

Commander of the Supreme Council and Grand Master of the Temple in Scotland. A devoted Mason and active in many branches of the fraternity, the death of this Brother will be a serious loss.

Since our last annual meeting, an Ill. Brother, who was at that meeting created an active member, and understood to be for the Province of Nova Scotia, has removed into another Province. There is no regulation of our Supreme Council dealing with a matter of this kind. In the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States removal from the State for which a Brother was created an active member vacates his membership after a certain period has elapsed. In the Southern Jurisdiction Section 9 of the Constitution provides: "If an Inspector General remove permanently into another jurisdiction (State or Territory) in which there is a resident Inspector General, or a Special Deputy of this Supreme Council, he *ipso facto* loses his active membership and becomes an Honorary Member; but by vote of the Supreme Council may be made an emeritus member." The only provision in our constitution dealing with the matter of removal refers to the removal from the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council and not to removal from one Province to another. It is quite clear that if all of the Brethren who are Active Members in one Province were to remove into another there would have to be a new creation of Active Members from the Province thus deprived of its representatives. I say it is quite clear, but this would after all only be as a matter of expediency and of duty, not as a matter of constitutional law, for it must be remembered that while it is understood here that certain members represent particular Provinces, and, possibly, may be created for these Provinces, the constitution itself does not make any provision for representation by Provinces, and I do not think that the standing of any of our present members could be affected by a new rule. Nevertheless the matter is one which ought to be provided for by constitutional regulation.

Having regard to the extent of our territory, which compels the expenditure of large sums for travelling expenses by those Brethren who attend our meetings from distant places, to the conditions of life in some parts of the country, to the many calls upon our Active Members, several of whom discharge public functions of various kinds, it is a fair matter for your calm consideration whether the rule should be rigidly enforced which deprives an Active Member of his seat for failure to attend the Annual Sessions within a certain time specified in the constitution. We need and should have the counsel, advice and assistance of all of our Brethren in Supreme Council, and if we all remained away the consequence would be serious. But it is wise to have regard for the conditions of the Rite in the Province to which these members belong. Are they fairly doing their duty at home? Are there others ready to take their places whom we would desire to have? The rule in regard to non-attending Brethren is made principally to meet a particular condition in the Supreme Council itself. Its rigid enforcement may not be the wisest thing.

Without anticipating the reports of the Deputies of the Secretary-General and of the Treasurer-General, I may say that these reports will show a very good condition of affairs. Our membership increases, the number of our Subordinate Bodies

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have been added to, and the Secretary-General's office have increased our per thousand dollars debenture impairing our ordinary I can observe there is thro

Acting upon a suggestion a complete inventory of to from year to year.

Warrants have been issued by the Lodge of Perfection at Quebec to Royal Oak Lodge of Montreal have been issued during the year to be styled Cumberland title Quebec Chapter; and Chapter. All of these energetic brethren who h of humanity.

In January last I was elected one of the members of the Rite in this Council. Bro. Hutton, and attended the time there was a great present was large, and the Scarcely any words of praise of the manner in which and fittings were appropriate compared to the skill and work in hand. It was all understood them and felt of them to others. The accompaniments. Aside from teaching those who desire beneficial in bringing m enlarging our personal acc the Rite here a debt of g participated in the social mee

A few weeks later I was elected one of the office-bearers. There almost all of the paraphernalia of the very best character. The Lodge has a most earnest an intelligent body of Mas

In accordance with the session of 1888 and at that