

has been well said, "The Crown of the British realms was placed upon the head of the most popular and beloved Sovereign that ever wielded the sceptre since the days of Alfred;" let us not forget the true spirit of the "Jubilee" year, an ancient and solemn ordinance full of the deepest significance, instituted by God Himself, very long before earthly Sovereigns had any existence. Wherein the *Seventh* month of the *Fiftieth* year, at the joyful sound of the trumpet, all bond were made free, all prisoners liberated, all wrongs forgiven, all debts remitted, all wanderers' reclaimed, and peace, love, joy and freedom reigned supreme. Every part of the institution, as given to us in Scriptures, and by the great historian, Josephus, was divinely intended to promote and express national joy, thanksgiving, and restoration to religious liberty. The governing principle being that of the "SABBATH," or "day of rest," from secular occupations, and increased attention and devotion of our time to God. The *Seventh* year being observed like unto the *Seventh* day, and after *Seven Sabbaths* of years, otherwise "*Forty-Nine*." The "*Fiftieth*" was "the acceptable year of the Lord," in which there should be special blessings most abundantly bestowed on those who observe its provisions and abide by its teachings, pointing ever onward to that spiritual rest, the expression of Divine favor, and the Christian's crowning privilege.

Deeply grateful for the opportunity of participating in the National Celebration, and mingling more serious thoughts with the joyous feelings, to which, as a body, you will give such expressions as you may think proper, to evince the love and loyalty by all classes of the Dominion towards their Sovereign, and none more so than by the Templar Body of Canada.

I congratulate you all upon the privilege of participating in the grand and important solemnization of a Jubilee year, earnestly hoping that such an auspicious event, may lead to the crowning gratification in Masonic Annals of a peaceful termination to the unfortunate misunderstanding between our English brethren and those of Canada (Quebec); which we trust will soon be happily adjusted, forgotten, and buried in oblivion, and thus make it a Masonic Jubilee in deed as well as in name.

THE CANADIAN AUSTRALIAN WARRANT AND THE GREAT
PRIORY OF ENGLAND.

It has been a source of much concern to me, that by a mis-