

brethren. We heartily congratulate you, and as a lodge ask you to accept this Grand Chaplain's regalia (the best we could procure in the province) as an evidence of the sincerity of our congratulations, and we pray that the efforts you are now putting forth by your lectures on "The Moral and Religious Aspect of Freemasonry" may be blessed by the Grand Architect of the Universe and that you may be long spared to wear this regalia with pleasure to yourself and credit to the Order.

Signed by order of the lodge, this 5th day of September, 1889.

GEORGE LESLIE, P. M.

JOHN MCRAE, Rec. Sec'y.

The London *Free Press* commenting on the presentation, says:—"The recipient is to be congratulated on receiving such a gift, and we must say that when a small lodge like the one in Mooretown manifests such a liberality, the members must appreciate fully the efforts made on their behalf."

The lecture delivered to the Masonic fraternity of Port Hope last evening by R. W. Bro. the Rev. David Armstrong, of Moore, Ont., Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was one of the ablest and most eloquent we have ever had the pleasure of listening to. As an exposition of the moral teachings of Freemasonry it was tersely worded, and covered the ground so well that at its conclusion there appeared to be no point of importance left untouched. The R. W. brother laid particular stress on the duty of one Mason to another, and so pointed and direct was his language that every member present felt its truth and weight. Plain and practical throughout, and delivered in an earnest, clear and forcible manner, this lecture, wherever delivered, must have the effect of materially benefiting the Craft. R. W. Bro. Armstrong, since his election as Grand Chaplain, seems to have found a use for his office

which his predecessors never thought of, and the work he has cut out for himself, and is so faithfully performing, will meet with the approval and acknowledgment of the Grand Lodge. At the close of the lecture, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered the R. W. brother, to which a suitable reply was made. Among those present from a distance were R. W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne, D. D. G. M., of Prince Edward District; Rev. Bro. W. C. Sanders, of Atherley, and Rev. Bro. E. C. Saunders, Toronto, all of whom expressed their pleasure at being present to listen to so eloquent an address.—*Port Hope Times*, September, 13.

SUPREME COUNCIL A. & A. S. R.

The annual convocation of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction began in New York on September 17, the meetings being held in the Scottish Rite Hall, corner of Madison Avenue and Twenty-ninth street. Masonic chiefs from every quarter registered their names until there was positively little room left on the big record of arrivals. The thirty-third degree were there in force—men famous in the high councils of their order, men who have from early years zealously followed the traditions and given themselves freely to the service of Masonry.

The Supreme Council was formally opened and with full ceremonial promptly at 2 o'clock. Henry L. Palmer of Milwaukee, Wis., Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, officiated at the inauguration of the Council. The prayer for guidance in the deliberations of the body was offered by the Grand Prior, the Rev. Josiah L. Seward of Lowell, Mass.

Upon calling the roll of officers the following illustrious brethren of the thirty-third degree responded: