

THE THIRTY-THIRD CONTROVERSEY.

A contemporary waxes very warm because Ill. Bro. Fred. Menet did not get his thirty-third at the recent annual session of the Supreme Grand Council A. & A. S. Rite for Canada. At the same time, this valiant defender of Bro. Menet's rights, in order to enhance his importance, attempts to do so at the expense of another brother well-known to the craft, namely, Ill. Bro. Daniel Spry, P. G. M. of Canada, and attempts to prove that Bro. Spry received his honors on account of his connection with the Hamilton bodies.

Now, it is an admitted fact that the Supreme Grand Council does favor Hamilton, but, in this instance, there can be no question as to the wisdom displayed by that body in selecting Bro. Spry to active membership. Bro. Spry is acknowledged to be one of the best executive officers in the craft in Canada, and his prominent position in every branch of Masonry, proves that he is well qualified for the honor conferred upon him. We do not mean to disparage Bro. Menet's undoubted Masonic talents, but, we think it must be admitted that Bro. Menet, to say the least, has not had the same opportunities for gaining practical, wide, liberal Masonic experience, the same as Bro. Spry; and such being the case, we think the rulers of the Scottish Rite were wise in their selection in both particulars.

In the selection of Bros. Menet, McLellan, Gibson, and Burrell, to honorary membership, the Supreme Grand Council showed their appreciation of the active services in the Rite of these honored brethren; but in the

selection of Bro. Spry to active membership, they exhibited their foresight by securing the services of one accustomed to the exercise of his executive judgment in all matters concerning the craft. We congratulate these, the Illustrious Thirty-Third's, and trust they will be spared to enjoy many a pleasant Christmas.

THE SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL OF CANADA.

In our report of the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Council of the A. & A. S. Rite, 33°, for Canada, which appeared in our last issue, by some means we forgot to mention that Ill. Bro. Daniel Spry was crowned an *active* 33°. This a contemporary worries over to a great extent, and raises the ridiculous partisan cry of Hamilton vs. Toronto. We do not always like the actions of this Supreme Body, but we cannot believe they would be guilty of such gross injustice as to pass over the well-earned laurels of Ill. Bro. F. Menet, 32°, merely for the sake of spiting their Toronto compeers. Bro. Spry received his *active* 33° because he was regarded the best qualified for the position. He may not have had the time to devote so much attention to the Rite as Bro. Menet, but he has had much more extensive opportunities of studying Masonic lore in general, whilst his more prominent position in the Craft proves the wisdom of the Supreme Council in securing his services and ripe experience. For our own part, while pleased to see Bro. Menet a S. G. I. G., we freely admit that we regard Bro. Spry's election as an Active Thirty-Third as the best choice that exalted body could have made.