

first Grand Treasurer, and in the following year, 1799, that of Deputy Grand High Priest.—*Keystone.*

Cryptic Masonry.

THE GRAND COUNCIL.

The eighteenth annual assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Canada was held in Toronto on Monday, July 16th, M. Ill. Comp E. H. Raynor, St. Thomas, presiding. Grand Master Raynor, in his address, reviewed the progress of the Cryptic Rite in his jurisdiction, and offered several excellent suggestions for its advancement. The following officers were elected for the year :—

M. I. Comp. P. J. Slatter, Toronto, Grand Master.

R. I. Comp. David Taylor, Ottawa, Deputy Grand Master.

R. I. Comp. J. A. Nelles, Guelph, Grand P. C. W.

M. I. Comp. D. McLellan, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.

M. I. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, Grand Recorder.

R. I. Comp. D. F. McWatt, Barrie, Grand C. of G.

R. I. Comp. Geo. Gott, Amherstburg, Grand Lecturer.

R. I. Comp. Rev. J. Anthony, Caledonia, Grand Chaplain.

The following R. Ill. Companions were elected Inspectors-General :—

London division, C. V. Monthrop ; Hamilton division, Alex. Bruce ; Georgian division, W. R. Howse ; Quebec division, L. H. Stearns ; Ottawa division, W. Reynolds ; Toronto division, J. Simpson.

GRAND MASTER SLATTER.

M. Ill. Comp. Phil. J. Slatter was born in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, Eng., July 18th, 1854, but came to this city while young. When fifteen years old he entered the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway, and his attention to whatever work was allotted him, combined with his rare business abilities, led to promotion after promotion, until he now holds a most lucrative position. He was initiated into King Solomon Lodge, Toronto, March, 1876, and in 1884 was its W. M. He became connected with King Solomon R. A. Chapter in 1887, and was Z. the same year that he was W. M., two arduous offices for one brother to fill simultaneously, but he discharged the duties faithfully. Bro.

Slatter has always taken a deep interest in the Council and Preceptory, having presided over Adoniram Council and Odo de St. Amand Preceptory in a most satisfactory manner. His Masonic future promises well.

Royal Masonic Rite

THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY.

The Sovereign Sanctuary, 33°, 90°, 96°, for the U. S. A., Royal Masonic Rite, convened in regular quadrennial session in New Haven, Conn., on June 19th, all portions of the United States being duly represented, either in person or by proxy. M. Ill. Grand Master General Darius Wilson, M. D., 33°, 90°, 96°, presided, and read an address, from which the following is extracted :—

"During the past four years there has been a steady and healthy growth of the Rite, not only numerically but also in excellence of work and popularity. Powerful and good men with willing hearts and sufficient means have been raised up for the good of the Rite in many parts of the country, notably at Columbus, Ohio, and New Haven, Conn., where beautiful Egyptian Temples have been erected and elegantly furnished exclusively for the use of our Rite. These self-sacrificing brothers have, indeed, proven themselves defenders of the truth. During this term more than a score of subordinate bodies and hundreds of influential Masons have been added to our beloved Rite in this jurisdiction.

"We have stubbornly refused to communicate any degrees of the Rite to any Mason whomsoever, except for the purpose of establishing regular Rose Croix Chapters in accordance with our constitution, so that the enemies of our Rite, if any, cannot lay at our door the charge of 'peddling degrees for gain.'

"Your Grand Master has performed a great amount of arduous labor for the Rite, yet a still larger amount of work remains to be performed by some one before the Rite in all of its complexities will have reached that degree of perfection which your Grand Master very much desired it should have attained prior to the present date. Without hope of fee or reward your Grand Master has given to the affairs of the Rite much of his to him very valuable time. This has been, indeed, a labor of love. Having taken all