

tion to be made under the auspices of this mother-lodge, at its ninetieth anniversary. Nearly forty years have passed, since on the 10th day of June, 1846, I was initiated in Barton Lodge; only a few of the brethren who were members at that time, are now numbered among the living; but I am highly pleased to know that the life of Barton Lodge is as vigorous at the present day, as it was forty years ago; may it so continue to the end of time.

Great and many have been the changes during that long period; and I have experienced a fair portion of the same.

When initiated, I was a young man with a young family, and now I am nearly three score and ten, with a grown-up family including grandchildren married. I had then not a relative a member of the craft; I have now three sons enrolled among the rulers in the craft, and one grand son-in-law, the husband of one of my grand daughters, a Senior Warden. I had the pleasure of initiating, passing and raising, two of my sons, and in due course of time, installing them Masters of a lodge, and of assisting in the installation of my youngest son. Never did I induce either of them to join the craft; they did so entirely of their own free-will and accord; but after they had joined, I used my best endeavors to instruct them in our science and ancient mysteries. These members of my family are present here to witness the presentation of this address, and this munificent testimonial of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and I trust, my dear brethren, that you will pardon me, when I say that I feel proud of this happy combination of events in my Masonic life.

To you, brethren of Strict Observance Lodge, I also tender my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, by electing my youngest son as Master of your prosperous lodge; I have every confidence

that he will never cause you to regret your choice.

And to you, Most Worshipful Sir and Grand Master, and to the brethren of the city of Hamilton, who, through you, sent me a telegram congratulating me upon that election, I tender my warmest thanks.

And finally, my dear brethren, may we all be granted power, endurance and will, to carry out the true principles of Freemasonry: to practice those noble virtues, so beautifully illustrated in our ritual and lectures. to make us to look beyond the narrow limits of particular institutions, whether civil or religious, and to view in every son of Adam a brother of the dust; may tolerance, forbearance, and good-will to all mankind characterize our actions, and when we are summoned before the Grand Architect of the Universe, to give an account of our lives and actions, may He be pleased to say:—

WELL PROVED, TRUE AND TRUSTY!

Once more, brethren, my sincere thanks to Grand Lodge, and to all present.

Yours fraternally,
OTTO KLOTZ.

Shortly thereafter, R.W. Bro. Muligan read a beautifully engrossed address to R. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, P.D.D.G.M.

Hamilton District, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, to Right Worshipful Brother Gavin Stewart, Past District Deputy Grand Master:—

Your brethren were delighted, when at the annual communication of Grand Lodge, held at Toronto in 1884, you were elected District Deputy-Grand Master of this District. They congratulated themselves on the wise selection which the representatives of the lodges had made, and felt that the duties of the office would be faithfully and zealously performed by a worthy successor of the distinguished brother who had preceded you. On the expiration of