

follows, preceding it by remarks highly complimentary to the recipient. The Grand Mastership was held in the highest and an almost sacred regard by the Masons of Canada. The office, for the twenty-seven years of its existence, has been filled by able and reputable men, and the Grand Lodge is neither slow to recognize devotion in the post nor niggardly in its expression of that regard. Dr. Henderson held that office with great acceptance both personally and in point of positive ability. He was glad to find so many brethren giving countenance to the presentation, and his long wished for meeting with the brethren of Kingston took place under peculiarly gratifying circumstances:—

ADDRESS TO THE EX GRAND MASTER.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, A. F. & A. M., TO
M. W. BROTHER JAMES A. HENDERSON,
Q. C., D. C. L., PAST GRAND MASTER.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother,—

Your self-sacrifice and devotion to the interests of Freemasonry for a long series of years, the never-wearying consideration and courtesy which have characterized your every act, and the vigorous and just administration of the affairs of the Craft during the past two years as its ruler, have materially contributed to moulding, perfecting and establishing on a lasting foundation its institution in the Dominion.

Like your illustrious predecessors, you have, as an earnest laborer, brought to the Masonic structure the result of your daily toil, specimens of your skill, which may well serve as models to future workers in our ancient Craft.

In your private life, in your relations with the members of the Order, and in your conduct of the various important offices conferred upon you by your brethren, you have illustrated in very full measure those virtues and qualifications which our ancient charges point out as the requisites of a Grand Master.

The Craft at large gratefully acknowledges the deep obligations you have laid upon it, and the Grand Lodge representing the Craft have instructed this committee to mark in some suitable and substantial manner its high appreciation of your distinguished labors.

In discharging the agreeable task thus imposed, the committee request your acceptance of the accompanying service of plate, which it is hoped may in after years pleasantly remind you of the active part

you have taken in disseminating the principles of Masonry, as well as of the good wishes of your brethren.

May the G. A. O. T. U. spare you for long years to be with us, and confer upon you and your family peace, plenty, good health and happiness.

Yours fraternally,

(DANIEL SPRY, Chairman.
COM. (ROBERT HENDRY, Jr.
(DONALD ROSS.

Kingston, March 31, 1882.

The address, illuminated on parchment, is the finest we have ever seen here. It is really a most uncommon work of art, in the line of pen and brush.

EXTEMPORE REPLY.

M. W. Bro. Henderson then made the following reply:—

R. W. Sir and Brother,—

The kind sentiments contained in the address certainly awaken in my breast the warmest emotions, and I can but feebly express my gratitude for this among the several marks of esteem and fraternal regard which I have received from the Ancient Craft.

I fully appreciate the handsome manner in which the Grand Lodge of Canada has expressed its approbation of my endeavors to discharge my duties while occupying that high position in which I was placed by the suffrages of my brethren and fellows. My services have certainly been judged by those generous sentiments that at all times animate the Order. Believe me, had it not been for the cordial assistance and disinterested support which I received on every occasion from the officers and members of Grand Lodge I should not have been able to leave the Grand East bearing with me, as you have stated, the appreciation of that large and influential body.

I feel more than mere words can convey, the great compliment paid to me by the attendance of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, on the presentation of the testimonial. His zeal, tempered with impartiality and firmness, in administering the duties of his high station, shows that among the ranks of Canadian Freemasons can men be chosen who are well able to rule and guide the destinies of the Order with credit and distinction.

Allusion is made to my being an earnest laborer at the Masonic structure. My labors have been to me a pleasure, and I have ever felt that if we could not bring the world into a conformity with our principles, we could individually diffuse them by a strict observance of the Divine precept of doing unto others as we would they