

PRESENTATION to M. W. Bro. T. D. HARINGTON, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge, some time ago, did itself honor by resolving upon making a presentation to M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, P. G. M., in recognition of his eminent services to Freemasonry in Canada. By the subjoined correspondence, it will be seen that the presentation has taken place. The testimonial consists of a very fine silver tankard, bearing an inscription to the effect that it has been presented to Bro. Harington "for his valuable services to Canadian Freemasonry;" and a silver flute, with the inscription, "Presented by the Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Canada, to M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P. G. M., &c." The flute is a very fine instrument, called the "Boehm flute," manufactured by Rudall, Rose, Carte & Co., London makers, and has every recent improvement. The following is the letter of the Grand Master, and the reply of Bro. Harington:—

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
Stimcoe, 26th February, 1868.

M. W. SIR AND DEAR BRO. HARINGTON,—By a resolution adopted at the last meeting of our Grand Lodge, it was ordered that a suitable testimonial be presented to you, as a mark, not only of their appreciation of your valuable services to Masonry, but also as an evidence of the warm fraternal regard and esteem entertained for you by the Masons of Canada.

It has given me, personally, peculiar pleasure to be permitted to act as the agent of Grand Lodge, in carrying out their wishes in this respect, and I have now to request your acceptance of the accompanying piece of plate and other articles, as a slight evidence of the feeling which prompted the resolution referred to, and as a spontaneous offering from hearts that love you.

Your valuable services to Masonry in Canada have long been known and appreciated by the Craft, and among them all, there is no one who rates them more highly, or feels more truly grateful, for the many years of unwearied, energetic and intelligent zeal displayed by you at all times, in advancing the best interest of our venerable Order, than myself.

You occupy, M. W. Sir, a proud position on the records of our Grand Lodge, and in the affections of its members; and I but echo the general sentiment, when I express the hope that the G. A. O. T. U. may crown your future years with honor, happiness and prosperity.

Believe me, always, my dear Bro. Harington,

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

(Signed,) WM. M. WILSON,
Grand Master.

M. W. BRO. T. D. HARINGTON, Esq.,
Past Grand Master of Canada, &c., &c.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,
OFFICE OF PAST GRAND MASTER,
Ottawa, 8th March, 1868.

M. W. BROTHER WM. M. WILSON, Esq.,
Grand Master Grand Lodge of Canada.

MY DEAR AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,—I am in receipt of your very kind, fraternal and complimentary letter of the 26th ultimo, together with the "Testimonial" granted to me by resolution of Grand Lodge at its last annual Communication, and I request you to convey to my Brethren, when again assembled, my warm thanks for their kindness. I feel sincerely gratified, and shall ever make use of and look at and exhibit this valuable proof of their regard and friendship with an honest and pardonable pride.

To the best of my ability, I tried to do my duty while holding the honorable, responsible, and arduous office which you again do now so worthily fill; and you will, I know, bear me out in saying that, though a labor of love, the duty of a Grand Master is not a light one. It is not by any means a sinecure; consequently, when a man who has been elected thereto, and, by the free choice of his Brethren, been so highly and honorably trusted, finds that his fulfilment of duty is kindly and openly approved, and that he can point to tangible proofs to show that his work is accepted as good, it is very pleasant.

You, Most Worshipful Brother, have experienced this great gratification, and I was then the happy instrument directed to

express the good pleasure of Grand Lodge. Now, you and I have changed positions, and you are pleased further to allude to my services and zeal in the cause of Freemasonry, and the proud position I occupy in the Order in this our "Canada." Believe me when I state, that your personal praise and approval greatly enhance and form a gratifying adjunct to my otherwise valuable "Testimonial." I have read and re-perused your kind and brotherly words, and each time of doing so, I feel and appreciate them more strongly and gratefully. You and I have always worked heartily and reciprocally together for the benefit and honor of our loved and excellent Institution, whether in or out of office, and if my opinions and counsel, when asked for, have been of service,—as you kindly say they have,—rest assured that I can in very truth assert the same thing of your candid and ready help and support in my behalf. We have always pulled together, and I have no mistrust but that we always shall do so. I thank you heartily for your letter, and its, to me, interesting contents.

The "Grand Lodge of Canada," from the time of its infancy, has been growing and increasing in its proportions, and steadily adding to its influence and importance; and I, for one, most fervently hope that its existing fair young manhood will receive no unfortunate check. I trust and pray to see the "young giant" more and more developed, and its sphere of usefulness and benevolence much more enlarged. You had the privilege of guiding the "child" till it possessed strength to stand firm; then your mantle fell on my shoulders, and I tried at least to be worthy the succession. Then I gave place to a worthy, honorable, and conscientious Brother, under whose auspices the structure advanced in prosperity; and now you, its first-trying and experienced pilot, are again at the helm, and you cannot help, Most Worshipful Brother, but complacently behold your own "raw material" fashioned into the "Perfect Ashlar." Much remains to be done yet,—and, chief of all, our "Charities" should be attended to, and as soon as possible, advanced to perfection. If we all put our shoulders manfully and masonically to the wheel, they cannot be a failure.

But I see that what I began in thankfulness is degenerating into something else. It is curious how true is the saying that "Where the heart is, there one's treasure is also." I will therefore simply declare, that even if I had not been gratified by becoming the possessor of the "Testimonial" now so pleasantly transferred to me by you on behalf of Grand Lodge, the records of Grand Lodge would alone make me feel a pride in my masonic standing, containing, as they do, my conferred rank of "Past Grand Master," (now nine years ago), and subsequently my election by my Brethren, for four consecutive years, to preside over their counsels as "Grand Master" of "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada."

Reiterating my sincere thanks to my Brethren and yourself, and wishing you every good you can all desire for your own selves, I remain, my dear and Most Worshipful Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Past Grand Master, &c.

ADDRESS TO THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER.

Wilson Lodge No. 86, during last summer, adopted an address to M. W. Bro. Wilson, congratulating him on his re-election to the Chair of the Grand Lodge; but circumstances prevented its being presented until a few weeks since, when the Grand Master happened to be in Toronto. The following is the address and reply:—

To WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, Esq., LL. D., Most Worshipful Grand Master, &c.:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR,—We, the W. M., Wardens and Brethren of Wilson Lodge, No. 86, desire to offer to you our congratulations on the occasion of your re-election as the head of the Masonic fraternity in this country.

We feel assured that the past prosperity of the Craft, not only in these, but in the other Provinces of British North America, has been due in a great degree to the energy and prudent foresight which has characterized your administration of its affairs, and in the complications which may possibly occur, consequent upon the Confederation of the Provinces of British North America, we are confident your proved administrative ability will lead the way to the satisfactory solution of any difficulties which may arise.

We have read with great pleasure the very able Address you delivered at the recent Session of the Grand Lodge of Canada—the