

and R.W., S. B. Harman the representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas near to Grand Lodge of Canada, replied on behalf of that Grand Lodge, and in doing so said he had much pleasure in being amongst his brethren of the Mystic Tie, feeling that no greater honor could be conferred upon him by his brethren, than that of representing so distinguished a Grand Lodge as that of Texas. He assured the G. M. that the brethren of Toronto, and the citizens of this great city, would be delighted to see so distinguished a body as the Grand Lodge of Canada in their session, in Toronto, in July next, and would give them a hearty welcome.

M.W. Bro. Stevenson then rose and said he wished to give a toast, one that would be heartily received by the Masons of Toronto; he desired to propose the health of R.W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, the D.D.G.M. of Toronto District, a Brother who had filled his office ably, and had deservedly won the esteem of every brother in the District.

R.W. Bro. Kerr replied in a hearty manner, assuring the Craft that he had no greater ambition than that of doing his duty faithfully and to the satisfaction of his brethren. He felt proud of the support he had received from the Craft, and felt assured that the Toronto district stood well in the Masonic work.

R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris proposed the next toast, "The Lodges of Toronto," coupled particularly with the name of the Stevenson Lodge.

W. Bros. Geo. Hodgetts, W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge; D. McLellan, W.M. King Solomon's Lodge; F. J. Menet, W.M. St. John's Lodge; J. F. Lash, W.M. Ionic Lodge; R. Robinson, W.M. Wilson Lodge; and W. C. Morrison, W.M. Stevenson Lodge, replied on behalf of their respective Lodges.

M.W. Bro. Stevenson having to retire in consequence of indisposition, before doing so, again thanked the Masons of Toronto for their hearty reception of him.

The brethren sang "Auld Lang Syne" as he retired.

The meeting was kept up for some time after the retiring of the M.W. the Grand Master, and speeches were made by R.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, W. Bro. F. J. Menet, V.W. Bro. R. P. Stephens, Bro. Hollingshead,—visiting Bros. Biscoe of Cleveland, Eddis, and others.

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### THE QUEBEC PAMPHLET.

From an "Extra" to *The Gavel* of last month, we learn the important intelligence that the Grand Lodge of Maine has recognized *the right* of our Quebec brethren to have a Grand Lodge of their own. Thus two, out of the forty-three Grand Lodges of the United States, have, within the past eight months, pronounced their opinions on the grave question of masonic law, submitted for their consideration. The same "Extra" contains the prophetic announcement, that before the close of the present year, two-thirds of the Grand Lodges of the world will have endorsed the verdicts of Columbia and Maine. Without professing our ability to see further into a mill-stone than our neighbours, and without making any claim whatever to the possession of prophetic powers, we are not disposed at present to dispute the correctness of the conclusions to which our contemporary has arrived; but we would venture to express