

recommends the change in the time of meeting, and believes that the future will prove that the change was in the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

Proceeding, the Grand Z presents details of the official visits paid by him to several subordinate Chapters in the Jurisdiction which most needed help and encouragement, as well as to Chapters that were prospering and healthy.

Four Chapters of Instruction were held during the year, three of which he attended, namely, Toronto, London and Port Hope.

The Grand Z. regrets the decision of the two Scotch Chapters at Victoria and Nanaimo, B.C., not to amalgamate with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

During the year dispensations were granted to Kaslo Chapter, at Kaslo, B.C., and to Wascana Chapter, Regina, N.W.T.

Referring to the celebration of the Centennial of Royal Arch Masonry at Kingston on the 7th of June last, the Grand Z. says:

"In looking back over the 100 years of our Royal Craft, it is evident that in all material aspects the Craft has made enormous progress; progress in numbers, in wealth, in intelligence, in the number and elegance of our Masonic halls; but I sometimes doubt if we are better Masons than they of the old time."

The formation of a Grand Chapter which will embrace all the Grand Chapters in Canada is suggested.

Feeling reference is made to the deaths of M. Ex. Comp. Daniel Spry, and Rt. Ex. Comp. George C. Davis, of London.

Statistics show that Royal Arch Masonry is prospering.

The sub-committees on audit and finance, benevolence, grievances and appeals, Grand Z.'s address, warrants and condition of Capitular Masonry met last evening to consider and prepare their reports for presentation to the convocation. The Executive Committee again met this morning and completed its labors.

During the session of the Executive Committee last evening a telegram conveying the usual fraternal greetings was received from the Grand Chapter of Québec, in session at Montreal. An appropriate reply was wired.

The following representatives of other Grand Chapters presented their credentials and were greeted with the customary honors: C. W. Postlethwaite, Toronto, for Iowa; C. L. Congdon, Dunnville, for Maryland; D. F. MacWatt, Barrie, for Quebec; Ben. Allen, Toronto, for Maine; J. B. Nixon, Toronto, for Vermont.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: M. Walsh, Ingersoll, G.Z.; W. G. Reid, Hamilton, G.H.; G. F. Shepley, Toronto, G.J.; Thos. Sargant, Toronto, G. S. E.; Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer; W. J. Robertson, Port Hope, G.S.N.; S. Dubber, St. Thomas, G.P.S.; R. W. Hall, Toronto, Grand Registrar.

Grand Superintendents—John Sale, St. Clair; J. W. Butler, London; Wm. Partlo, Wilson district; A. E. Oelschlager, Wellington; W. A. Ferrah, Hamilton; R. D. Hall, Huron; R. G. W. Connelly, Niagara; N. T. Lyon, Toronto; R. I. Fraser, Georgian district; A. E. Henry, Ontario; C. G. Wensley, Prince Edward; Wm. Thompson, St. Lawrence; David Barr, Ottawa; R. E. Mitchell, Algoma; C. H. Gatewood, British Columbia; A. W. R. Markley, Alberta.

Executive Committee—D. F. MacWatt, Barrie; William Roaf, Toronto; A. Shaw, Kingston; Dr. Martin, Kincardine; A. R. Hargraft, Cobourg.

Executive Committee, appointed—G. J. Bennett, Toronto; W. Birrell, Hamilton; C. L. Congdon, Dunnville; W. B. McArthur, Ottawa; R. Scott, Petrolia.

R. E. Comp. J. S. Dewar, of London, was re-elected to the Committee on Benevolence.

Stratford was decided on as the next place of meeting.

The sum of one thousand dollars was unanimously voted to the Hospital for Sick Children.