

by a Lodge for unmaasonic conduct, carries with it the penalty of suspension in the Chapter without further trial.

DECISIONS.

It is quite customary to ask the Grand Z.'s decisions upon questions that can easily be decided by a Grand Superintendent of a District. The Constitution declares that upon certain matters a Grand Superintendent's "decision is final, unless an appeal is made therefrom to the Grand Z., or Grand Chapter," and it is, therefore, manifestly unfair and disrespectful to that officer to ask for the decision or opinion of the Grand Z. upon any question before submitting the point in dispute to the Grand Superintendent of the District where the parties reside. To prevent, as far as possible, a continuance of this custom, I have requested Companions who have submitted such questions to me, to transmit them through their Grand Superintendent, as it is proper that he should have an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon all such disputed questions arising in the District over which he is the Chief Officer.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have officially visited the following Chapters:—

The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton.
St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto.
St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton.
King Solomon's, No. 8, Toronto.
Siguet, No. 34, Barrie.
Georgian, No. 36, Owen Sound.
Orient, No. 79, Toronto.

R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., the Grand Principal Sojourner, and other Grand Officers, accompanied me on different occasions. Although my reception was most cordial at each visit, members of The Hiram and St. John's Chapters, Hamilton, extended to me so enthusiastic a welcome, that I would be wanting in appreciation if I did not make special mention of it. On this occasion, R. E. Comp. J. M. Meakins, the indefatigable Grand Superintendent of the District, installed the officers of the

two Chapters above named, and those of St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton. The well-established reputation of the Hamilton Companions for courteous treatment of their guests, was fully maintained, and I shall not soon forget the exceedingly pleasant evening spent in a city where Freemasonry has so deservedly high a reputation.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Although on friendly terms with all other Grand Chapters and Masonic bodies, my attention was directed to the neglect to exchange representatives with many of them. This omission has been supplied by the appointment of the following Companions as our Representatives near the Grand Chapters named:—

Alabama,	Ex. Comp.	J. H. Johnson.
Arkansas,	" "	Geo. D. Kimball.
Colorado,	" "	Bon. F. Wells.
Connecticut,	" "	W. R. Higby.
Delaware,	" "	Geo. F. Young.
Indiana,	" "	Elisha L. McLallen.
Ireland,	R. "	J. H. Nelson.
Kansas,	" "	Francis Menet.
Kentucky,	M. "	Howard R. French.
Louisiana,	R. "	Andrew Hero, Jr.
Maine,	M. "	Andrew J. Fuller.
Maryland,	" "	J. M. Carter.
Minnesota,	R. "	Orville G. Miller.
N. Hampshire,	" "	Alpheus W. Baker.
N. Carolina,	" "	C. C. Clark.
Nova Scotia,	V. "	Lorenzo F. Darling.
Rhode Island,	R. "	W. R. Greene.
Oregon,	" "	Donald Mackay.
S. Carolina,	" "	J. M. Bratten, M. D.
Texas,	" "	Henry Scherffius.

Scotland, Ex. Comp. Lord Inverurie, to fill the vacancy caused by the suspension of our former representative by the Grand Chapter of Scotland for un-Masonic conduct.

California, M. Ex. Comp. Nathan Weston Spalding, in place of R. Ex. Comp. Wiggins, who has been expelled for official misconduct.

Missouri, R. Ex. Comp. M. A. Fyke, to fill the vacancy caused by the untimely death of the much lamented Comp. Geo. Francis Gouley.

And the following Companions, members of this Grand Chapter, have been appointed as representatives of the Grand Chapters named:—

R. Ex. Comp. Isaac F. Toms, Goderich, Grand Chapter of Alabama.

R. Ex. Comp. John McLaren, Mount Forest, Grand Chapter of Arkansas.