

the entire population represented in its corporation. The already satisfactory prosperity of the order found signal growth in the removal to Barrie of the present Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry; and to his untiring zeal and warm solicitude is largely due the exceptional *esprit-de-corps* and its resultant charitable ramification that at present characterizes Freemasonry in this part of Canada. Two years ago the languishing condition of the order at Bell Ewart—a place all but depopulated by the retired operations in lumber—suggested the removal of the lodge to Barrie, and in May, 1882, Kerr Lodge was a settled institution there. The introduction of a second lodge was thought by some as likely to interfere with the development of the order in the town, but instead of this, it has proved an incentive to Freemasonry, and both lodges are growing steadily in numbers, in wealth, and in the exercise of Masonic charity. It was in recognition, then, of the services so freely bestowed by the Grand Master, that Kerr Lodge determined on manifesting, in some tangible way, its appreciation of his high Masonic estate, and of his many kindnesses shown them in the past two years. On Monday night last, in the presence of a numerous Masonic gathering, including Grand Lodge and other dignitaries of the order, the following presentation and address was made:—

To M. W. Bro. D. Spry, Esq., G. M. G.
*L. of Ancient Free and Accepted
 Masons of Canada:*

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER,—
 We, the officers and members of Kerr Lodge, No. 280, Barrie, beg respectfully to welcome you to your lodge on this, your first visit after your recent and severe illness. We are pleased to see your face after so long an absence, and to again have your kindly counsel in conducting the business of

our lodge. We appreciate the amount of time and energy you have given in furthering the interests of Kerr Lodge since its advent in Barrie, about three years ago, with a membership of only nineteen, but which now numbers sixty-eight. Its financial standing we are pleased to state at the present time is in a highly satisfactory and encouraging condition. We shall always remember your efforts on behalf of this lodge with the warmest feeling of gratitude, and now beg of you to accept of this silver tea service as a slight token of esteem and respect; and also this gold chain and locket for your partner in life who so faithfully and affectionately watched over you in your illness. Trusting that the Great Architect of the universe may be pleased to spare you both to a long life of health, happiness, and usefulness.

On behalf of the lodge,
 (Signed) By officers in their order,
 FRED. WILMOTT, W.M.,
 WM. DOWNEY, S.W.,
 J. F. PALLING, J.W.,
 JAS. HENDERSON, Sec'y.
 R. A. DOUGLAS, S.D.

The testimonial was a singularly handsome silver tea service, comprising twelve pieces, the tray of which bore this inscription:—

“Presented to

M. W. BRO. DANIEL SPRY,
 By the officers and members of Kerr Lodge, A. F. & A. M., as a mark of esteem and a token of their appreciation of his able efforts in furthering the interests of the lodge.”

Accompanying the service was a handsome locket, set with a diamond, and chain, the present of the lodge to Mrs. Spry.

The presentation was made by W. Bro. Fred. Wilmott, W. M. of Kerr Lodge.

REPLY:

To the W. M., Officers and Brethren of
 Kerr Lodge, No. 330, A.F. & A.M.,
 Barrie:—

BRETHREN,—I thank you most