

most able and efficient officer, and one whose place it will be difficult to fill. His name will live long in the memory of the members of the Order, more especially in that of those with whom he has been brought in contact from our province.

## CONCLUSION.

Before closing this Report, I would inform you that both numerically and financially, the lodges throughout the jurisdiction are in a much better condition than they were one year ago. You will perceive from the Report of our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal that a large number of new members have been added, and that the funds of subordinate Lodges have correspondingly increased.

I annex hereto the Reports of the District Deputies, and feel sure that the prosperity shown by the Reports is a cause for congratulation.

The G. K. of R. S. has rendered me very valuable services in the discharge of my official duties, and I think this Grand Lodge is fortunate in retaining such an excellent officer. He has aided me in every way in furthering the interests of our beloved Order.

I would call the attention of this Grand Lodge to the fact that the Supreme Lodge of the World will meet in the City of Detroit, Mich., on Tuesday, the 22nd day of August next. I have received a very kind letter from the Committee on Reception, extending to the members in this jurisdiction a hearty welcome, should they be able to be present. I attach both letter and circular herewith.

And now I beg to ask your kind indulgence should I have committed any error in the discharge of my duties, and should I have offended any, I assure you, brethren, it was an error in judgment. Again thanking you for the many kindnesses received, and hoping that the legislation of this session may result in benefit to the Order,

I remain, yours fraternally, in F. C. and B.,

A. J. RATTRAY,  
Grand Chancellor.

HAMILTON, Ont., May 20th, 1882.

To A. J. Ratray, G. C. of Ontario :

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—I herewith submit my Annual Report as D.D.G.C., for the year ending June, 1882:

The year now closing has been one of general prosperity in the case of Red Cross Lodge, and I am happy to state that the attendance of members and the interest in the work has been highly satisfactory to the officers and myself.

We had the extreme pleasure of receiving a fraternal visit from Charity Lodge, St. Catharines, last fall, which was of a very pleasing nature.