

pleased to signify his acceptance of the position of Grand Patron of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for England, Wales, and the Colonies.

"I have also to inform you that the following changes have taken place in the Supreme Council 33° of the said Rite.

"Ill. Bro. Charles John Vigue, having resigned his high office of Most P. So. G. Cr. was succeeded therein by Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips, who appointed The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, as Lt. G. Commander.

"Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips, having likewise resigned his office, was succeeded by Ill. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, who appointed Ill. Bro. Captain N. G. Phillips as his Lt. G. Commander.

"Ill. Bro. E. H. Harcourt Vernon, having resigned his office as Grand Chaplain, the Supreme Council is now constituted as follows:

GRAND PATRON.—Ill. Bro., H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G.—SUPREME COUNCIL.—Ill. Bro., The Right. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M. P. S. G. Commander. Ill. Bro., Captain Nathaniel George Phillips, Pt. M. P. S. G. Cr., & M. Ill. Lt. G. Commander. Ill. Bro., Major-General Henry Clerk, Grand Treasurer General. Ill. Bro., Dr. Robert Hamilton, Grand Chaplain. Ill. Bro., Sir Michael Costa, Grand Chaplain of Guards. Ill. Bro., Colonel Alexander William Adair, Sov. Grand Inspector General. Ill. Bro., Hugh David Sandeman, Sov. Grand Inspector General. Ill. Bro., W. Hyde Pullen, 33°, Assistant Secretary.

All official letters should be addressed to the Grand Secretary General, No. 33, Golden Square, W., at which address all information concerning the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite can be obtained.

I remain, Dear Sir and Ill. Bro.,

Yours Fraternally,

H. CLERKE, 33°, Grand Secretary General, H. E. 33, Golden-Square, W.,
July 15th 1874.

CRYPTIC MASONRY.

THE annual assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was held in the Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, Toronto, on the 25th August. Delegates were present from Hamilton, London, Orillia, Bradford, Ottawa, Maitland and Toronto, and several Councils were well represented. The chair was taken at 3 p. m. by M. Ill. Comp. Daniel Spry, 32°, Grand Master, who delivered the following

ADDRESS:

Illustrious Companions:

In accordance with the very excellent custom that has prevailed in many of our Masonic Grand Bodies, I have much pleasure in opening the fourth Annual Assembly of Grand Council, by delivering the annual address, in the course of which I shall report to you my official acts of the past year, and bring under your notice some of those questions which may require your consideration during the present session.

While we rejoice that we are again permitted by P. H. O. O. I. to assemble together and return our thanks to Him for having guided, protected, and preserved us for another year, it is not with unbroken rank. To-day it is my sad duty to announce to you the death of R. Ill. Comp. Thomas Bird Harris, Past R. P. Dep. G. Master and Inspector General of the Hamilton Division. He died in Hamilton, on Tuesday, 18th August, 1874.

The loss which the Craft in Canada has suffered by his death can hardly be realized until we have our general gatherings and miss from them his familiar face. Perhaps few men had so many warm personal friends, and to-day we all unite in mourning the loss of a dear Brother, whom we dearly loved. His high Masonic standing, his amiability, and good fellowship, endeared him to every Canadian Freemason.

CONDITION OF CRYPTIC RITE.

From all the information that has reached me, I am happy to say that Cryptic Masonry continues to increase steadily in the Province of Ontario, while the progress of the Councils in Quebec has not been so satisfactory. The unhappy differences which existed in Craft Masonry in that Province have no doubt crippled the energies and impaired the usefulness of all the grades of Freemasonry, but now that all these misunderstandings have been so happily adjusted, I feel assured that our Companions will soon be in a position to report their Councils in efficient working order.

NEW COUNCILS.

During the year I received an application from Comp. James O'Connor and a number of Companions residing in the city of London, for a Dispensation to constitute a