

and aged brother, your beloved husband, after returning from his last resting place, resolved to place on record their sincere and heartfelt sorrow at the loss of one who was considered their father in Masonry, as well as their deep sympathy with you in the very sad bereavement with which God in His wisdom, and no doubt for some purpose of love, has seen fit to afflict you. They do not presume to address you with any words of consolation drawn from the blessed book, as they believe your experience has taught you the inestimable value of the many precious promises recorded in God's word to console those suffering from every cause, and more particularly such as have sustained so great a loss as you have done in parting from one who had occupied the endearing position of a husband for nearly three score of years. They only tenderly commit you to Him whose promises are yea and amen, and who has said, "I will be a husband to the widow and father to the fatherless."

They desire to express for your gratification and that of your dear daughter (who so faithfully and lovingly watched over and nursed her suffering father), how much he was beloved by those of his brethren who had the pleasure of knowing him, and to say that they will be ever ready to extend to you and yours (should you need it) any advice, assistance or protection it may be in their power to give, and knowing that our Heavenly Father does all things well, they are assured that this heavy dispensation will, in working out his purposes, redound to your eternal good, and God's everlasting glory.

We are, dear Madam, on behalf of the Masons of the Hamilton District, your very sincere and sympathizing friends.

J. M. GIBSON,  
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District Sec'y.

## CANADIAN MASONIC NEWS.

The members of St. George's Lodge, which meets in the Occident Hall, are making arrangements for their annual conversazione.

The Masons of Leamington, Essex county, have purchased a lot on the corner of Russell and Erie streets, and intend erecting a hall.

R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, of Grimsby, has been commissioned by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Illinois as Representative to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

We are pleased to see that Masonry is progressing in the North-west with a rapidity equal to that of the country. The latest acquisition to the Register of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba being a lodge situated at Calgary, at the foot hills of the Rockies, a meeting for the formation of which is to be held shortly.

An indication of the progress the North-west is making is found in the number of lodges organizing in Manitoba and the N. W. T. In the officers of one of the latest lodges formed we recognize the name of an old friend, and a highly esteemed brother,—R. W. Bro. E. H. D. Hall, P. D. D. G. M. of Ontario District, G. R. C., who has been selected as the first W. M. of Moose-Jaw Lodge. R. W. Bro. Hall is an able worker, an enthusiastic Mason, and we predict for the lodge an honorable and successful career. The officers of the new lodge are:—R. W. Bro. E. H. D. Hall, W. M.; Bro. J. Widner Rolph, M. D., S. W.; Bro. James P. Mitchell, J. W.; Bro. A. W. Perleo, Treas.; Bro. A. L. Alexander, Sec.; Bro. M. H. White-Fraser, S. D.; Bro. George Hunter, J. D.; Bro. Ed. L. C. Davies, J. P.; D. of G.; Bro. F. H. McCuskill, I. G.; Bros. W. Sheppard and W. Goodwill, Stewards; Bro. John Tellen, Tyler.