

Francis Gallow, I.P.M.; W. Bro. E. F. Clark, M.P., S. W.; R. W. Bro. Malcolm Gibbs, J. W.; W. Bro. William Bain, Chap.; W. Bro. W. J. Graham, Treas.; W. Bro. Angus Mac Bean, Sec'y; W. Bro. Arthur Dinnis, S.D.; W. Bro. Fred. Armstrong, J.D.; W. Bro. D. D. Grierson, I.G.; W. Bro. J. Western, S. S.; W. Bro. F. W. Unitt, J.S.; and R. W. Bro. G. C. Patterson, D. of C.

W. Bro. Andrew Parks, in taking the chair said, that R. W. Bros. George Tait and F. F. Manley, and W. Bro. John McKnight, were a committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, to make a presentation on behalf of the 11th Masonic District, to R. W. Bro. Richard Dinnis, which they would now do.

R. W. Bro. George Tait said, at the last meeting of the District held during the session of Grand Lodge a committee was appointed to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to R. W. Bro. Dinnis in the name of the Craft as a token of their appreciation for the able manner in which he had discharged his duties as District Deputy Grand Master of the Toronto District. It was nearly a quarter of a century, said R. W. Bro. Tait, since R. W. Bro. Dinnis had to go through the searching scrutiny of the ballot before he was adopted into the family circle of Rehoboam Lodge, and into the fellowship of Masonry, and by his earnest spirit and aim for the welfare of Masonic work in his mother Lodge, he was advanced from time to time to positions of honor, and finally he was elected its Worshipful Master. R. W. Bro. Dinnis' record as a business man in the city of Toronto, was an honorable one, and there were no misgivings in the minds of these who had desired to honor him as to his fitness for receiving such a testimonial that was being presented to him that night. His work had been approved, and in the name of the District, he presented him with a Past Deputy District Grand Master's regalia as an evidence of their esteem and as

a badge of honor for the services rendered by him to the District. (R. W. Bro. Manley then placed the regalia upon the R. W. Bro.) In conclusion R. W. Bro. Tait said, that he congratulated R. W. Bro. Dinnis, who was thus honored by the District, and as the regalia adorned him he trusted that R. W. Bro. Dinnis would long continue to adorn the society he loved so well. (Applause.)

R. W. Bro. Dinnis said, that at the very start he was handicapped, and that he did not feel equal to the occasion. He said that R. W. Bro. Tait and himself were Worshipful Masters the same year, eighteen years ago, and in fact he was his immediate predecessor in office as D.D.G.M., so far as the city was concerned, because R. W. Bro. McGillivray was elected by the country members. R. W. Bro. Dinnis then went on to say that his career had been a singular one, for whenever he wanted to get at the top of the ladder it was always placed there for him. He wished he had Bro. E. F. Clark's silvery tongue, for a few minutes that night, so that he could express his feelings towards the brethren for their kindness to him. He had never aspired to the position of D.D.G.M., of the 11th Masonic District. A little over two years ago, he was on his way to Hamilton to attend the Grand Lodge meeting, when Bro. Gallow said, "I have been talking to some of the brethren, and we would like to have you as our District Deputy, I asked him if it was the 1st of April, and he said, if you will allow your name to be brought forward we will have you elected. I said I would not like to stand up to be knocked down by some other brother. He said, I do not think anything of the kind will happen." At Hamilton he spoke to R. W. Bro. Roaf, who said he had pledged himself to some other brother, then he spoke to R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson, who I have known for twenty-five years, Bro. Wilkinson said, you may depend on St. Andrew's. Then when it was understood I was running for the position, everything