

To return to what is termed "Blue Masonry," we find that Bro. Keith has for upwards of a half century been a most active and popular member of the Craft in the maritime provinces; in the year 1839, after having for many years held the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he was on the death of the late R. W. Bro. John Albro, unanimously chosen as his successor in the highly important and honorable office of Provincial Grand Master for Nova Scotia, and in the year 1846 his jurisdiction was extended to the Province of New Brunswick and the Islands of Prince Edward and Newfoundland. In the year 1843 the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Scotland also conferred upon R. W. Bro. Keith the appointment of Provincial Grand Master over the Scottish Lodges holding within the said Provinces, thus the two branches of the Craft (English and Scottish) in these provinces were happily placed under the superintendence of a very popular and universally esteemed Head, and continued so until a recent period, when it became admittedly evident that the union of the Craft under one independent Grand Lodge was a necessity which circumstances seemed to force upon the Lodges in Nova Scotia, and consequently on the 24th of June last, this desirable object was happily consummated, with the entire approval and concurrence of the parent Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and Most Worshipful Bro. Keith was with great unanimity, and the hearty congratulations of the Craft, elected as Grand Master, and installed into that office by our own distinguished and Most Worshipful Grand Master Stevenson, assisted by M. W. Bros. Dr. Bernard, P. G. M., of Canada, and B. Lester Peters, G. M. of New Brunswick.

During the lengthy period in which our venerated Brother Keith has held supervision of the Craft in our sister provinces, many valuable Testimonials, Presentations and Addresses have testified their high appreciations of his sterling integrity and Masonic worth, by the various Lodges under his charge. On one particular occasion M. W. Bro. Keith was specially selected by the M. W. the Earl of Zetland, then Grand Master of England, to settle some delicate matters in dispute amongst the Brethren in New Brunswick, and succeeded in effecting an arrangement, mutually, satisfactory and honorable to all parties concerned.

The laying of the corner stones of many public institutions also form a prominent feature in the masonic career of our worthy Brother, as evidenced by the public records and the numerous Silver Trowels in his possession, and to enumerate which would extend this article much beyond our limits.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Keith is now in his 75th year, and continues to manifest his usual diligence and interest in the dissemination of Light and Truth, and we sincerely trust the Craft in Nova Scotia may long continue to enjoy the paternal care and matured counsels of so venerable and universally esteemed a Head.