

more than in one instance verbally conveyed, in anticipation of the more formal official card; but it was most thoroughly urged on our committee that August was an unsuitable time for the brethren of our own jurisdiction, and that in the contemplated arrangements they had first claim to consideration, and that June, the time of the annual communication, was the proper time for the ceremony.

To such pressure the committee felt bound to defer, and I can only personally express my deep regret that we are thereby deprived of the presence of so many brilliant members of the Fraternity who would, I believe, have been delighted to have taken part with us in the duties, and to have shared in the satisfaction which we must all feel in our work of to-day. In this connection our warmest thanks are due to the Grand Master of New Brunswick, M. Worshipful Bro. Clinch, and to M. W. Bro. Lester Peters, and to the other Brethren of our sister Grand Lodge, from the Province, that, from its situation and the avocations of its inhabitants, has most in common with us. Like true Brethren, they have always sympathized with and helped us in and out of our Masonic difficulties, and when an occasion of rejoicing has at last arisen with us, they come to share our gratification with us. Close as are the bonds of Brotherhood, nowhere do we find them more closely knit than between the Brethren of New Brunswick and ourselves, and to those at the head of their Grand Lodge we are largely indebted for this feeling.

At the conclusion of the Grand Master's address, the choir sang the hymn,—“Hail Universal Lord!” The Grand Stewards were then directed to uncover the Lodge, and illumine the lesser lights, during the performance of which Bro. Porter gave an appropriate voluntary on the organ. The ceremony of consecrating the Lodge was then proceeded with, for the report of which we are sorry we cannot find room.

The beauty and effect of the ceremonies were greatly enhanced by the labors of the choir, particular praise being due to the organist, Bro. S. Porter. At the close of the proceedings, the brethren separated to meet again in the evening at the Bazaar, which proved a most brilliant success.

The splendid Blue Room, where the grand ceremonies took place, was the centre of attraction, ladies wishing to see the sort of places their husbands pass a good deal of time in. The Knight Templars' room was particularly attractive also; it is a small room with its rows of handsome gothic stalls, over which each Knight's banner is flung metaphorically to the breeze. The art gallery was brilliant and beautiful of course, containing a finer collection of pictures than has ever before been exhibited in Halifax.

One of the attractions of the evening was a Telegraph office, which was worked by Miss McIlreith down stairs, and Mr. D. J. Rolston up stairs, and which was successful and very amusing.

Among those who seemed most active and courteous to all who visited the bazaar were Dr. Curren, Mr. James Esson, Mr. Kirby Esson, Dr. Wood-ill, Mr. Alexander Stephen, Mr. W. F. MacCoy, and others. They were all indefatigable in their exertions.

The celebration, as a whole, was a grand success, and we congratulate our Nova Scotian brethren on the zeal and earnestness displayed. May they continue to grow in numbers and prosper.

Private advices inform us that the receipts at the Bazaar, for fancy articles, admissions, refreshments, etc., amounted altogether to about \$3,000, for which our brethren have the ladies, who worked with a will to aid in the general success of the celebration, to thank, and we are sure suitable acknowledgment will be made to them.

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#### GRAND LODGE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held at Halifax on Wednesday, 6th June, when the following were elected officers for the ensuing year. The installation took place at the evening session, M. W.