

Craft generally, whilst I have had the honor of presiding over the Grand Lodge.

Agreeable as this would have been at any time, it is the more acceptable now that I am about to retire from the position, which, by the favor of the brethren, I have so long held.

If I have in any measure been instrumental in upholding the dignity, maintaining the rights or promoting the interests of the Craft, it will be the source of enduring satisfaction to me; and it will always be gratifying to know that during my occupancy of this position, the prosperity of the Craft has been continued, and its operations and usefulness extended.

During my visit to Britain, it was my good fortune to receive many courtesies at the hands of the craft, and I am glad to be enabled to bear testimony to the interest taken in the affairs of, and the kindly feelings entertained for, the brethren of this jurisdiction by the Masonic fraternity of the mother-land.

I shall never fail to remember this expression of the good will of my brethren of Toronto. It is another added to many tokens of their esteem which I have heretofore received at their hands.

In conclusion, allow me to tender my most hearty thanks for your remembrance of Mrs. Kerr, and in her name, as well as on my own behalf, I beg to reciprocate all the kind sentiments which have just been conveyed to us in this address, with which you have welcomed us home again.

J. K. KERR,
Grand Master.

At the conclusion of his address, the Grand Master was greeted with enthusiastic applause, and an adjournment then took place to the Refreshment Room, where an excellent collation was partaken of. W. Bro. Wilkinson filled the chair with his usual ability, and to the satisfaction of all present.

The first toast was the customary Masonic one, "The Queen and the Craft."

"The M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada," was proposed by R. W. Bro. Spry in a neat speech, which elicited a suitable response from M. W. Bro. Kerr, in the course of which he took occasion again to thank the brethren of the Toronto Lodges for the kindly consideration shown to him throughout his official career, and concluded by expressing the hope that the harmonious fraternal feeling existing at present among them might long continue.

"The Grand Lodge of Canada," proposed by W. Bro. Geo. Massie, W. M. of St. John's Lodge, brought a reply from our ever popular Grand Secretary, R. W.

Bro. J. J. Mason, of Hamilton; V. W. Bro. W. J. Hambly, W. M. of King Solomon's Lodge; and V. W. Bro. Wm. Brydon, I. P. M. Rehoboam Lodge.

"The District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District," given by V. W. Bro. J. B. Nixon, W. M. Zetland Lodge, elicited a pleasant speech from R. W. Bro. D. Spry.

"Our Visiting Brethren," proposed by W. Bro. J. G. Robinson, W. M. Ionic Lodge, was responded to by R. W. Bro. Charles A. Tufts, D. D. G. M., Dover, N. H., W. Bro. John M. McNish, Philadelphia, Pa., and W. Bro. Geo. F. H. Mackoe, Boston, Mass.

"The Worshipful Masters of the City Lodges" was proposed in flattering terms by M. W. Bro. Kerr, who paid a well-deserved compliment to the able brethren filling the chairs of the several city lodges. W. Bro. H. Collins, W. M. Doric Lodge, and R. W. Bro. J. G. Burns, I. P. M. Orient Lodge, responded with becoming modesty.

"The Newly Initiated Brethren" was proposed by the W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, and replied to by Bro. Joseph Hughes and James Kent.

R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, gave "The W. M. of St. Andrew's Lodge," W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson making a suitable response.

The Junior Warden's toast—"Happy to meet,—sorry to part,—and happy to meet again," followed, and the brethren separated, having spent a most pleasant evening.

We regret that we are unable to give a fuller report of the proceedings, as several of the speeches were well worthy of extended notice, but our space being all taken up we must content ourselves with the brief reference given to each above.

With our Toronto brethren, we are pleased to extend a cordial welcome to M. W. Bro. Kerr, on his return home, and we are sure the brethren throughout the jurisdiction will be glad to learn that during his visit he met with a hearty welcome at the hands of the Craft wherever he visited in Great Britain, and that he returns with improved health, refreshed and invigorated, ready to discharge his important duties with the energy and industry that has always characterized his official conduct. The address presented by the Toronto brethren will be cordially concurred in by the craft throughout the Province, in whose estimation our M. W. Grand Master stands deservedly high.