

Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., at Montreal, this 25th day of September, A. D. 1846.

H. F. J. JACKSON, N. G.
WM. EWAN, Secretary.

To which P. G. Hardie made the following reply :—

NOBLE GRAND, OFFICERS AND BROTHERS,—That there are occasions that draw forth feelings of the deepest gratitude,—that call into action Nature's warmest impulses,—that cause a thrill both of joy and pain to vibrate throughout the system,—all must admit ; and such is this to me.

As one bound to you by the revered ties of Friendship, Love, and Truth, do I stand before you : as one that has always experienced at your hands those ennobling principles which Odd Fellowship inculcates, do I tender to you all my sincere and heartfelt thanks.

Since my association with you, the warm hand of friendship has always been cordially extended to me,—the bonds of our Brotherhood thrown around to cheer me on my course, and unite us as those should be united, o'er whose head is unfurled the broad banner of our beloved Order.

And on this occasion, when I meet you, perhaps for the last time, to receive your kind farewell, I can but look back with pleasure to the time when I first was taught, that Odd Fellowship is a Society having for its aim a universal Brotherhood, based on the broad and noble principles of Faith, Hope, and Charity, crowned with the luxuriant and unfading wreath of Friendship, Love, and Truth,—a leveller of distinctions—a safeguard to virtue—the widow's friend and orphan's protector,—and I have ever considered it as an Institution, the true benefactor of mankind. Hence are some of my warmest affections centered in Odd Fellowship ; for I not only feel but know it to be a Society capable of enlisting man's deepest sympathies for his fellow-man—of rendering our intercourse with the world at large what it should be—one of respect and esteem.

And when I look round and see what rapid advancement it has made, not only in this Province, but wherever it has been introduced, I feel that the day is not far distant, when thousands will acknowledge its social virtues, who are now its bitterest enemies. It is a time to be looked forward to with hope, when we shall see encompassed within the circle of its benign influences, all, worthy the name of Odd Fellow, and its proud banner floating throughout the length and breadth of the land, everywhere acknowledged to be, what it truly is, a friend to Peace, Harmony, and Morality.

In acknowledging the receipt of this grateful token of your respect and esteem, and of the approbation of the Lodge to which I have the honor to belong, allow me to say, I must consider it as a reward rather to my disposition, than to my efficiency.

Convinced that any expression of my thanks for the kindness and honor which you have conferred upon me, would fall far short of doing justice to my feelings, I can only request of you, brethren, to receive the assurance of my earnest and fraternal esteem.

On the inner case is engraved the following inscription :—

PRESENTED
TO
P. D. G. M. THOMAS HARDIE, P. C. P. & P. H. P.,
BY HIS BRETHREN OF
PRINCE OF WALES LODGE, NO. 1.
I. O. O. F.,
AS A TOKEN OF THEIR ESTEEM.

Montreal, Sept. 25, 1846.

Brother P. G. Hardie left this City on the 27th ult., for Chicago, and carries with him the good wishes of we may say every Odd Fellow in this place, who truly understands the interpretation of that title.

We should not omit to mention, that the R. W. Grand Lodge, duly convinced of the services rendered to the Order by P. G. Hardie, presented him with a silver snuff-box, bearing a suitable inscription.

PRESENTATION OF A STAR OR JEWEL TO
P. G. CHARLES F. CLARKE.

On Wednesday evening last, the members of Queen's Lodge were gratified by an imposing and interesting ceremony, namely, the presentation by P. G. C. C. S. DeBleury of a splendid Star or Jewel to P. G. Charles F. Clarke, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his brothers of that Lodge.

The Presentation Address, couched in the language of sincerity and esteem, was responded to by all who heard it, with sympathy and delight ; and the excellent reply of the recipient was highly characteristic of the man and brother.

The Jewel itself is a highly wrought piece of work, executed through the agency of brother Townsend, from a design by brother C. M. Tate. We subjoin for the information of those who have not seen it, a description of this *chef d'œuvre*.

A Star of five points, of highly finished gold, ornamented at the points of departure with the jewels appropriate to the Cardinal degrees, is charged on the obverse with, first, the Rose, embossed and finely wrought ; second, the Shamrock ; fourth, the Maple Leaf ; fifth, the Thistle ; and on the lower or 3rd point, Britannia, with Spear and Shield ; on the centre is the heart, enamelled, in the open hand. On the reverse, the points are ornamented with the insignia of the Offices which have been held by P. G. Clarke ; namely, the Pens, the Keys, Gavels and Hour Glass. On the lower point, the Crest of the Lodge—a Crown with the Union Jack. In a wreath, the centre holds this inscription :—

PRESENTED TO
P. G. C. F. CLARKE,
BY THE
MEMBERS OF QUEEN'S LODGE, NO. 2, I. O. O. F.
MONTREAL,
As a Token of their Esteem.

The Star is suspended to a piece of highly finished Scroll work, which flows from the Crown—the Crest of the Lodge. This Scroll-work bears the pin for attaching the Jewel to the coat ; from the extremities of this are suspended ribbons of frosted gold, meeting in the centre, and bearing the hallowed motto of the Order in varnished letters—Friendship, Love, and Truth ;—these ribbons are further ornamented by tassels of gold, suspended from the three mystic links, with the Star to the Ornamental work, which sustains it.

CHASTITY.

Chastity is the security of love, and preserves all the mysteriousness like the secrets of a temple. Under this lock is deposited the security of families, the union of affections, the repairer of accidental breaches. This is a grace that is shut up and secured by all arts of heaven, and the defence of laws, the locks and bars of modesty, by honour and reputation, by fear and shame, by interest and high regards ; and that contract which is intended to be forever, is dissolved and broken by the violation of this ; nothing but death can do so much evil to the holiness of marriage as the violation of the marriage vow, and the breach of conjugal faith.—*Jeremy Taylor.*