

sang "Auld Lang Syne," after which W. Bro. J. W. Dowd, W.M. of the Lodge, in welcoming the venerable brother said: "The large number of Masons here assembled is a measure, though inadequate, of the esteem in which you are held by your brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, and the Craft in general. On the 3rd of July, 1840, you were initiated as a member of St. Andrew's Lodge and as you then stood at the north-east angle of the Lodge a just and upright man and a Mason, so you have faithfully carried out the injunction ever to continue and act as such. For a longer time than the life of many of us here to-night you have been a member of the Craft, and we greet you with congratulation, a brother who for 56 years, living an open life in the public eye, has worn the badge of Masonry unstained and untarnished by any act of perfidy or dishonor."

W. Bro. Dowd then read the following address:—

"St. Andrew's Lodge A.F. & A.M., No. 16, G.R.C., Toronto, Canada, "To Brother, The Honorable Senator James Robert Gowan, C.M.G., Q.C., LL.D." "St. Andrew's Lodge hails you to-night with all respect and reverence as her oldest living member. Of all the honored and distinguished names on her roll not one shines with a brighter lustre than your own. In whatever capacity you have been called on to do your duty, whether as Educationist, Jurist or Legislator, you have brought to your aid an ample knowledge so grounded upon accuracy, aided by labor and prompted by perseverance as to enable you to win the highest success. A generation has passed away since you first saw Masonic light in this old Lodge, and we appreciate your return to the former scene of your activity, because, while to us it is a source of unalloyed pleasure, to you it cannot be unmixed joy. The images of the dead must contrast strangely with the faces of the living, but we trust that the remembrance of the days that are no more will form but a

minor chord in the emotions that throb for expression in your heart to-night. Disraeli has said, that youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, and old age a disappointment. Such a career as your own, gathering honor and renown with advancing years, and approaching its close, rich in the garnered treasures of a long life, leads us to believe that old age has a pleasure peculiarly its own—a pleasure rich in retrospect and reminiscence—the pleasure of an abundant harvest, of fulfilment rather than anticipation, and also an outlook for the future, resting upon foundations that are immovable and enduring. Though you are one of the "Old Guard," though your head is "frosted with the snow that never melts," your heart and brain are young. Love knows no decay. In thought and affection you are our brother. In noble impulses and generous enterprises you are of to-day. We congratulate you as a man and a Mason, who, rich in the past, has his face to the future. "For age is opportunity no less than youth itself, though in another dress, and as the evening twilight fades away the sky is filled with stars invisible by day." "Signed on behalf of the Lodge by W. Bro. J. W. Dowd, Worshipful Master, Bro. H. T. Smith, Secretary, and R.W. Bros. W. C. Wilkinson, Treasurer, and George Tait," Committee.

The address was got up in the form of an album, bound in rich royal blue calf, the covers being elegantly chased in gold, upon the front cover the following words were inscribed: "An address to Brother, the Hon. Senator James Robert Gowan, C.M.G., Q.C., LL.D., from St. Andrew's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 16, G.R.C., 12th May, A.L., 5896." It consisted of several pages of artistic designs. The first page had the two Masonic pillars or columns, surmounted with Globes, representing the Universe, upon the columns or pillars appeared the name and number of the Lodge. In the centre of the columns were the altar, lights, mosaic pavement, and the