

honorable business habits, coupled with sterling integrity of purpose and urbanity of manner.

In the year 1843 Bro. Keith was elected Mayor of his adopted city, and again in 1853 and 1854 received the same honor (having for several years acted as Commissioner in the Court of Common Pleas for the Town of Halifax previous to its incorporation). In 18 , Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria was pleased to appoint Mr. Keith as one of the members of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, of which he was made President in 1867, in place of the Hon. Edward Kenny, recently appointed Administrator of the Government of Nova Scotia. As a major in the militia and a Justice of the Peace, the Hon. Mr. Keith has been ever ready to serve his Queen and country. In the North British and Highland Societies of Nova Scotia, Bro. Keith has repeatedly filled the presidential chairs, and at the present time worthily discharges the duties of chief of the latter. It is questionable whether there is within the Dominion any one individual who has during his life time presided at as many public dinners as has our worthy and esteemed Brother, he having, in his own peculiar and acceptable way, occupied the chair on no less than one hundred and ten such occasions during his public career, which fact alone is sufficient to prove the high esteem in which our distinguished Brother has always been held for his many excellent qualities.

In Masonry, M. W. Bro. Keith was first brought to light in the year 1816, at Sunderland, in the Lodge of St. John, No. 118, Registry of England, and on his arrival at Halifax affiliated in the Lodge Virgin, No. 2, R. E., of which Lodge he is still a member, having served in all the offices and repeatedly filled the oriental chair with honor to himself and much acceptance to his brethren.

In 1819, exalted to the Holy R. A. degree in Royal Union Chapter R. E., in which Chapter, from 1827 till 1834, Comp. Keith alternately filled the offices of Z. H. and J. with much zeal, knowledge and honor, and was subsequently appointed Grand Superintendent of R. A. Masonry for Nova Scotia, under English authority, which high office he continued to hold until the formation, during the past year, of the Supreme Grand R. A. Chapter of the Province of Nova Scotia, over which body he was unanimously elected and installed as the M. E. Grand High Priest.

In chivalric masonry our distinguished Brother has also been very prominent, and the Nova Scotia Encampment owes its present prosperity, if not its very existence, to his untiring zeal and assiduity in the furtherance of its interests; in this department of our "ancient and honorable institution," Sir Knight Keith holds the important position of M. E. Grand Commander for the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.