

In conclusion, we earnestly hope that He, who ruleth all things, will so dispose our hearts and minds, that we may be enabled more indissolubly than ever to cement that link of F. & B. L.; and also that He will grant to Mrs. Curtis, yourself and family many years of usefulness, happiness and prosperity.

On behalf of the Lodges of Wilson District.

P. J. BROWN,

D. D. G. M.

R. W. Bro. Curtis made the following

REPLY.

R. W. SIR and BRO.,

I accept with feelings of the deepest gratitude from your hands this really magnificent present, procured through the kindness and liberality of the Brethren of the Wilson District, as a token of their regard for me as a man, and a mason, and of their appreciation of services rendered by me in the cause of Masonry in this District.

It has been at all times a source of the greatest satisfaction to me, to enjoy, as evinced from year to year, the confidence of my Brethren, and the kindly, fraternal courtesy extended to me during my official career, has been ample reward for any attention that I may have given to their interests.

This substantial token of brotherly affection and regard, will ever be cherished by me and mine, as a sacred memento of that which is more precious than gold, the esteem of my brethren.

Accept therefore my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the valuable testimonial, and for the more valuable expressions of attachment contained in the address.

On behalf of Mrs. Curtis as well as on my own, I thank you for the kindly aspirations for our future welfare and prosperity, and she will, I doubt not, unite her prayers with mine, that the G. A. O. T. U. will pour down his choicest blessing upon the Craft, and more especially upon my brethren of the Wilson District."

The Lodge having been closed, the brethren repaired to the Brant House, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared. The chair was worthily occupied by R. W. Bro. Brown,—having on his right the guest of the evening, R. W. Bro. Curtis; and on his left, R. W. Bro. Harris, Grand Secretary. The following Masters and Past Masters were present: W. Bro. H. McK. Wilson, W. M. and V. W. Bros. John Taylor and Fred. Mudge, P. M. of Brant Lodge, No. 45, Brantford; V. W. Bro. Allan McLean, P. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll; V. W. Bro. W. S. Martin and W. Bro. J. Bullock, P. M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 82, Paris; W. Bro. A. McMichael, P. M. of Wilson Lodge, No. 113, Waterford; W. Bro. C. B. Heyd, W. M.; and W. Bro. John Spenser, P. M. of Doric Lodge, No. 121, Brantford; W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, W. M. of Walsingham Lodge, No. 174, Port Rowan; W. Bro. Thompson, P. M. of Scotland Lodge, No. 193, Scotland; W. Bro. E. E. Kitchen, W. M. of St. George's Lodge, U. D.; and W. Bro. J. J. Mason, W. M. of Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, Hamilton.