

safe position in the Lodge room, as an interesting and significant incident in the history of the Lodge. Further, that the Lodge record its recognition of Bro. Robertson's courtesy and brotherly feeling, thank him heartily for his recollection of his Ancestor's Mother Lodge, congratulate him on his prosperity and the high position to which he has attained, wish him every continuance of that prosperity, and extend to him a very hearty welcome on his return to the Lewis.

1896.

At a meeting held on 7th Feb., 1896, the Secretary read the following letter: Dear Sir,—The Committee engaged last week in framing Regulations applicable to the admission of patients into the Lewis Hospital unanimously adopted the following, which is of special interest to the members of your Lodge: "When their parents or guardians are in such circumstances as will not allow of their paying for treatment, children under 14 years of age of Masons who are members of the Fortrose Lodge, No. 108, Grand Lodge of Scotland of A. F. and A. M., are to be admitted and treated free of charge. This free treatment is limited to one boy and one girl at a time, and the patients entitled to it must be sufferers from acute and not from chronic or incurable disease. A cot in each ward will be selected on which these children shall have a first claim, this cot shall be called the "Sinclair" or "Ross Robertson" cot. You are aware of how very generously Mr. John Ross Robertson, of The Evening Telegram, Toronto, has acted towards the Hospital. That out of his high filial respect for the memory of his mother (who was born in Goathill Farm House in the year 1808) he has, through one of the best London firms, completely furnished the two wards of the Hospital. In recognition of his munificent gift the one modest stipulation he makes is, that the rule just quoted with reference to the children of members of your Lodge, circumstanced as in it described, should be incorporated with those relating to the internal management of the Institution. In connection with this request he mentions the fact that his grandfather, Mr. Hector Sinclair, also of Goathill, was a member of your old and worthy Lodge. Mr. Ross Robertson's interest in sick and suffering children is most remarkable. He has visited every Sick Children's Hospital in the world, is Chairman of the Directors of the Sick Children's Hospital of Toronto, and has himself built and endowed a magnificent Convalescent Home in connection with it, besides all this, as you know, he is a worthy Mason, standing at the very head of your order in all Canada. Yours faithfully, (Dr.) Murdo Mackenzie."

The intelligence conveyed to the Lodge through Dr. Mackenzie's communication was received by the brethren with the most sincere and enthusiastic appreciation, and it was resolved unanimously that the Lodge accept and cherish the privilege and trust conferred upon it by Bro. Ross Robertson, and that the Secretary so notify Dr. Mackenzie, Secretary to the Hospital Committee. Further, that in recognition of Bro. Ross Robertson's generosity and appreciation of his interest in the membership of the Fortrose Lodge, as well as in acknowledgement of the principles by which he is being actuated, this Lodge undertakes to annually donate a subscription to the funds of the Hospital, the amount of which to be governed by the condition of the Lodge funds, and fixes the donation for the current year at two guineas, which amount, however, is to be no precedent for future grants. Agreed further, on the motion of Bro. W. A. Ross, seconded by Bro. Mal. Macleod, "That Dr. Mackenzie's letter be engrossed in the Lodge records and that Bro. Secretary be instructed to communicate with Bro. Ross Robertson, transmitting him an extract from said minute, thanking him in most cordial terms for his generous and sincere evidence of interest in the Fortrose Lodge, assuring him of the appreciation of the brethren in recognition of this mark of his brotherly benevolence, and expressing the hope that he may be long spared to advance the good work with which his name is associated.

In the minutes of St. Johns Day, 27th December, 1899, an interesting event is noted. "The Right Worshipful Master, on behalf of himself and the