

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

To the Supreme Grand President, Officers and Brethren of Supreme Grand Lodge :—

WORTHY SIR AND BRETHREN,—On behalf of the officers and members of Lodge Bedford of Woodstock, we most heartily welcome you and the representatives of our sister lodges in the Dominion to this the 20th session of Supreme Grand Lodge.

This is the first time we have had the honor of entertaining the Grand Lodge, and we trust the important matters to be discussed by you at this meeting will result in the adoption of good and wise measures, consistent with the future greatness of our beloved society.

We have looked forward to this meeting with pleasure, and we feel assured that your visit to Woodstock will be pleasant to you and of great benefit to us and inspire us with new energy in the great work before us. We feel your presence with us will increase our loyalty and patriotism to our Queen and country.

“ Hail ! Albion, hail ! Thou land of Freedom's birth ;
Pride of main, and Phoenix of the earth ;
Thou second Rome, where mercy Justice dwell,
Whose sons in wisdom as in arms excell.”

Brethren, our prayer is that God in his great kindness and mercy will continue to maintain the supremacy of our empire and grant us peace. We trust that when the time of your departure comes, you will leave with as pleasant memories as we shall retain of your visit.

Signed on behalf of Lodge Bedford,

ENOCH BLUNDALL, JR., *Worthy President.*

Moved by Bro. J. W. Kempling, seconded by Bro. R Ivens, that the Address of Welcome from Lodge Bedford be received, and the S. G. President appoint a committee to draft a reply. Carried.