

ed to our brethren of St. John, but I am apprehensive that the necessities of the sufferers is altogether beyond the amount heretofore remitted. I have therefore been pleased to learn that the Lodges in the Toronto and Hamilton Districts, as well as other localities within our jurisdiction, have supplemented the remittance which I authorized on behalf of this Grand Lodge.

The importance of having amongst the press an exponent of the views and objects of our Order, will perhaps justify me in calling your attention to the claims of *The Craftsman* upon all Freemasons within this jurisdiction. At considerable outlay, the new proprietor has improved the usefulness of this organ for the dissemination amongst our members of such information respecting Masonic matters as may properly be made known through such a medium. I therefore most cordially commend *The Craftsman* to your support.

I would take this opportunity of acknowledging the services of M. W. Bro. Seymour, P. G. M., in presiding at the meetings of the Grand Lodge in July and August last. I also tender my warmest thanks to R. W. Bro. Weller, Deputy Grand Master, for the kind assistance I have received at his hands during the time I have presided over the Grand Lodge, and especially for his conduct of affairs during my absence from Canada, and I would fail in my duty towards you if I omitted to mention the zeal and ability with which the duties of Grand Secretary have been discharged by R. W. Bro. Mason, since he assumed the charge of that important office.

In taking leave of the Grand Lodge this year I am constrained to say that I cannot longer undertake the duties and responsibilities pertaining to this high office. I am conscious that during the years I have occupied this exalted position, in much that was expected and required, I have fallen short. The pressure of professional business and of other pursuits have often prevented me from devoting that attention to the affairs of Grand Lodge which I would have desired. If I have not discharged them well, I have endeavored to discharge faithfully the duties imposed upon me, and it shall be an enduring satisfaction to me in future years that the interests of our Grand Lodge have not suffered during the period I have occupied this chair by the suffrages of those who represented the best and truest people in our land.

May God bless you abundantly above all you can ask or think!

J. K. KERR,
Grand Master.

St. Catharines, Sept. 11, 1877.

The following are the Grand Lodge officers elected and installed:

Grand Master—M. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, Cobourg.

Deputy Grand Master—R. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, Kingston.

Grand Senior Warden—R. W. Bro. G. J. Waugh, Stratford.

Grand Junior Warden—R. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, Hamilton.

Grand Chaplain—R. W. Bro. Rev. J. G. Robb, Toronto.

Grand Treasurer—R. W. Bro. Edward Mitchell, Hamilton.

Grand Registrar—R. W. Bro. C. H. Slawson, Ingersoll.

Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Hamilton, re-elected unanimously.

D. D. G. M. St. Clair District—R. W. Bro. G. W. Holwell, Thedford.

D. D. G. M. London District—R. W. Bro. J. M. Banghart, Strathroy.

D. D. G. M. Wilson District—R. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, Port Rowan.

D. D. G. M. Huron District—R. W. Bro. J. G. Cooper, Walkerton.

D. D. G. M. Wellington District—R. W. Bro. John Cavers, Galt.

D. D. G. M. Hamilton District—R. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Hamilton.

D. D. G. M. Niagara District—R. W. Bro. John Dale, Thorold.

D. D. G. M. Toronto District—R. W. Bro. F. J. Menet, Toronto.

D. D. G. M. Ontario District—R. W. Bro. E. Peplow, Port Hope.

D. D. G. M. Prince Edward District—R. W. Bro. James Smith, Belleville.

D. D. G. M. St. Lawrence District—R. W. Bro. Robert Hendry, Kingston.

D. D. G. M. Ottawa District—R. W. Bro. William Kerr, Ottawa.

Grand Tyler—Bro. J. Linton, Toronto.

Elected members of the Board of General Purposes:

R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. James Moffat, London.

R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, St. Mary's.

R. W. Bro. David McLellan, Hamilton.

W. Bro. John Walsh, Ottawa.

Appointed members of the Board:

R. W. Bro. T. C. Macnab, Chatham.

R. W. Bro. James Bain, Toronto.

R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, Picton.

R. W. Bro. J. P. Brown, Ingersoll.

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The next meeting of Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Toronto on the second Wednesday in September.

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