

Presentation Committee that the Lodge was ready for their report.

Bros. C. R. Smith, S. W.; Thos. Hill, J. W.; A. Rutherford, Sec'y; William Bell, I. G.; and D. McKillop, members of the Committee, approached the Dais, and presented R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris with a very complimentary address, expressive of the esteem in which he is held by the fraternity, and the very great obligations the Craft are under to that R. W. Brother for his labours in their behalf for the past twenty-two years, seventeen of which he has continued to hold official position as a ruler in the Craft.

The address was very elegantly engrossed on vellum, the work being most artistically performed by Mr. Wm. Bruce. It was accompanied by a very valuable and elegant Past 1st Principal's Jewel, of solid gold, set with rubies and diamonds, manufactured by Bro. J. Belling, and had the following inscription engraved on it: "PRESENTED BY ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 40, A. F. & A. M., TO R. W. BRO. THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, as a mark of affection, esteem, and appreciation of his many valuable services to the Lodge. Hamilton, Ont., 21st April, 1870."

R. W. Bro. Harris gracefully acknowledged the compliment, referring to another souvenir about fifteen years previous, when he had been the recipient of a similar favor at their hands. He assured the Brethren that his efforts on behalf of Masonry had been to him a labor of love; that in the future, as in the past, they might rely on any effort in his power for the good of the Craft, and the extension and diffusion of its noble principles.

We very sincerely congratulate our R. W. Brother on this token of the deserved appreciation of his masonic labors by the fraternity in this city. The compliment is well deserved; and the fact that the Masters of all the City Lodges, and so many others of the fraternity assembled, with the members of the Lodge over which he presides, to do him honor, is evidence that the kindly feeling expressed in the address is confined to no one Lodge, but is joined in by the fraternity generally. After the Lodge was closed, the Brethren adjourned to Bro. Lee's restaurant, where a capital supper had been prepared by the Committee, and its being the expressed wish that R. W. Bro. Harris should be their guest, the honors of the chair were ably discharged by V. W. Bro. E. Mitchell. Altogether, it was a red-letter day with the Masons, whose enthusiastic admiration for their R. W. Brother they always delight to give expression to.

NEW LODGES.

Since our last number, dispensations for the following new Lodges have been authorized by the M. W. Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of Canada, viz:—

"PRINCE ARTHUR" LODGE—At the Village of Odessa, Ont.; W. Bro. A. J. O. Loughlin, W. Master; Bro. A. Benj. Booth, S. Warden, and Bro. Joseph Woodruff, J. Warden. The regular meetings of this Lodge are held on the First Monday after full moon of every month.

"UNION" LODGE—At the Village of Bell Ewart, Ont., of which V. W. Bro. John W. H. Wilson is the W. Master; Bros. Charles H. Kermott, S. Warden, and Robert Burns, J. Warden. The regular meetings of this Lodge are held on the Tuesday on or after full moon of every month.

"IONIC" LODGE—At the Village of Brampton, Ont.; W. Bro. Joseph A. Fife being W. M.; Bro. Geo. Green, S. Warden, and Andrew Brown Scott, J. Warden. The