

lands, and the ready reply of the Mississaugas chief was: "The whole land is before you; go and choose." The tract selected was that on which they stood, and from that day to this the Six Nations and Mississaugas had lived on terms of amity, and had rendered many valuable services to each other. He was himself adopted into the Six Nations as one of their chiefs, and his heart had been made glad in consequence of the honor. The attachment of Brant to the crown was strong and sincere. He was always ready to obey the commands of his King, and for this the tribes had lost their lands in the valley of the Mohawk, now the most fruitful portion of the United States. It had truly been said of Brant, that "his eye was like the eagle's and his enemies fell before him as trees before the blast of the Great Spirit." The same remark would apply to his son John. It made his heart glad to find christian friends taking so much interest in the great chief, and to know they had determined on erecting a substantial monument to his memory in the prosperous town which bore his name. He had a personal acquaintance with John Brant, and never saw anything in him contrary to the christian religion. Captain Brant's translation of the scriptures had been the means of doing much good among the Indians; often in the church yonder (pointing to the building opposite), which Brant was the means of having erected, he had seen the Indians devoutly reading their prayers. As an instance of the chief's attachment to the christian religion, he might say that he had heard of a feast gotten up by the Pagan Indians, during the absence of Brant, which a number of christian Indians had been induced to attend, and after their feasting had been finished, they erected a large idol in a corner of their Council House. When Brant returned, and heard of those wicked proceedings, his wrath was kindled, and, like Moses with the golden calf, he ordered the idol immediately to be cut down.

Sir Allan McNab, who appeared in the splendid regalia appertaining to his rank in the Masonic order, said that he had been quite unexpectedly called upon. He considered this an occasion which reflected the greatest credit upon the people of the neighborhood. He had the honor of being acquainted with the elder Brant, and was a school-fellow of his son John; they afterwards did something for their country together, and he had enjoyed the friendship of John Brant until the day of his death. When his (Sir Allan's) father and himself first came to this part of the country they were received as the guests of the illustrious chief. What a change has come over this fair land since. He could well say that none had ever more nobly and faithfully performed their duty than the heroes whose remains they were now met to deposit finally in the grave. He