

in making the presentation, and read the following

ADDRESS.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, to Most Excellent Companion Lawrence H. Henderson, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, &c., Past Grand Z.

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION.—At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada just concluded, the Executive Committee took occasion, in terms well chosen and well deserved, to congratulate Grand Chapter on the able address with which you opened the session, and to record a grateful recognition of the valuable service you have rendered to Capital Masonry.

Deeply regretting that your desired retirement left them no alternative but to acquiesce in such desire, Grand Chapter further recorded her wish to mark in an appropriate manner and by a suitable testimonial the appreciation of merit so eminently recognized, and it is hoped the accompanying service of plate will be accepted by you, not for its intrinsic worth, but as a memento of the regard and esteem of every Canadian Royal Arch Mason for one, who, in laying down the sceptre of Grand First Principal, leaves a record of wise counsel, fraternal courtesy, and an able administration of the affairs of this Great Branch of the system of Freemasonry, which will be ever held in grateful remembrance.

FRED J. MENET, Grand Z.

DANIEL SPRY, Grand Scribe E.

To which M. E. Comp. Henderson made the following

REPLY.

M. E. Comp. S. B. Harman, R. E. Comp. D. Spry, and R. Ex. Comp. D. Ross.

DEAR SIRS AND M. EX. AND R. EX. COMPS.—I sincerely thank you, as the representatives of the Grand Chapter of Canada, for the very kind and I must say very flattering expressions contained in your address.

It is truly gratifying to me to learn that my official course during the two years I had the distinguished honor of presiding over the deliberations of Grand Chapter have in any way merited the approval of the members of that Grand body.

Being fully conscious of my many failings, it was not without a good deal of trepidation I accepted the great trust reposed in me by my Companions, but the kindly assurances of assistance from many of my old and valued Companions, and which was at all times promptly given, together with the hearty co-operation of the officers of Grand Chapter, I am happy to say rendered my duties comparatively easy.

Any humble efforts that I have made, not

only in the discharge of my official duties, but, I may add, since I have had the honor of belonging to the craft, have been solely prompted by a sincere love for our noble order, and an earnest desire to cherish and disseminate those sublime principles and precepts laid down for our guidance and instruction in our beautiful Rituals and Lectures, and which are so well calculated to elevate the mind both morally and intellectually.

For this very handsome and substantial token of the esteem and regard of my Companions of Grand Chapter, I am truly grateful. I shall ever treasure and preserve it as such, and in the future, should I be spared, I trust my course of conduct, not only as a Mason, but in my private life, may be such as to merit a continuance of the esteem and good will of my Companions, Brethren, and fellow-men.

L. H. HENDERSON, P. G. Z.

The testimonial consisted of a service of plate of the best quality, and upon which was engraved, "Presented to M. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, Past Grand Z., as a token of regard and esteem, by the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Canada, Aug., 1877."

After the presentation, the Companions present adjourned to the banquet hall, where about fifty R. A. Masons sat down to supper. V. Ex. Comp. James Smith, Z. of Moira Chapter, occupied the chair, with M. Ex. Comp. L. H. Henderson, R. Ex. Comp. David Pitcaethley, Grand Supt. Prince Edward District, V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Ponton, Past Grand Asst. Sojourner, and D. Pharnacott on his right, and on his left were seated R. E. Comps. Daniel Spry, Grand Scribe E., Alfred Ellis, and William Doctor, Past Grand Supts. Prince Edward District, E. J. Sisson, Past Grand Registrar, S. S. Lazier, Past Grand Steward, and Ex. Comp. W. G. Gillespie.

After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the chairman gave the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft," which was received in the usual loyal manner. Song, "God Save the Queen," by V. E. Comp. S. S. Lazier.

The next toast, "M. E. Comp. F. J. Menet, Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter," was received with great enthusiasm, and responded to by M. E. Comp. Henderson, who spoke in the highest terms of our Grand Z., whose absence he, as well as all present, deeply regretted, for he knew that had those in attendance an opportunity of personally knowing the present occupant of the Grand Z.'s chair as he knew him, they would admire his many excellent qualities.

The chairman then asked for a bumper for the next toast—the toast of the evening, "The health of M. Ex. Comp. Henderson," which was drunk with all the honors amidst great applause.