

can boast. Oriental Commandery, the Lodge of Perfection, Chapter of Rose Croix and Consistory of S. P. R. S., meet all in the same building, the bodies of the A. and A. S. R. being in a very flourishing condition.

Through the kindness of Ill. Bro. McLellan, the small band of Canadians were introduced to P. G. M. Wiley M. Egan, to whom they are indebted for a visit to the rooms of the Board of Trade, during the hours of business, and who presented them with tickets of admission good for one month; he also introduced them to several brethren, among them Theodore T. Gurney, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who presented them with advance copies of his report in reference to the so-called Grand Lodges of "Cuba and Colon." Afterwards, they were driven to the Engine House of the Chicago Water-works, where they were introduced to P. G. M. Dewitt C. Cregier, the chief engineer of the said works, and the designer of the powerful engines of the same place. They were also favored with meeting the Grand High Priest of the State, Arthur R. H. Atkins, and the Grand Secretary, James H. Miles; also Bros. G. W. Barnard, John O'Neill, H. H. Cond, John Sheville, and Ill. Bro. Jonathan J. French, whom Ill. Com. McLellan had been in correspondence with in regard to establishing the order of Royal Ark Mariners in the State of Illinois, and in accordance with a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of R. A. Mariners, Ill. Bro. French was commissioned to confer the several degrees on brethren in the State of Illinois, for the purpose of establishing Lodges of the Order in that State, so that a Grand Lodge may eventually be established in that at present unoccupied territory. The Canadians feel assured that from the zeal of that Ill. Bro. it will not be long before the rite has a strong hold in that locality. While in Chicago, Ill. Com. McLellan was presented with his credentials

as the representative of the Grand Imperial Council of Illinois of the Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Robt. B. Smith of Alton, being the Most Ill. Grand Sovereign, and Ill. Bro. Jonathan J. French, Grand Recorder. Bros. McLellan, Seymour and Spry left Chicago at 5.27 p. m. on Saturday evening on the homeward journey, feeling that in their two days' visit to that great city, they had seen more of it in that short time than if they had spent a week or more in the usual way of visiting such large places, and the very great kindness experienced by them from all the brethren with whom, by the politeness of Ill. Bro. McLellan, they met, will be, we are sure, long remembered by the trio. They were only sorry that their stay there was so short, as the Chicago brethren, one and all, did what they could to make their visit one of profit and pleasure. They reached Hamilton on Sunday morning at 11.30, where they took leave of our friend and M. W. Bro. Seymour, who continued his journey to St. Catharines, M. Ill. Comp. Spry remaining in Hamilton over Sunday, where he was the guest of Ill. Com. McLellan until the following morning, when he left per G. W. R. for Toronto. These visits, we are convinced, do much to bind still more closely together our great Brotherhood.

Masonic Correspondence.

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To the Editor of THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.]

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER,—
Although the question of the alteration of the time for holding the annual communication of Grand Lodge has been disposed of by the adoption of the resolution moved by myself and seconded by R. W. Bro. Klotz, at our recent meeting in St. Catharines, I may perhaps be permitted to submit a few remarks on the letter of "P.