

very feeling manner the health of the R E Comp McLellan, Past Z; and representative of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, and expressed his deep regret that the Masonic fraternity of Toronto were about losing so upright and honorable a Mason, and wished him every success in his new place of abode. R E Comp McLellan, responded in a neat speech. R E Comp McLellan, gave the health of the Past Principals which was responded to by R E Comps James Adams, Aug T H uel, Daniel Spr, and Thomas Sargent. "The ladies" were duly honored, and Ex Comp Bigelow was called upon to respond. He said that although the ladies were not Masons, yet they had no more loyal or true supporters than the Masonic fraternity. Every good Mason was a good husband, good son, and good father. Several other toasts were given and duly responded to and the toasts "happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again" was given at 11 o'clock.

NOVA SCOTIA.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, HALIFAX.

A very interesting meeting of this Lodge was recently held. Several presentations to the Lodge were made, and last, but by no means least, the Lodge made a present of a very valuable Masonic Jewel to Past Master Bro. J. M. Taylor, who for very many years has been Tyler to the various Lodges of the city. It was in honor of the latter event that the Lodge room was artistically decorated. On the west, over the door, were the square and compass with two swords in the centre. Over the Senior Warden's Chair was a portrait of St. Andrew with the motto "*nemo me lacessit impune*" under it, and above, the designation of the Lodge; "St. Andrew's Lodge, established A. D. 5767." And just above the chair was a Prince of Wales Feather, with the motto "God Save our Brother the Prince of Wales."

At the east, on the canopy, was "In God is our trust;" round the pillars between the twining evergreens were, on the right-hand side, "Wisdom, Strength and Beauty;" on the left, "Faith, Hope and Charity." The same mottoes were on the south and north sides of the room, and, together with other decorations, presented a *tout ensemble*, gratifying to the eye and suggestive to the masonic mind.

Bro. A. H. Crowe presented the Lodge, as the oldest Lodge in British America, with the chair used by His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent at the old theatre here but lately burnt down. Bro. J. D. Nash presented the Lodge with a neatly framed steel engraving of the Prince Regent dressed in masonic regalia. This picture is over a hundred years old. Bro. Crowe, on behalf of a brother of the Lodge, presented two old decanters and goblets, marked with St. Andrew's Cross and Emblems. These mementoes of a former time, when there was much call for labor to refreshment, were the innocent cause of several remarks upon the great change which had come over Freemasonry in respect to drinking habits. Formerly the danger of acquiring a habit of drinking was great. Now, every effort is made to prevent any such habit.

After those and other interesting presentations had been made, the third degree was exemplified in a style which attracted immense attention as a splendid exhibition of good masonic work, Worshipful Master, Bro. R. C. Hamilton, and the other officers of the Lodge receiving high commendation for their faithfulness to the traditions of the past.

Bro. J. M. Taylor was then presented with the Jewel before referred to, the following address being read by Worshipful Bro. R. C. Hamilton:—