

would-be assassin, but in the fact that no sane person in the three kingdoms could be found to lift his hand against the sacred person of Her Majesty. Death has been busy in our ranks—the evergreen has fallen on many a still heart that once beat warmly for Masonry and for the love of the Order.

Most Ex. Comp. T. D. Harington, P. G. Z., and P. G. M., passed away suddenly whilst conversing with his family at his home at Prescott. He was one of the most distinguished members of the fraternity within the Dominion of Canada. The name of Thomas Douglas Harington is a synonym for honor, integrity and truth; of him we are all proud to say that he was a Mason. He occupied gracefully all those high offices it is possible for a man to hold in our Order, with honor to himself and benefit to the society. The record of his life is that which we may all hope to aspire to—a good husband, a sincere friend, and a true Mason. What higher honors could prince or potentate confer on him? In the neighboring city of Hamilton, Rt. Ex. Comp. Meakins, P. G. Supt. of Hamilton District, and Rt. Ex. Comp. Chauncey Bennett, P. G. Supt. of Wilson District; also, Rt. Ex. Comp. Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, P. G. Supt. of the Central District, have gone to their rest. All who were brought in connection with them testified to their goodness, their charity, and their devotion to Masonry. Peace to their ashes.

A few years since the ground on which we stand was considered to be one of the outposts of civilization; but now what do we see? A great city, almost competing with its grand old mother across the sea, in the magnificence of its buildings, in the perfection of its highways, in the excellence of its manufactures, and nothing behind in the loyalty of its citizens and the diligence and energy of its inhabitants. The old countryman from the metropolis of the world hears the names of streets and bridges, so familiar and dear to his ear, that he may almost fancy himself at home and straining his eyes across the western horizon beholds a great Empire opening into existence—the future home of millions of the human race, where, in the course of a few years, thousands of lodges of good and accepted Masons will dot the prairies—where before but the lodge of the wild Indian and the trail of the buffalo were to be seen. The grand temple under whose roof we now meet,—perfect in its arrangements and so beautiful in its simplicity—testifies to the generous impulses of the brethren who contributed their means towards its erection. May it long stand as an example of their devotedness and their skill as practical masons.

DISPENSATIONS.

On the 17th August, 1881, I granted a dispensation to the companions at Dresden, County of Kent, to establish a chapter there, to be called McNab Chapter. On the 10th April, 1882, I granted a dispensation to the companions at Woodstock, N. B., to establish a chapter to be called Woodstock. These were properly recommended by the Superintendents of the several districts and granted accordingly.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

Notwithstanding the well known views of G. C. against granting dispensations to permit companions to be installed as Principals without having previously served in the offices which the Constitution requires, I have thought it advisable, in the interest of Masonry, to issue the following on the recommendation of the Superintendents of Districts:—

To instal as Z not having served as W. M. 2.

To instal as Z not having served as H. 5.

To instal as H not having served as J. 2.

The Reports of the several Grand Superintendents of Districts will be laid before you, which will show the progress made during the year, and which I trust will be satisfactory to all present. A Chapter of Instruction was held in Toronto, under the watchful eye of Rt. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, and much benefit was derived therefrom. I would recommend that a similar course be adopted by all Grand Superintendents of Districts, as great benefit to the chapters will be derived from such a procedure, and Capitular Masonry be greatly advanced.

REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year the following have been appointed as representatives:—

To the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts—Rt. Ex. Comp. the Hon. Edwin Wright.

To the Grand Chapter of Tennessee—Rt. Ex. Comp. Elihu Edmundson.

From the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia—Rt. Ex. Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington.

From the Grand Chapter of Tennessee—Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. Gibson, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington.

From the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania—Rt. Ex. Comp. Donald McPhie, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rt. Ex. Comp. David McLellan.

The above appointments, I trust, the Grand Chapter will confirm.

RULINGS.

1st. That an objection to the advancement of a candidate cannot be entertained without cause.