

the Lodge as long as the Great Architect of the Universe is pleased to spare me, and I hope it will be till such time as I have been able to wear your magnificent present into shreds, and then, like the battle flag of a regiment, it can be laid away as a memento of better days.

"The address, sir, that you have just read is of a different character. The kindly words contained therein are something that cannot be purchased with gold or silver. It is unlike the regalia, as it is imperishable and can be handed down as the testimony of the Grand Lodge through their committee, that I have at least endeavored to do my duty as Grand Master. I find, Right Worshipful Sir, that you have greatly over-rated my abilities. I know that I have come far short of doing all that I might have done. To some extent this may have been caused from the feeling that I belonged to an institution whose members were generous, and where the Divine precept is constantly inculcated, 'to do unto others as we would wish to be done by.' Right Worshipful Sir, accept my cordial thanks, as also the brethren associated with you, in carrying out so successfully the wishes of the Grand Lodge in this matter, and be pleased to convey to the Grand Lodge at the proper time my hearty appreciation of their kindness and of your own desire to meet my wishes upon this occasion.

"To the committee of arrangements charged with the duty of carrying out the instructions of the lodges in this city and suburbs I owe a debt of gratitude I can never repay, no matter how anxious I may be to do so, nor how long the time given me to do it in. The hearty manner in which the Masons in this vicinity have taken hold to countenance and make this presentation a success in every sense is something I can never forget.

"To all, from the highest to the lowest here present, and those ab-

sent, I tender my warmest acknowledgments."

Letters were read from M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, Barrie, G. M.; M. W. Bro. H. Murray, Hamilton, D. G. M.; M. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, Kingston, P. G. M.; and others, expressing regret for their unavoidable absence and extending their hearty congratulations to M. W. Bro. Moffat.

A bountiful supply of refreshments was then served, and a brief intermission indulged in, during which many of the audience partook heartily of the edibles provided in the old-fashioned tea meeting style, and handed around by attentive waiters. Upon resuming, the chairman called upon the officers of the Grand Lodge to address the audience,

M. W. Bro. Seymour, of St. Catharines, P. G. M., said it had afforded him sincere pleasure to participate in the ceremony that had taken place and had formed the chief feature of the evening. Having associated for years with M. W. Bro. Moffat, and found him a cordial worker and good exemplar, he had felt great pleasure at receiving an invitation to attend this ceremony. He trusted that Bro. Moffat might long be spared as a useful and ornamental member as well. These gatherings had associated with them a great deal calculated to cement the ties of the fraternity, and to spread brotherly and sisterly love, for while they remembered the ministering angels of their homes they could never forget the ladies. He trusted that the occasion which brought them together would soon be renewed. It was a new departure in London, but had worked successfully elsewhere, as it afforded brethren an opportunity to pass a pleasant social evening.

R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, expressed the pleasure he felt at being present to-night. He alluded to the long connection of M. W. Bro. Moffat with the mystic tie, and thought it was right that the Grand Lodge should honor him as