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The Supreme Council was then closed in the Degree of Perfection, and labor resumed in the Thirty-third Degree.

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: DANIEL SPRY, the address of the Sov.: Gr.: Commander was referred to a special committee.

The Sov.: Gr.: Commander appointed the following brethren as the committee: Ill.: Bros.: DANIEL SPRY, ISAAC H. STEARNS and DAVID McLELLAN.

The Special Committee on the Revision of the Ritual reported as follows:

MONTREAL, October 24th, 1888.

*To the Supreme Council, 33°, A.: & A.: S.: Rite of Freemasonry, for the Dominion of Canada.*

ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN:—

Your special committee, appointed to examine into the Ritual used by this Supreme Council, and if necessary, revise the same, have to report as follows:

That from the fact that some members of the committee live long distances apart, it has been impossible to get them all together. That the members of the committee residing in Hamilton have had the question before them, and have given all the time they could well spare to this important subject.

They report that they have very carefully examined the Ritual which obtains here, and compared the same with those of other jurisdictions, and while they cannot recommend any radical changes, as they are thoroughly convinced that, as a whole, their own is superior to others, yet they have made some emendations of parts which appear to them objectionable, and are prepared to recommend some additions taken from the work of N.: J.: U. S., which they think of decided worth, and are ready now to exemplify them before the Supreme Council.

Your committee have only dealt with the Degrees of Perfection, Council of P.: of J.:, and Chapter of Rose Croix, leaving the remainder, those about which there seems to be more difference of opinion, viz., from 19° to 32° inclusive, to be revised further on, and for which purpose ask the Supreme Council to grant them another year to enable them fully to complete their duties.

J. W. MURTON, 33°,

*Chairman.*

On motion of Ill.: Bro.: MURTON the report was received, and it was resolved that the degrees reported