

emblems of the Order and the Uniform Rank. The engrossing and illuminating was done entirely by hand and the result of the pen and brush of Mr. J. G. Owen was the production of a beautiful work of art.

The recipient was completely taken by surprise but his embarrassment was covered by the members of Grand Lodge rising to their feet, giving three hearty cheers and singing Auld Ling Syne, after which he was congratulated by every member present, making any attempt at a reply at that stage impossible.

At the close of the afternoon session he made the following acknowledgment :

Grand Chancellor and Brother Knights,—To attempt to give any adequate expression of my feelings for the very handsome manner in which you have recognized what you have been good enough to term my long and various services to the Order is almost as much beyond me now as it was at the time of its occurrence. I can only say that such an evidence of appreciation on the part of the lodges in this jurisdiction was entirely unexpected and, if I may be permitted to say so, knowing my short comings as well as I do, much beyond what the services rendered merited. No one knows better than myself that the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is a most important one and demands the very best energy and ability of the member who is honored by being placed in that position. That I have given to it what little I possess of these I will not attempt to deny, for my work has been a labor of love, and that I have given you reasonable satisfaction was rendered a self-evident fact this morning, but much as I value and esteem the tangible evidence of your confidence words fail me to express how much more I value the spontaneous outburst and generous manifestation of good will which accompanied it. I doubt very much if there has been any such scene witnessed by another Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, with himself as the central figure. I can assure you the memory of it will be with me as long as life lasts and I trust no act of mine will ever cause any of you to regret having been participants in it.

Another source of pleasure and gratification to me was the fact that the expression of your esteem was conveyed by my old time friend and colleague, Bro. King, with whom I have travelled many a long Pythian journey.

For the many kindly references to my services on your behalf, which are contained in the address, and the good wishes extended for the future of myself and family, I am again at a loss for words to indicate how deeply and fully I appreciate them. These references bring to my mind many episodes in my career as your clerical officer and representative which it might be interesting to relate but time will not permit so I will close by simply saying that I hope to show, by a continued and renewed zeal in behalf of our beloved Order how highly I value and regard your splendid testimonial and the confidence you have reposed in me for the past twenty-one years

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