

no doubt they will present them to Grand Chapter.

The above appointments, I hope, will meet with your approval.

OUR SISTER GRAND CHAPTERS.

It affords me great pleasure to announce, and it must be a source of pleasure to you to know, none but the most fraternal relations exist between this and the other Grand Chapters, with whom we are in correspondence.

BY-LAWS.

The By-laws of several Chapters have been submitted to me for inspection and approval, all of which have been read and carefully examined. In some instances alterations have been made so as to bring them into full accord with the Book of Constitution, but generally they were such as the rules demanded.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

The reports of the several Grand Superintendents will be submitted. These respected officers are in a position from their presence and local knowledge, to report to you the condition of Capitular Masonry in their respective Districts with a distinctness which a general summary would fail to present, and I cordially invite your attention to the interesting details which they furnish for your consideration. I would strongly urge on Grand Superintendents to see that the several Chapters in their respective Districts make their returns to Grand Chapter at the proper time.

GRAND S. E.

Too much value cannot be put upon the painstaking and indefatigable services of this much-esteemed Companion and most efficient officer, and I would respectfully submit that the Grand Chapter should give expression to its appreciation of his fidelity and most worthy services, by voting him an increase of salary in some degree commensurate with his work and his worth.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report of the Chairman on Foreign Correspondence will be laid before you from the able pen of R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson. It needs no comments from me as to his ability, as he has established for himself both far and near a name as an able writer. How many Companions read those reports? I fear that too few take the time necessary to study them. From his reports we receive a great deal of instruction as to the working of the several Grand Chapters.

FINANCE.

The financial condition of our Grand Chapter is good. Let us endeavor by proper management and wise legislation to keep it so. A detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures will be submitted to you by the G. S. E. and G. Treasurer.

I trust the Committee appointed to organize a scheme on benevolence will be able to report in such a manner as will meet with your approval, as we must never forget that charity is one of the grand principles of our Order.

CONCLUSION.

Companions, the time approaches for me to surrender unto your hands the sceptre with which for two years you have so kindly entrusted to me.

My official intercourse with all has been of the happiest character, and will always be cherished as one of the best of my Masonic career.

I now bespeak for my successor a peaceable and fraternal term of office, and that you will extend to him that cordial support and courtesy so cheerfully accorded to me.

As we are now about to enact laws for the general good of the Order, let us bear in mind it is no easy matter to legislate for those who have sent us here, and not forgetting that our laws are not alone for the present, but that they may have an influence for good in the future.

I now cheerfully take my station in