

introduced to consider the advisability of the various city lodges meeting and discussing the possibility of securing one hall, to be used exclusively for Masonic purposes. A hearty response was made by the other lodges, and Bro. Bunting was appointed Chairman of the joint Committee. To that Committee the brethren of to-day are indebted for the premises now occupied on Toronto Street. The scheme then adopted was the foundation of what is now known as the Masonic Hall Trust, a corporation consisting of all the lodges meeting in the Toronto Street Hall. On the occasion when Bro. Bunting presented his scheme before the fraternity he was of course called on to explain it in a somewhat elaborate address. This he did, and the speech delivered by him was so clear, so logical, and so able that he was earnestly advised by some of the most eminent lawyers in the city to study for the bar. He decided not to do so, however, preferring to devote his attention to journalism, which he dearly loved.

Bro. Bunting demitted from King Solomon Lodge in Aug., 1874, he having previously removed to Clifton. When in that town he took an active part in reviving the interest of the brethren in Clifton Lodge, and his efforts met with marked success.

After Bro. Bunting's removal back to Toronto he often expressed his intention of affiliating with his mother lodge, but the activities of political and journalistic life prevented him putting his intention into operation. His funeral was largely attended by representative citizens of all classes, and his removal leaves a blank that will long remain unfilled.

A. & A. SCOTTISH RITE.

The Sixteenth Annual re-union of the Scottish Rite, was held in the Valley of Hamilton on Jan. 29th. The attendance was one of the largest ever held in the headquarters of the Rite in Canada, and everything passed off satisfactorily, winding up with a banquet on the evening of the 30th.

Among those from a distance were: B. D. Babcock, 33°, Cleveland; Col. Wm. Monaghan, 32°, Cleveland; R. E. McKisson, 32°, Cleveland; Geo. P. Warden, 32°, Cleveland; E. D. Page, 33°, Cleveland; C. R. Butler, 33°, Cleveland; E. T. Malone, 33°, Toronto; C. L. Clark, 32°, Cleveland; A. F. Norris, 32°, Cleveland; J. I. Buchanan, 33°, Pittsburg; I. R. Becker, 32°, Pittsburg; O. C. Ganter, 32°, Pittsburg; C. M. Johnstone, 32°, Allegheny, Pa.; A. Gilliland, 32°, Allegheny; G. C. Johnstone, 32°, Allegheny; G. March, 32°, Chagrine Falls, O.; O. C. Draper, 30°, St. John, N.B.; A. J. Bannerman, 30°, Winnipeg; G. Somerville, 32°, Kingston; Alex. Findlay, 30°, London; A. G. McWhinney, 18°, London; F. G. Fowkes, 14°, Brantford; W. F. Patterson, 32°, Brantford; Hugh M. Wright, Alliston; H. Hyndman, 14°, Palmerston; S. H. Davey, 14°, Berlin; J. T. Pepper, 14°, Woodstock; A. G. McKenney, 6°, Toronto; Joseph King, 32°, Toronto; Caleb Licence, 18°, Toronto; Wm. Franklin, 30°, Toronto; A. G. McIntyre, 5°, Toronto.

In the morning Murton Lodge of Perfection worked the degrees from the fourth to the thirteenth, and last night the fourteenth was exemplified, the following officers officiating: 4°, J. Malloy; 5°, and 14°, James Bicknell; 6°, and 12°, A. T. Freed; 7°, J. J. Mason; 8°, and 9°, Hugh Murray; 13°, Donald McPhie. There were about a score of candidates, principally from surrounding points, where there are no branches of the Rite.

The degrees from 14 to 18 were