

feelings which have always been shown to me ever since I came to the city by the members of the A. & A. S. R. While I am a member of every branch of the Order and appreciate each, I enjoy the meetings of the Consistory as highly, if not more so, than any of the meetings I am privileged to attend. Ill. Commander in Chief, I thank you sincerely for your kind remarks in reference to my dear partner in life, and while I appreciate the testimonial I have been the recipient of this evening, it will, if possible, be more highly prized by my dear wife, and we will preserve it as a memento to hand down to our family of the kindly feelings that existed towards a brother by the members of this Consistory. In the future it will be my earnest desire to so conduct myself, and discharge the duties devolving upon me, that whoever may be spared to see another installation anniversary, the same kindly and brotherly feelings that now exist towards me may be even more intensified. Please now accept my heartfelt and sincere thanks for the very handsome testimonial you have seen fit to honor me with on this occasion.

A vote of thanks was tendered heartily to the committee, which consisted of Ill. Bro. J. J. Mason, 82°, Hugh Murray, 88°, and J. M. Gibson, 82°, for the satisfactory manner in which they had carried out the wishes of the Consistory. The testimonial was purchased from the well known establishment of Bro. Thos. Lees, and bore a suitable inscription, as also the "McLellan" crest.

The following table will show the membership, in round numbers, of the most important societies of the States and Territories: Masons, 540,000; Odd Fellows, 489,000; Knights of Honor (claimed), 125,000; United Workmen, 111,747; Knights of Pythias, 111,000; Legion of Honor, 52,000; Royal Arcanum, 38,000; Red Men, 29,500; Chosen Friends, 29,000; Druids, 13,000; Foresters, 11,000.

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THE ENGLISH LODGES IN MONTREAL.

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Editor CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.

In reference to your article on the English Lodges in Montreal, and the admission (by one of them) of rejected material from Doric Lodge, Toronto, I can inform you that it appears to be a principle of St. George's Lodge, No. 440, to accept the rejected material of the Quebec Lodges, and yet our Grand Master takes no action. The present W. M. is a suspended member of King Solomon's Lodge, and another of its officers is not only a suspended member of King Solomon's, but is also a suspended member of Prince Consort's. Only a few months ago a candidate was twice rejected in St. Andrew's Lodge, and a few weeks after was admitted into St. George's. To the credit of St. Paul's and St. Lawrence Lodges, be it said, they have never acted unreasonably in this respect. But little attention, however, is paid to what is done in St. George's, for their members are not only never admitted to Quebec lodges, but with very few exceptions, even find the doors of St. Paul and St. Lawrence closed to them. Would that our Grand Master would issue an edict against the continued invasion of our territory, especially when now he knows he is backed by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

ATOKA.

We are indebted to M. W. Bro. Rob. Morris for a copy of his very interesting work just issued, entitled "A True Explanation of the Morgan Affair." The work has been carefully prepared, well printed, and will well repay perusal. We will give a more extended notice, with extracts, in our next issue.