

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, August 8, 1888.

A general meeting of the Odd Fellows of Winnipeg was held in "Friendship Hall, I. O. O. F.," this morning at 9:30 o'clock, for the purpose of presenting an Address of Welcome to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, about to meet in annual session. The Hall was very nicely decorated with flags and emblematic mottoes, which had a very pleasing and inspiring effect. The meeting was opened in due form, with Bro. Geo. C. Mortimore, Past Grand Secretary, D.D.G.M., occupying the chair of Noble Grand, and the Noble Grands of the city Lodges in the following positions :

- Bro. D. E. McKinnon, N.G. Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, as R.S.N.G.
- " John E. Dingman, N.G. North Star Lodge, No. 2, as R.S.V.G.
- " A. L. Anderson, N.G. Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, as L.S.V.G.
- " D. J. McDonald, N.G. Union Lodge, No. 14, as V.G.

The Grand Master and Grand Officers, with the Grand Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, having been announced in waiting, were admitted and received with the Honors of the Order.

The D. D. G. M. then read the following Address :

To J. D. Bowley, Esq., Grand Master, Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows :

BROTHERS,—On behalf of the four Subordinate Lodges of Winnipeg, we have great pleasure in welcoming you here to-day. We feel highly honored that the Grand Lodge decided to hold this session in the Capital of Manitoba, and assure you that we will spare no effort to make your stay with us both pleasant and agreeable.

We trust you will be convinced by our actions, that hospitality and fraternal courtesy are among the characteristics of the Odd Fellows of Winnipeg.

We realize the fact that Odd Fellowship is bound by ties which recognize no city, province, territory, state or nation, and in welcoming you here to-day, desire to assure you that the principles embodied in the grand motto of our Order, "Friendship, Love and Truth," are deeply rooted in our hearts, and trust that when you leave us to resume your several vocations, you will carry with you such pleasant recollections of this session, and the social intercourse enjoyed with the brethren, that the impression will not be easily erased from your memories.