

HAMILTON.—At the regular meeting of Barton Lodge, No. 6, A.F. & A.M., held 11th July last, after the regular routine business of the Lodge, R. W. Bro. R. Brierley, D. D. G. M., on behalf of Barton Lodge, in a few well chosen remarks, presented W. Bro. Wm. Gibson, with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, as a token of the respect in which the W. Bro. is held by his brethren, to which Bro. Gibson replied as follows:—

"Words fail to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the beautiful jewel you have just presented me with; they do so the more as I feel I have done so little either for the Lodge or the Order, to deserve anything of this kind at your hands. I can assure you I did not require this from you as a proof of the good feeling you entertain towards me; coming as I did six years ago to-night a stranger amongst you, and having the honor of occupying the position I do to-night, is proof enough of itself without any other mark of appreciation. I cannot but look back with pleasure and pride to my Masonic career, which I consider has been the brightest epoch of my life. It is true during the time of which I speak I have forgone many pleasures and invitations in order to be present at our meetings, but I was more than repaid by being honored with the government of the Lodge, without this additional expression of good will. During the time I have had the honor of being a Mason, I have never been absent from the meetings of "Old Barton," except when attending Grand Lodge. I do not make my regularity of attendance a boast, as I am proud to say there are many Masons in this city who have been as regular in their attendance as I have been, but I do it with a view of encouraging young members of the Craft to press forward in the Order, assuring them there are no barriers in Masonry to prevent Brethren in any rank of life from advancing to the highest position in the Lodge—provided they are punctual in

their attendance and interested in their duties. I claim no credit for the present prosperity of the Lodge, for without your assistance and support my efforts would have been fruitless; indeed, I am deeply and sensibly indebted to every member of the Lodge for their forbearance in looking over my many faults and shortcomings, and also to the Worshipful Brethren of this and the sister lodges in the city for the able advice and assistance which they so kindly gave me during my term of W. M. I trust that my days of usefulness are not at an end in Barton Lodge; whatever I can I will do to further its best interests, and in doing so I will only be following in the footsteps of those worthy and distinguished brethren who preceded me. In accepting this beautiful gift from you, allow me again to thank you sincerely one and all; and I can but repeat what I said at the last meeting, that I sincerely wish the same prosperity which has existed in the past may long continue, and that nothing but brotherly love may ever be found within the precincts of our beautiful Lodge room.

Meeting of the G. L. of Canada.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada will be held in the City Hall, St. Catharines, on Wednesday, the 12th of September, as per adjournment on the 11th July last, when M. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Grand Master, will preside. There is likely to be a large attendance.

Festival of St. John the Baptist.

Following are the officers of Lodges installed on the 25th of June, unavoidably crowded out of the July number of the CRAFTSMAN.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

SARNIA.—Officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, G. R. C., held at Sarnia, and installed by W. Bro. P. M. Mackenzie, on June 25th, 1877:—I. P. M., W. Bro. W. Taylor; W. M., W. Bro. J. P. Buck; S. W., Bro. E. A. Vidal; J. W., Bro. W. J. Keays; Treas.,