

Montreal. But this is not our first meeting in Hamilton. In 1883 the Annual Session was opened at our Grand East and, by adjournment, came to this spirited and beautiful city. The remembrance of the hospitality we enjoyed, of the graceful courtesies extended to us as individuals and as members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the effective way in which the work was exhibited by our Subordinate Bodies here, must still be fresh in the memory of all who participated in the business of that Session.

In the pleasure of the meeting and of the greeting of this hour we cannot forget those whom we can meet and greet here no longer. At the close of our last Annual Session we had upon our roll twenty-four Active Members, three Past Active Members and five Honorary Members. These numbers are altered by the death of one Active and one Past Active Member. Those of us who were at Montreal a year ago must ever remember the remarks of Ill. Bro. MACLEOD MOORE, who then declared his firm belief that he was with us for the last time, and who pathetically bade us a final farewell. His words were prophetic, for he closed his earthly career on the 1st September last. He was the oldest Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General of our Supreme Council, one of its founders, instrumental in establishing the Rite in Canada, the Representative here of the Supreme Council of England and Wales, and of that of Greece, an earnest and intelligent Mason, warm of heart and full of kindly impulses. The Order of the Temple in Canada, of which he was Grand Master, had his warmest affections, and he gave it the benefit of his abundant information and his active intellect. The effort he made—sincere, determined and scholarly—to restore to that Order much of its ancient prestige and power, to incorporate into the modern Templar life some of the old practices and habits of the soldier-monk, could not be followed without a feeling of profound interest. It was impossible that that effort could succeed to the full extent of our Illustrious Brother's wishes, but the Masonic historian will not be able to do his duty effectively if he cannot fully appreciate the scope and object of the intentions of Brother MOORE. He died in the fulness of time at a ripe old age, having accomplished much for the Fraternity he loved so well. Last year we transferred from the roll of Active Members to the roll of Past Active Members the name of Ill. Bro. DAVID RANSOM MUNRO. Bro. MUNRO was also one of the original members of the Supreme Council, and, as opportunity offered, a very energetic one—as, indeed, he had been in all the different branches of the Fraternity in the Province of New Brunswick, where had been his home for over fifty years. A short time ago he removed to the United States, where his children were, and since then his active connection with us ceased, but his interest never did. All of our members knew him personally or by reputation. In the Supreme Council he ever stated his views moderately and clearly, and with much judgment, and the offices which he filled were filled satisfactorily. The hard circumstances of life compelled Bro. MUNRO to leave Canada, and it was to him a matter of deep sorrow that when past his meridian he had to seek a home and a grave in another land than that in which he was born. The circulars issued to the Brethren of our obedience and to the Supreme Councils of our correspondence on the death of these Illustrious Brothers are herewith submitted, marked A and B.

Many of our sister asked our sympathy for the number of members are suspended on earth. England has notified its Commander, who died in the Rite in England at the the Patent authorizing of England at his death. Supreme Council for the Commander, PIERRE. This Illustrious Brother time to discharge many Minister of Education knighted not only by his services to the people. dignity and ability over in France sustained a son. Bro. CHARLES EUGEN and in Switzerland on 2 death Grand Treasurer of these Brethren had w under date 25th March, its Lt. Grand Commander, State, and of ERNEST the Rite, and citizens died in Mexico, informs us GAONA, 33°, its Secretary in February last of Colombia. The Supreme Council of the fraternity within contributed largely to the LA CRUZ ALVAREZ; I active members of Supreme Mason who is at its head the death of its Lt. Grand Council for the Northern February last of Ill. Bro. member of the Supreme Council in the United States, and died during the year was Temple in the United States Mason in that State.

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