

A. F. Simpson, Chairman of that Committee, and from the able and satisfactory manner in which our worthy Companion discharged his laborious duties last year, I have no doubt it will be found replete with useful information.

#### RITUAL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s address of last year, "That to secure uniformity on the work, a Committee on Ritual be appointed by the Grand Z.," I have therefore named the following well skilled Companions to perform this important duty, viz.: R. E. Comps. Frank Edgar, H. L. Robinson, Thos. Milton, F. T. Thomas, John McLean, James Addie and V. E. Comp. W. H. Whyte. They will, no doubt, report the result of their labors at the present Convocation.

#### CONSTITUTION.

I am happy to be able to announce to the Companions that the Committee on the Constitution of Grand Chapter have completed their labors. They have added a supplement containing the necessary forms required for the use of Subordinate Chapters, and I sincerely trust that the result may be acceptable to you and conducive to the welfare of Capitular Masonry.

#### DISTRICT MEETINGS.

I regret exceedingly that my business engagements have rendered it impossible for me to devote the necessary time to the holding of district meetings, which were so successfully inaugurated last year by M. E. Comp. Graham, and I would strongly recommend the continuance of this practice, believing that it would prove beneficial to Royal Arch Masonry to hold such meetings annually throughout the several districts within our jurisdiction.

#### CONCLUSION.

I cannot conclude my address without referring briefly to the sad

calamity which has befallen the people of the United States, by that untimely death of President Garfield, whereby the feelings of the whole civilized world have been stirred with a thrill of horror at the fatal result of this detestable crime, and I am sure there is but one feeling throughout the British Empire, that of heartfelt sympathy for the people of that great republic who have been called upon to mourn the loss of their beloved and honored chief magistrate.

And now, Companions, in returning to you the sceptre of office, and retiring from the high and honorable position to which you elected me one year ago, I desire to return my sincere thanks for your great kindness and for the many courtesies received at your hands, and to M. E. Comp. Graham, Past Grand Z., I am especially indebted for valuable counsel and willing assistance. It was with reluctance that I accepted the important trust, knowing at the best the work would be but imperfectly done. I have, however, endeavored to serve you to the best of my ability, and trust that the errors and imperfections may in this instance be generously overlooked.

After the address had been referred to Comps. Graham, Brown, and Robertson, who reported favorably on the same, the reports of the several Superintendents were received, from which it was gratifying to learn that Capitular Masonry was in a highly prosperous condition throughout the Province, two Chapters only being mentioned as being in a weakly state. The reports of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer were of a most satisfactory character, the latter showing a cash balance in the treasury of about five hundred and fifty dollars, being an increase of seventy over last year.

V. E. Comp. A. F. Simpson presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, and stated that he had reviewed thirty-seven Grand Chap-