

ENDOWMENT RANK.

I desire to draw your attention to this most important feature of our Order, and would strongly recommend that the members generally avail themselves of its privileges. With its accustomed fraternal regard for the Order in this Province, the Supreme Lodge has made special concessions to our jurisdiction by granting us a Board of Control; and any Knight in good standing can now secure endowment untrammelled by any additional rank or separate organization. Applications and full information can be received from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

UNIFORM DIVISIONS.

It is with pride that I am able to report that the first Division of the Uniform Rank in this jurisdiction has been formed by my own lodge, Red Cross, No. 3. I would heartily recommend all our lodges to give this subject their careful consideration, as I believe, judging from what I know of my own lodge since it organized a division, that it will prove of great assistance, besides being a very attractive adjunct to our Order. The appearance of Alpha Division, No. 1, on the occasion of its first parade, was highly commented upon by the citizens of Hamilton, and during the present session the members will have an opportunity of judging for themselves.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It affords me much pleasure to chronicle the fact that the relations existing between myself and the other executive officers of the Grand Jurisdiction and of the Subordinate Lodges have been of the most cordial nature. Whenever sought for by me, their assistance has been most cheerfully rendered, and any information at their disposal has been courteously given.

I would specially, in this connection, mention our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. I have been the recipient of many fraternal courtesies through him, and during my term of office he has, indeed, been my right hand supporter. To him I feel that myself and the Order owes much, and more than can ever be adequately repaid.

And now, brethren, I must close. In all my official acts I have sought to further advance the honour and welfare of the Order, and have endeavoured to faithfully discharge the trust you reposed in me. How well I have done so, I leave for you to determine. With many thanks for the honour conferred upon me, and bespeaking for my successor a continuance of the courtesy and respect which I have experienced,

I remain, fraternally yours,

JESSE CHAPMAN,
Grand Chancellor.