

fame. He had but that afternoon arrived in town, from the theatre of his toilsome and perilous labours, the details of which he recited with a manly absence of all self-consciousness, quaintly mingled with a sublime, child-like faith, in the practical results of which they were to prove the germ. It was impossible to listen without a convincing sense that this man, whose star was yet climbing to its zenith, was one of those workers specially detailed by The Grand Master for a special service, such as no ordinary hand can render. Clear foresight, calm self-reliance, unshaken energy, and invincible adroitness, breathed in each quiet picture of his touching record. The combination of such rare faculties, accompanied by no suspicion of ostentation, and, as it were, but involuntarily betrayed, marked a brother whom it was a pride to find among us, and whose apron reflected upon each of his fellows an enhanced dignity. And when, in conclusion, he expressed his earnest gratitude to the Craft as having furnished the one all-important weapon, without which failure must have been his meed; and, from his own example, impressed upon his younger brethren the vital value of the observances they had there met to celebrate, it was little wonder if our hearts went out in the ringing acclamations that acknowledged his noble devotion of the gifts of his endowment, and the lessons of his initiation to the service of country, of science, and of mankind. An explanation of which, and of some effects of its production, will be more readily understood from the dialogue of the ensuing chapter.

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## SKETCH OF THE HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE,

No. 6, A. Y. M.

(Now No. 3 on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Canada,) held at Kingston.

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The fourth volume of the minutes of St. John's Lodge, No. 6, commences with 3rd July, 1817, when Bro. Wm. Dean, who was then a schoolmaster in Bath, about 20 miles from Kingston, and an enthusiastic Mason, was admitted a member of the Lodge. He was Secretary to the Convention or Grand Lodge which met at Kingston from 1817 to 1822, and subsequently Provincial Grand Secretary under Prov. Grand Master S. McGillivray. He bore a prominent and successful part in healing the dissensions which so long kept the Craft divided in Upper Canada. Many a social pipe have he and I enjoyed together during his residence in Kingston. When the Seat of Government was removed to Lower Canada, Bro. Dean, who was then, and until his death, which took place