

APPENDIX.

The following is the "letter of enquiry" referred to in the foregoing communication:—

RICHMOND, P. Q.,
Canada, May 3, 1883.

M. W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Portal, M. A., Gr. Rep. of the M. E. the Gr. Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec, near the M. W. the G. L. of M. M. M. of England, &c.

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BROTHER,—A rumor has just reached me, causing me much anxiety, to the effect that the M. W. the G. L. of M. M. M., of England and Wales, &c., which I have the honor to represent at the M. E. the Gr. Chapter of Quebec, has issued a Warrant for the establishment of a lodge of M. M. M. in the city of Montreal, and within the sovereign jurisdiction of our Grand Chapter of Quebec.

I do not deem it possible that such can be the case, but being desirous of knowing the actual facts relating thereto, I at once address myself to you, as our Gr. Rep. near that Gr. Body, begging you, to be pleased to ascertain and communicate the same to me at your earliest convenience, so that if such has not been done, we may avert a deplorable event, and if, unhappily, the rumor is correct, I may take such steps as honor and Masonic duty demand of me, and that I may be so enabled to submit the matter to our M. E. Gr. Z., and to our Grand Chapter, as that whatever action may be taken *anent* the same, shall accord with our duties and obligations as a Sovereign Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

An early reply, giving all the facts

pertaining to this important matter, will very greatly favor,

Yours truly and fraternally,

JOHN H. GRAHAM,

P. G. Z., G. C. of Quebec, and Gr. Rep. of G. L. of M. M. M. of England, Wales, &c., &c.

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GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Royal Ark Mariners and Knights of the Order of Rome and Constantine, held its annual assembly at Ottawa, on the 12th August. The Grand Master of the Order, Most Ill. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, presided. Amongst those present were Most Ill. Comps. D. Spry, Grand Recorder; J. G. Burns, D. McLellan, Grand Treasurer; Right Ill. Comps. James O'Connor, of Winnipeg; Thos. Sargent, J. B. Nixon, E. H. Butterworth, Ottawa; E. H. D. Hall, Moose Jaw, N.W.T.; Robert Ramsay, Orillia; P. J. Slatter, George J. Bennett, N. T. Lyon, D. Watt, Toronto; J. Kerr Brydon, Rat Portage; L. H. Henderson, Belleville; A. Chatfield, Maitland; R. Slater, St. Thomas; John Scoon and H. K. Maitland, Guelph; W. D. Gordon and H. J. Wilkinson, Kingston, etc.

The Grand Master read his annual address, which was as follows:—

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS, — The ceaseless march of time has brought us to the close of another Masonic year, and while the shadows are lengthening, the hour is opportune for scanning the record of the dying year. I need not say that it is with a great deal of satisfaction that I am once more permitted to meet the members of this Grand Council. Looking