

GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.
Office of the Grand Z.;
BARRIE, Ont., 9th February, 1880.

J. B. Trayce, Esq., Port Hope.

DEAR SIR AND EX. COMP.,—I have much pleasure in enclosing your credentials, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, near the Grand Chapter of Canada, and heartily congratulate you on the appointment, as I am well aware that the Body that has appointed you has done itself honor in selecting a representative who is so highly esteemed and entirely acceptable to the Grand Chapter of Canada. May you long be spared to enjoy this additional honor.

I am yours,
Sincerely and fraternally,
DANIEL SPRY, Grand Z.

MONTREAL.—In accordance with a previously announced plan, the M. W. the Grand Master of Quebec has been attending meetings of the craft in the several Masonic Districts of this Province, and on the evening of Wednesday a very large assemblage of the brethren of Montreal district took place in the Masonic Hall, Montreal. Accompanying the Grand Master were a number of the most distinguished brethren in the order, among whom were M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M. Grand Lodge of Canada; M. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, P. G. M., G. L. of Q.; R. W. Bro. C. Judge, of Quebec, D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Col. Macleod Moore, of Laprairie, P. G. W., G. L. of C., and Great Prior of the Order of Knights Templar of the Dominion of Canada; R. W. Bro. W. M. Lemesurier, D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Rev. John Scrimgeour, Grand Chaplain, &c., &c.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Hamilton Graham, of Richmond, delivered an able and instructive address, in the course of which he dwelt upon the importance of the duties devolving upon the Brethren in the selection of materials for the building up of their Lodges; a faithful adherence to the land marks of the order; a careful, persevering, and systematic study of the symbolism of the order as exemplified in the

ritual, and especially in the lectures of the several degrees; he discussed also the historical data of the craft, with special reference to recent discoveries in Egypt, and sketched in clear and forcible language the evidences of the universality of the order from east to west, and from pole to pole. A brief allusion was made to the present difficulties with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which he hoped ere long would be amicably and honorably adjusted towards both parties, and announced the probability of his being able to visit the mother land during the coming summer, when personal intercourse would, doubtless, accomplish that most earnest desire of all good Masons, viz.: harmony in the craft in this jurisdiction. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Brother Graham for his able and instructive address, after which Brothers Simpson, Tait, Judge, Moore, Scrimgeour and others briefly addressed the meeting, all eulogizing the sentiments embodied in the Grand Master's address, and a strong desire was manifested for a continuance of such meetings.

On Thursday evening Brother Graham—who is also Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec—met the Royal Arch Companions of the District, and discussed with them matters pertaining to Capitular Masonry, to the edification of all who were present.

Many of the brethren met Brother Graham for the first time, and likewise Brother Macleod Moore, and great pleasure was evinced by all in thus enjoying personal intercourse with the rulers of the craft in this jurisdiction.

PARKDALE.—Alpha Lodge, A. F. & A. M., in this village, was constituted on Thursday evening, the 1st April, by R. W. Bro. Thomas Sargant, D. D. G. M., through a dispensation from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, corner Bathurst