

Your Committee learn with much satisfaction that the misunderstanding existing at Toronto last year, has been amicably settled. It is more pleasant to record the existence of harmony, than to enter upon disputes. At best throughout the Dominion we are a small family, and we should live happily and harmoniously, evincing in our lives the moral teachings of the Masonic profession.

Your Committee hear with pleasure that application for the establishment of Bodies of the Rite have been received from several districts in the West, and they have no doubt that in the hands of the Illustrious Deputy for Ontario, under the Sovereign Grand Commander, the Lodge of Perfection at the places indicated will, if established, soon show evidence that this beautiful Rite is appreciated by all who enter it.

With the Sovereign Grand Commander your Committee mourn the death of Brothers at Hamilton, and at St. John and at London; but they feel grateful that of our numbers so few have received their last summons, and are finally separated from us on earth. The circle of the Supreme Council itself remains unbroken, and although the Sovereign Grand Commander utters a warning that time is fleeting in reminding us that he has passed the allotted three-score years and ten, we may be permitted to hope that he will be spared for many years to preside over our deliberations, to moderate our judgments, and to guide aright our decisions, and by his genial, kindly nature to draw us closer and closer in the bonds of fraternal love. In his hope we most cordially unite: that we may all be spared until next year to renew our labors and to meet and greet each other, and may our Father who is in Heaven, keep us and bless us.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN V. ELLIS, 33°,
W. H. HUTTON, 33°,
W. B. SIMPSON, 33°.

On motion made by Ill.: Bro.: ELLIS, seconded by Ill.: Bro.: MACKAY, the report was received and adopted.

The Secretary General presented several valuable works as presents from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the U. S., through the very Illustrious Brother ALBERT PIKE; and, on motion made by Ill.: Bro.: MUNRO, seconded by Ill.: Bro.: ELLIS, the Secretary General was instructed to convey to Ill.: Bro.: PIKE the hearty thanks of this Supreme Council for the works just mentioned, as well, also, for his uniform kindness and generosity displayed towards this Supreme Council.

The Special Committee on Ritual read their final report, which was as follows:—

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