

various committees to consider the different subjects brought to the Council's attention by the Grand Commander. At 1 o'clock the Council was adjourned, and the members dined in the banquet room attached to the hall.

At 8 o'clock the Council reconvened. The thirty-third and last degree was then conferred in full form and ritual. The decorations of Scottish Rite Hall during this important ceremony were magnificent. Previous to the actual investiture the candidates were received as honorary members of the Supreme Council. Their one year's probation was formally declared over and the degree was bestowed. A collation and a social gathering followed.

The following distinguished Supreme Council members from other jurisdictions were present at the day's ceremonies :

John B. Ellis, 33, Grand Commander, Supreme Council, Canada ; W. H. Hutton, 33, Past Grand Commander, Supreme Council, Canada ; Isaac Stevens, 33, Chancellor, Supreme Council, Canada ; F. Webber, Grand Secretary General, Supreme Council, Southern jurisdiction ; De Witt C. Dawkins and John F. Mayer, active members, Supreme Council, Southern jurisdiction, and W. O. Roome, 33, Supreme Council, Southern jurisdiction.

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The second day's session was opened with an executive meeting, from which honorary members were excluded. The time was occupied in discussing the present conditions of membership in the Supreme Council and a possible modification of them and the rituals of the council. Charters and dispensations were issued to the subordinate bodies organized during the last year, the representatives of which were present for the purpose of receiving them. At 11 o'clock the Council went into general session. The committee on deceased active members reported five dead out of fifty during the past year. The Committee on the Settle-

ment of Amity and Friendship with the Supreme Council of the States of Central America also made its report, and the thirty-third degree was ordered to be conferred upon Bro. Thomas Lombard in order that he might represent that council at this convention. It is expected that Bro. Lombard will in like manner be accepted by the Supreme Council of Central America as a representative from this Council. Bro. Lombard impartially divides his time between the two countries. A proposition to amend two sections of the constitution affecting the powers of the officers was considered. The reports of other committees were heard and acted upon at the 3 o'clock session. Among those present were Gen. Charles Roume, Gen. J. C. Smith, Judge Charles Levi Woodbury of Massachusetts, and Lieutenant-Governor Jones of New York State.

A dinner and musical party was given in the evening in the banquet hall by the honorary thirty-third degree members of New York to the active thirty-thirds. There were more than 300 visitors, including many women. Interesting speeches were made. The banquet room has recently been decorated in ivory and gold. Among the prominent men who were nominated and accepted for the honor of the thirty-third degree, which was conferred upon a number of candidates, was Bro. George A. Wing of Vermont, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and counsel of the Vermont Central Railroad. An important law case prevented Bro. Wing's attendance, and he was specially permitted to receive his degree at the next annual convention.

The session of 1891 will be held in Boston, when officers will be elected. John V. Ellis, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Canada ; Col. Wm. H. Hutton, of the British Army, Past Grand Commander, and John W. Huston, Lieutenant Commander, both also of Canada, were created honorary members of the Council.