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SUPREME COUNCIL.

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MONTREAL, October 8th, 1879.

*To the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Dominion of Canada.*

ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN:—

Your Special Committee on Ritual have much pleasure in presenting the Council with their final report, and submitting the ceremonials for inaugurating and constituting Lodges of Perfection, Chapters of Rose Croix and Consistories of S. P. R. S. with the installation of their officers, as also the forms for “dedicating Halls of the Rite, and holding funerals and Lodges of Sorrow.”

Their labor in these, as in a great part of their work since their appointment, has been but comparatively little, as they have had a never-failing source to apply to in the extensive, complete and magnificent works of that prince of Masonic authors and compilers, ALBERT PIKE, to whom we are indebted for a large portion of that which we have presented to this Council, our work consisting principally in abbreviating and revising to suit the Canadian system, we therefore, trust that our labors, although imperfect in many respects, will be accepted.

JOHN W. MURTON, 33°, }  
WM. H. HUTTON, 33°, } *Committee.*

In accordance with the notice given at the Special Session, in March, the question of the recognition of the Supreme Council of Egypt came up, when it was moved by Ill. Bro. HUTTON, seconded by Ill. Bro. STEARNS, that the subject of the recognition of the Supreme Council of Egypt be left in the hands of the Sov. Gr. Commander, to deal with as he may deem best.—Carried.

The following resolution, moved by Ill. Bro. ELLIS, seconded by Ill. Bro. SIMPSON, was then adopted:—

*Resolved*,—That the work of preparing the Rituals, Forms of Installation and other Ceremonials for the use of Bodies of the Rite in Canada being now completed, the Supreme Council desires to place upon record its sense of the diligence, zeal and ability which the Illustrious Brothers MURTON and HUTTON brought to the discharge of their duties as a Ritual Committee, and an expression of its satisfaction at the thoroughness and effectiveness of the work accomplished by them.

*Further Resolved*,—That the Sovereign Grand Commander be requested to convey to these Illustrious Brethren the thanks of the Supreme Council for their valuable services as the Ritual Committee.

Letters and other documents from the following Foreign