

ADDRESS ON THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

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The meeting of Wilson Lodge No. 86 in the Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, was crowded on Tuesday night 18th ult., to hear R. W. Bro. Malone on "The Worshipful Master." It is seldom that a larger audience ever came together in the Masonic Hall to hear an address as saluted Bro. Malone on that occasion. R. W. Bro. Roaf, D. D. G. M., and a large number of P. Masters, as well as the W. M's of all the Lodges in Toronto, except the two Lodges in Parkdale, were present. Bro. Geo. Clarke, W. M. of Wilson has placed the Craft in Toronto under deep obligations by his untiring energy in bringing forward intellectual treats, and judging from the number of members attending, his efforts are duly appreciated.

One pleasing feature of the evening was the calling of R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully to preside over the Lodge during the Lecture. On taking the chair Bro. Tully, who was the first Master of Wilson Lodge, related some pleasant reminiscences of the formation of the Lodge.

After the Lecture the Brethren adjourned to the large refreshment room, where a very enjoyable time was spent. Bro. Clarke announced that V. W. Bro. George Tait was to deliver a lecture at the next meeting on the 15th inst. Subject "Board of Trial." From Bro. Tait's well-known ability the brethren may expect a very able address. In compliance with a general desire expressed by the brethren we publish the lecture in full, which we are enabled to

do through the kindness of W. Bro. Clarke, W. M. of Wilson Lodge :

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND MEMBERS OF WILSON LODGE, NO. 86, G. R. C.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—
The subject which I have chosen for this evening's discourse is so exhaustive and presents such a wide field for thought, that scant justice can be done to it in the time allotted, but we can deal in a general manner with the subject, presenting ideas that may lead you to think, to delve still deeper into the subject, and thus get such exalted ideas of the office of Worshipful Master, that not only the Lodge, but the Craft in general will be benefitted.

The necessity for a ruler or head in all organizations is an admitted fact. You will find innumerable rulers great and petty, in all the organizations and departments which seem to be so necessary for the very existence and proper management of the State, the range from the Queen on the Throne down to the Overseers whom you will find controlling and directing bodies of men engaged in the various departments of Municipal Government. These men occupy these various positions for one specified object, viz: to control, direct and teach those who for the time being may be subordinate to them.

Take the innumerable societies in our midst, fraternal, benevolent and otherwise, some of which have sprung up in a night like mushrooms all over our fair land, and like mushrooms a great number of them as far as utility is concerned, shrivel up, decay and die when the strong sunlight and heat of public confidence and opinion shines on them. These societies possess rulers great and small under various titles from the plain designation *Chairman*, up to the awe inspiring His Serene Royal Highness the Brother of the Sun. I am afraid that these high sounding titles are thrown out as a bait for poor weak man's vanity and ambition, he will join such a body in the expectation of bending under the burden of such a load for one short year. It