

should do unto us. I have always considered that the interests of the Order are best advanced by preserving that good feeling and harmony which should ever exist among all Masons, whether in or out of the lodge.

Permit me to say that, however greatly I value the testimonial, yet I far, very far, more highly appreciate the expressions of regard which your address conveys. The special relation in which I stood to the Grand Lodge has ceased, but the brotherly love connected with it, and the gratitude arising from it, will always remain.

I view this splendid gift, not so much as a gift expressing the value of my services, as an outcome of those warm and generous feelings which never fail to engender affection. I consider it a token and a testimony of the high estimation which Masons ever put on the smallest services, and I shall hand it down to those who come after me with a pride and a satisfaction impossible for me to express.

To you, and to the Right Worshipful Brethren members of the committee, my warmest acknowledgments are due, and I pray you to accept them.

OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT.

The Grand Master, who was very warmly received, said that Dr. Henderson might have thousands of warm friends, but none warmer than the speaker, and he was rejoiced to be able to exercise the prerogative of his office and break precedent in order to join the deputation to Kingston on so deserved and pleasant a mission. He bore sincere tribute to the zeal and efficiency of Bro. Henderson, and hoped he would set the example to Past Grand Masters of a continuance of interest in the Craft. He was proud of the contingent of Masonic brethren presented by Kingston, and grateful as well for the warmth of his reception. He, too, spoke of the care with which the chair lately occupied by Dr. Henderson was filled, and the high rank and credit it conferred upon its owner by an unbroken line of able occupants.

Bro. Mason also spoke at length and with much acceptance, reflecting on the opinions of hundreds of brethren all over the Province, among whom he had lately moved, as to the popularity of this presentation, and bearing personal testimony to the courtesy, zeal, and scrupulous attention to the details of his high office, exercised by the retiring Grand Master. He also spoke with great satisfaction of the happy and prosperous state of Masonry in Canada, which has advanced until it now ranks alongside the greatest lodges of this continent.

REFLECTING LOCAL FEELING.

Bro. Hendry reflected the feeling of local gratitude at the honor paid to one of Kingston's Masons, who had left his mark upon Craft Masonry, at home as well as abroad.

Bro. Saunders spoke of the pleasure the testimonial gave to Toronto brethren, and the personal satisfaction it was to him to be present. He lauded the present Grand Master for being the possessor of abilities which make him the worthy successor worthy men.

THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

R.W. Bro. R. T. Walkem extended gracefully on behalf of the Kingston brethren, a warm welcome to the Grand Master and his assistants, regretting that the death of many brethren (six out of one lodge within less than that many weeks) precluded the holding of an entertainment to fittingly represent their hospitality and fraternal regard.

R.W. Bro. Spry responded, thanking the local brethren for furthering so materially the work of presentation.

Lodge was closed in due form, after a parting ode was sung.

The visitors returned home by the early morning train, with the exception of R. W. Bro. Mason. They were the guests of M. W. Bro. Henderson.

Man the Life-Boat.

Near the seaside is the quiet little town of Clacton, England. At this water-boundary is stationed the Freemasons' life-boat. On the 23rd of October last a coast-guardsmen on the look-out there saw a signal rocket fired from the Gunfleet Floating Lightship, which told of a wreck on the Gunfleet, and calling for assistance.

The crew of the Freemasons' life-boat were soon gathered, and after many struggles, which almost proved ineffectual, reached the deck of a wreck which proved to be the *Madeline*, of Boulogne, a new steam fishing vessel, with a crew of sixteen hands. The *London Daily News*, speaking of the event, thus refers to the life-boat:

"After some buffeting, losing their rudder, breaking an oar, and otherwise damaging their tackle, they were enabled to make fast to the side of the wreck, and the