

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF KING SOLOMON'S R. A. CHAPTER, NO. 8, TORONTO.

At the annual convocation of this Chapter the following officers were installed by R. E. Companion Thomas Sargent Grand Superintendent of the Toronto District, assisted by R. E. Companions James Adams and Aug. T. Houel :

Ex Companion, George C Patterson, Z; V Ex Companion, Nelson Gordon Bigelow, H; Ex Companion William C Morrison, J; Companions, Thomas Davies, Scribe E George Chanter, Scribe N; R. E. Companion Daniel Spry, (re-elected) Treasurer; Companions, James B Nixon, Prin Sojr, James Summers, Senr Sojr; Daniel McDonald, Junr Sojr; S Stoodley, M 1st V; Walter S Lee, M 2nd V; Joseph Purvis M 3rd V; Thomas Langton, M 4th V; Hy Clay Houel, Organist; R. E. Companion, Rev Vincent Clementi, Chaplain; Companions, J G Burns, Director of Ceremonies; Malcolm Morrison, Stand Bearer; Wm H Pomroy, Sword Bearer; Joseph H Cornish, Alfred Gear, Steward; R. E. Companions, Thomas Sargent, Past Z, Aug T Houel, Past Z, James Adams, Past Z, Members-Ex Committee; Companions, James Spooner, Rep Benevolent Committee; John L Dixon, Janitor.

The ceremony of installation being over, R. E. Companion Houel presented an address to R. Ex Companion David McLellan, Past Z, with a splendid gold past Z's jewel, as a mark of the high esteem in which he is held by his Companions of Toronto.

R. Ex. Companion McLellan on receiving the gift rose and said :

*R. Ex. Sir and Companions :*

I can assure you that I feel deeply this mark of esteem and good will. As I have left Toronto, and made the city of Hamilton my permanent place of residence I feel that the associations and friendships of a lifetime must of necessity, be, to a considerable extent severed, and although business relations and the desire which every man has to advance his position in life, compels me, in the future to have a greater interest in the city of Hamilton, than in Toronto, yet that interest will not make me forget those friends—those Masonic Companions—with whom I have been so intimately connected during my Masonic career. Let me assure you, my Companions, that it is no easy task to make new friends and form new associations, but I know that our order gives me an advantage over those who are not masons, and wherever I go I shall always be able to find those whom I can rely upon and trust as good and true friends. Again let me thank you for your splendid gift and assure you that I shall always wear it with great pleasure.

The Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, and assembled around the festive board in the banquet hall, Mason's buildings.

Ex. Comp. George C. Patterson, presided, and on his right were seated R. Ex. Comps. D McLellan, Thomas Sargent and Daniel Spry, and on his left, R. E. Comps. A. T. Houel, James Adams, James Wilson and W. H. Frazer.

After justice had been done to the supper, prepared in Mr Coleman's very best style, the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft" was given and duly honored. The M Ex the Grand Z and Grand Chapter was given and ably responded to by V Ex Companion Nelson Gordon Bigelow, Grand Assist Sojr; who said that in every Chapter in Canada the health of that good and true Mason, F Douglas H Kingston, Grand Z; would be heartily responded to. The esteem in which he was held the love we all bore him made his name dear to us, and wherever it was proposed it received a hearty response. The toast of "Our Visitors" was duly honored, and responded to by Comps James Wilson, of Ancient Frontenac No. 1, Kingston and Comp W H Frazer, of Frank in Chapter, No. 11, New Haven, Connecticut, in eloquent speeches. R. E. Companion D McLellan, Past Z; then proposed the health of the newly installed officers, and congratulated the Chapter on the very able Companions who had been chosen to conduct its affairs, Ex-Companion George C Patterson, the newly installed First Principal Z; said he felt very proud of the position he occupied. To stand well with his companions and fellow-members would be his great object, and he felt certain that with the able support he would receive from his officers and members, the affairs of the Chapter would be very successfully conducted, and Royal Arch Masonry would not, he hoped, suffer in his hands. V Ex Comp N G Bigelow, the newly installed H and Ex Comp; W C Morrison, the newly installed J; responded in eloquent speeches. Companion Thomas Davies, Scribe E; George Chanter, Scribe N; James B Nixon, Principal Sojourner; and the rest of the officers, responded for their respective offices. R. E. Companion A T Houel, proposed in a