceasing efforts to procure its establishment and exclusive sovereignty within this Province, and for your laborious and most valuable services during the six years you were the presiding officer.

Grand Lodge wishes you long life and happiness, and that you may have the proud satisfaction of seeing your handiwork crowned with the still greater success of this Grand Lodge.

Our thanks are due to R. W. Bro.

John H. Bell, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, for a kind letter and new subscribers to *THE CRAFTSMAN*, from which we learn that at the last meeting of that Grand Lodge a resolution was passed that in future the business of the subordinate Lodges must be done in the third degree. There seems to be a very strong feeling growing in favor of this change in all jurisdictions of the Dominion, and we have no doubt it will be adopted at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada. We regret to learn that our brethren of Manitoba have adopted the "American" ritual, or, as many like to call it, the "Ancient York Rite." We presume there must be a reason for this change, though we are free to say that with our limited knowledge and experience we believe our own to be far superior to any we know anything of in use in the United States. We presume the "Massachusetts Ritual" is the same as that lately adopted by our brethren in the "Prairie Province," about which an exchange speaks thus complimentary:—"Massachusetts has got a ritual that she deems as correct as can be made. It would seem that it should satisfy her, as a committee of thirteen of the most matured and intelligent Masons of the State devoted some twenty-five days in purifying and perfecting it. Every letter, syllable, and word had to pass inspection before adoption, and there is no danger of any change hereafter, as the committee are appointed for life, or so long as they remain members of the Order, or affiliates." By the way, R. W. Bro. Bell informs us he mailed a copy of his Grand Lodge proceedings to our address, and as it has not yet come to hand, we presume it has miscarried.

INTERESTING Masonic notes from our General Agent, W. Bro. P. Begg, who is now in the west, are crowded out of this issue. Will appear next month.