

The executive committee would respectfully submit for approval, the following report on the address of the M. E. the 1st Grand Principal :

Your committee appreciate the circumstances under which the M. E. G. Z. was chosen to preside over the deliberations of Grand Chapter, and cordially bear testimony to the distinguished ability that has marked the conduct of its affairs under his zealous and judicious guidance ; well aware, that in entering upon the duties of his high office, the task assumed was one that called for the exercise of a wise discrimination, and sound judgment, to preserve the honor and dignity of the exalted position so worthily filled by his illustrious predecessors.

Your committee learn with sincere pleasure, that the Grand Council have carried out the resolution passed at the last Annual Convocation with such cordial unanimity, enjoining upon them the duty of preparing a suitable address, accompanied by an appropriate testimonial to M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington, whose fervency and zeal in advancing the interest of Royal Arch Masonry, deservedly call for substantial recognition and lasting gratitude at our hands. Long may that eminent and highly esteemed Most Excellent Companion live to use this time-piece so worthily worn, and may he continue for many years to come to see in the proceedings of Grand Chapter presented to him a grateful souvenir of his past associations with this Grand Chapter.

Your committee appreciate the well merited eulogy pronounced by the M. E. G. Z. upon the late M. E. Comp. T. Wilson and R. Ex. Companion Alfio DeGrassi, and feel that this Grand Chapter has sustained a serious loss in the death of these eminent and faithful companions. They would recommend that a memorial page be prepared for our renowned P. G. Z. and printed in the published report of the proceedings.

Your committee rejoice at the affiliation of St. John's Chapter, No. 209, I. R., with this Grand Chapter, and cordially extend the right hand of fellowship to this latest addition to our numbers.

Your committee notice with much satisfaction, the position assumed by the M. E. G. Z., with reference to the exercise of the dispensing power as to the offices of 1st and 2nd principals conferred by clause 6 of the constitution, and they agree with him that it is a power which should be very sparingly exercised, and only then on the fullest assurance that the exceptional position of the Chapter concerned positively requires it.

Your committee having considered the reference made by the M. E. G. Z., to the question of fees to be charged for conferring Chapter degrees, article 18 of the constitution, are of opinion that the minimum fee for the Royal Arch degree is \$20, and that no reduction from that amount can be permitted, although the intermediate degrees may have been conferred on such candidate by a Lodge under another jurisdiction, but in case of a candidate whose full fee has been paid to a subordinate Chapter of this Grand Body, and who may remove to another part of this jurisdiction before having received all the degrees, and who may find it inconvenient to return for the completion thereof, it would be but courteous on the part of the Chapter in which the remaining degrees are sought, to confer them gratuitously at the request of the Chapter wherein the candidate first presented himself for exaltation; and your committee would recommend that this should be made a general regulation.

Your committee learn with satisfaction that harmonious co-operation prevails throughout our lands; thus exemplifying the peaceful teachings of the order, and showing that with but one exception no discord has marred the onward progress of the royal craft.

Your committee heartily approve of the remarks of the G. Z. relating to the dissemination of general information in our Chapters, and would strongly urge the reading of the proceedings of Grand Chapter, and the report on foreign correspondence by every Companion.

Your committee observe with pleasure, the exchange of representatives effected with the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, and rejoice that the choice made, should so happily accord with the best interests of both Grand Bodies.

With reference to the reciprocation proposed by California, your committee would recommend that credentials be prepared and transmitted to the distinguished Companions named to represent this body near that Grand Chapter; but with reference to the R. E. Companion invited to act near this Grand Chapter, that the G. S. E. be authorized to inform the M. E. G. H. P. of that jurisdiction, that another nomination will be more acceptable in Canada.

In regard to the recognition by this Grand Chapter, of authorities which were the subject of a memorial to, and motion at last Grand Convocation, on which (with the consent of the parties presenting it,) no report of the executive committee was brought in, and which is again mentioned in the address of the M. E. G. Z., the com-