

R. W. Grand Master of Ancient Masons in Canada,' and on the reverse 'R. W. Grand Lodge of Lower Canada,' and also a large key of gold, with monogram surmounted by a crown, the gift also to that Provincial Grand Lodge of Prince William Henry, the Duke of Clarence, and afterwards William IV."

I draw attention to this portion of the Report of the Committee on the State of Masonry, not because I disapprove of the suggestion "to produce these relics in Grand Lodge," which I think an excellent one, but on account of the statement that they were presented by M. W. Bro. Dunbar, on behalf of the Brethren of the Quebec District, which is misleading, and I felt required correction.

We highly prize these historic Jewels, not only out of regard to the original and illustrious donors, but also for the love and veneration we have for the memory of the distinguished Brother who transmitted them to us.

The Brethren who desire to inspect them will find them during this Communication on the desk of the Grand Treasurer.

CONCLUSION.

Before concluding my Address, I desire to return my sincere thanks for the many courtesies received at the hands of my Brethren. To our zealous and faithful Grand Secretary I am especially indebted for valuable aid and willing assistance. His long experience in Masonry has eminently qualified him for the important office he so worthily fills. Our official relations have been of the most fraternal and pleasant character, and I trust he may long continue to render his valuable services to this Grand Lodge.

I also wish to make grateful acknowledgments to the many Past Grand Officers who have given me their counsel and advice during the past year.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec,—When I assumed the office of Grand Master I was deeply conscious of the important duties that devolved upon that responsible position. Ever mindful of the honor of the Grand Lodge, and the good of Masonry, I have endeavoured to discharge these duties to the best of my ability, striving to represent your wishes, and retain the respect due to the exalted station to which you were pleased to call me. And now, Brethren, conscious of my many failings, but at the same time trusting in your leniency, I return you the gavel of office you so

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