

jects can be accomplished. We, therefore, in accordance with our instructions, respectfully ask, through you, that the Grand Chapter, if in its wisdom it seem best, appoint a committee of conference to act with us in an endeavor to perfect such a plan, and submit the same for the approval of both Grand Chapter and Grand Council."

The committee reported as under, and their report was adopted:—

"Your committee most heartily approve of the recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest in regard to the consolidation of the Cryptic degrees with the Royal Arch Chapter, and recommend the appointment of a committee to confer with a like committee from the Grand Council for that purpose."

In the report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, we find that twenty-nine Chapters return no work, and the committee say,—

"In making this note of the inactivity of the Chapters who return no work, if it has been done on the part of the members from a desire to receive and pass nothing but good material, we should say unto them, 'Well done good and faithful,' it is better to do no work than to do bad work."

The same committee also say:—

"The returns of your Subordinates show a decrease this year in membership of (129) one hundred and twenty-nine, which may be attributed to several causes: the most prominent, and that which strikes all Royal Arch Masons as most worthy of our indorsement, is chiefly in the fact that Chapters are now zealous to produce "good work, square work," and are oblivious to "much work," unless the work is such as is wanted for the building of the Temple. While the financial condition of the country is depressed, and may probably have some influence on the additions to Royal Arch Masonry, and possibly with so many Chapters one may conflict with another, however, the aggregate should show the usual average of work. But, as we have remarked, the disposition to weed out the unworthy is not only a subject of remark, but should also be a matter of special commendation."

A plan was adopted for the division of the State into Districts for visitation by the Grand Officers, which we think would be likely to produce good results, besides giving the Grand Officers something to do. There is no doubt but that a visit from a Grand Officer will often do a great deal of service in stimulating members to take a more lively interest in the work. We have known cases where such visits were of the greatest service. The plan adopted is as follows:—

"The committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation to

divide the State into districts, and would have the jurisdiction of each district, as matters, viz:

"Dep. Grand High Priest, Grand Master, and one district they be required to report when called be paid by the Chapter of such office at least two weeks Chapter."

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"Your Special Council of Royal Arch Chapter, your committee at this State, held a joint committee of the Royal and the Royal Arch Chapter committee are of Select Masters should union, and would so amend their Constitution to be enabled to agree of this Grand Chapter to appoint a committee to him a full and and to put the same

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