

counts its history and traditions as of the utmost value. The old landmarks are held sacred and must not be departed from. He is no rash iconoclast seeking to overturn and demolish that which the fathers have builded; but on the other hand he is not content that Masonry should crystalize around ancient forms or names so as to lose influence and power in the actual world of to-day. He would keep the Institution in a condition of vital healthy growth, adapting and using all its forces, to the end that it may better fulfill its grand purposes both in the world at large and in the hearts of its members.

The last characteristic that we shall name is fidelity. In the ideal of true manhood this is the crowning virtue. A "faithful Mason" means a great deal. The phrase implies that he understands the nature of the pledges that he has taken, the relations assumed to others, and that he will stand by those obligations at every cost. To a man of this stamp Masonry is not a farce nor a plaything. Its teachings and principles mean something, and of right it may claim the devoted allegiance—if need be the earnest labors as well—of all its members. The true Mason knows all this, and he is faithful through good and through evil report. He shrinks from no service for love's sake and for humanity's sake, when such offering is called for by the pledges he has taken, or the spirit of the Institution he holds so dear. Thus constant and true, the ideal Mason reflects honor upon the Craft by his integrity and his zeal, and when called from labor to rest he may hope to receive that gracious plaudit, "well done, good and faithful servant."—*Freemason's Repository*.

## MASONIC RECORD.

### AT HOME.

At an emergency meeting of Durham Lodge 306, A. F. & A. M., County of Grey, on the 22nd September, Bro. John McLaren of the Mount Forest *Examiner*, was presented with a beautiful silver inkstand, the price of which was \$30, together with the following

### ADDRESS.

To R. W. Bro. John W. McLaren, D. D. G. M., Wellington District.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.:—The duty assigned us, of preparing and presenting this address, would be one of unmingled pleasure, were we not conscious of our inability to express in adequate terms, the high esteem in which you are justly held by all the members of this Lodge; and our profound gratitude for the eminent services rendered to us, by you in overcoming the many difficulties incident to the proper working of a new Lodge. While we are deeply sensible of the magnitude of the obligations due to you, and conscious of our inability fully to discharge them, we are content to remain the debtor of one, of whose magnanimity, and disinterested kindness we have had so many, and signal proofs.

We trust you will accept this testimonial and address, as sincere expressions of our gratitude for the assistance and instructions bestowed upon us at so much inconvenience to yourself, and at so great a sacrifice of your valuable time; and as evidence of our desire to reciprocate acts of kindness as opportunity may offer.

We are commissioned on behalf of our brethren to convey to you assurance of the great pleasure with which we regard the high honors recently conferred upon you, in acknowledgment of your eminent "skill in the ancient sciences," and to express the hope that the "Great Architect of the Universe" may long spare you, to greater distinctions and higher honors.

Committee,—F. McRae, J. R. Smith, A. Davidson, C. L. Grant.

C. MACPHERSON,

Secretary.

Mr. McLaren made a suitable reply.

THE corner-stone of St. Thomas' Church, Dover, in connection with Holy Trinity Church, Chatham, Rev. F. Harding, incumbent, was laid on Tuesday, October 12th, by the Masonic fraternity. R. W. Bro. McNabb, D. D. G. M., officiating. The Grand Lodge met in Special Communication at the Hall of Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following brethren being present: R. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, Acting Grand Master; W. Bros. Wm. Carruthers, as Deputy Grand Master; John H. Luscomb, as Senior Grand Warden; B. L. Chipman, as Junior Grand Warden; Bro. H. Bartlett, as Grand Chaplain; W. Bro. E. E. Chipman, as Grand Registrar; Bros. James Marquand, as Grand Treasurer; M. Houston, as Grand Secretary; W. L. Tackaberry, as Senior Grand Deacon; J. B. Rankin, as Junior Grand Deacon; J. Dalgarno, as Grand Supt. of Works; W. Bro. H. J. Eberts, as Grand Director of Ceremonies; Bros. Chas. Crofts, as Grand Pursuivant; A. B. Baxter, as Grand Tyler, J. A. Morton and W. T. Bray, as Grand Stewards, together with a number of brethren