

M. W. Bro. JOHN H. GRAHAM, from Canada.

R. W. Bro. ALEX. CHISHOLM (re-appointed), Illinois.

R. W. Bro. ARTHUR LYON, M.D., from Maryland.

M. W. Bro. J. F. WALKER, from Pennsylvania.

R. W. Bro. S. LEBOURVEAU, from Mississippi.

R. W. Bro. E. T. D. CHAMBERS, from New Jersey.

I trust these appointments may be acceptable to this Grand Body, and I ask the confirmation of the same.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the year I have granted dispensations as follows:—

To appear in regalia in public, - - - 15

To confer the Degrees in less time than required by the Constitution, - - - 2

To elect an officer at a time other than the regular period, - - - 1

To receive and act upon the petition of a person not possessing the qualification of residence, - 1

To change the date of regular meetings, - - - 1

To receive and act upon the petition of rejected applicants for the Degrees within a less period than required by the Constitution, - - - 3

To Pass and Raise Sea-going Mariners at a less interval of time than one month, - - - 2

While the Grand Master should be ever ready to exercise his prerogative for the benefit of the Craft, due caution should be observed by him in not lightly over-riding constitutional regulations.

On this subject, I wish to say to Worshipful Masters that it is sometimes very perplexing to Grand Masters to receive applications for dispensations in which no clear or legal reasons are given why the request should be granted. Delay is often better than undue haste; and in order to ensure the granting of the dispensation, it