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"THE QUEEN AND THE CRAFT."

HAMILTON,.....JULY 15, 1868.

**MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.**

The meeting of Grand Lodge last week was very largely attended, and was, in all respects, a most interesting and important Communication. We are sure the readers of the CRAFTSMAN will feel that we have done right in delaying, for a couple of days, the publication of this number, in order that they may, at the earliest moment, be placed in possession of the proceedings of Grand Lodge

Many things occurred which are worthy of comment, and which will form the subject of articles in future numbers. In the meantime, we content ourselves with congratulating the Freemasons of Canada upon the hearty good-feeling, and unmistakable spirit of unity, which animated the representatives from every part of the jurisdiction.

In the election of Grand Master, the Grand Lodge have recognized the merits of one of the most hard-working, painstaking and zealous Freemasons in the jurisdiction. M. W. Bro. Stevenson has filled, for many years, the Deputy Chair; and as *ex-officio* President of the Board of General Purposes, a position of great responsibility, and requiring much labor, has earned the respect of all whose lot it has been to be in any way associated with him. He has fairly earned the exalted rank now conferred upon him; and the almost unanimous vote of Grand Lodge—648 out of 700 votes—by which he has been placed in the Grand East, is a substantial compliment of which any man may be justly proud.

**MEETING OF GRAND LODGE.**

REPORTED SPECIALLY FOR THE CRAFTSMAN.

LONDON, 8th July, 1868.

The Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada commenced its sittings at the City Hall, London, to-day, and was opened in AMPLE FORM at three o'clock, p. m.

**PRESENT.**

- M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master,  
On the Throne.
- R. W. Bro. Alex. A. Stevenson, D. G. M.
- " " Francis Westlake, D. G. M., London.
- " " James Seymour, " Hamilton.
- " " William McCabe, " Ontario.
- " " John H. Graham, " E. Townships.
- " " I. H. Stearns, Grand Senior Warden.
- " " John Turquand, " Junior "
- " " Rev. V. Clementi, Grand Chaplain.
- " " Henry Groff, " Treasurer.
- " " Alex. Murray, " Registrar.
- " " Thos. B. Harris, " Secretary.

- V. W. Bro. John Clarke, Grand Senior Deacon.
- " " James Bowman, " Junior "
- " " M. H. Speucer, " Supt. Works.
- " " William Edgar, " Dir. of Ceremonies.
- " " J. W. Lethbridge, " Sword Bearer.
- " " H. Waterman, Asst. " Organist.
- " " James Horon, " Tyler.
- " " Peter G. Brown, } " Stewards.
- " " Joseph Hursell, }

And about three hundred Representatives.

The Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge were read by the Grand Secretary.

The minutes of the last Grand Communication, and of two special Communications of Grand Lodge, were taken as read and confirmed.

**DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.**

The Grand Master announced to the Grand Lodge, that there was present on this occasion a distinguished brother from England, a member of the mother Grand Lodge, who, in the early history of this body, had done it good service, by advocating its claims to recognition. He had great pleasure in introducing Brother Brackstone Baker, P. G. Steward of the Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. Baker was received with the Grand Honors, and suitably acknowledged the cordial manner of his reception.

R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully gave notice, that he will, to-morrow, move that in consideration of the services rendered to this Grand Lodge in its infancy, the rank of Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada, be conferred upon R. W. Bro. Brackstone Baker, Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of England.

R. W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, K. C. B., Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, was formally introduced, and took his seat upon the platform.

**GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.**

The M. W. the Grand Master then read the following address.—

BRETHREN,—It is with no ordinary feeling that I again greet you at our Annual Communication; and although we miss some of those "old familiar faces" whose presence always brought pleasure to our hearts, and whose warm brotherly grasp ever lives in our remembrance, still we would acknowledge, with lively gratitude, the many blessings vouchsafed to us; and we would also humbly and heartily thank our Heavenly Father that He has again permitted us to take sweet counsel together as to the best means of advancing the great work for which we are associated. May He bless our present Convocation, and strengthen and encourage us in all our efforts to promote His glory, and enable us to foster and to cultivate that most prominent tenet of our Order—Brotherly Love.

**OBITUARY NOTICE.**

Since our last annual meeting, Our Right Worshipful and loving Brethren, the Hon. Robert Spence and Captain E. A. Walker, have been removed from their sphere of labour, struck down, as it were, in the prime of their useful life by the decree of Him who doeth all things well, whilst we, the children of His creation and the humble dependents on His bounty, can only bow with reverent submission to His most holy will. We have also to deplore the removal of our Right Worshipful Brother, the Rev. Dr. F. J. Lundy, Past Grand Chaplain, and one of those