

office, by at once cancelling the commission of our representative, but after mature consideration, and in the absence of any charge of irregularity or misconduct, the M. E. Grand Z. does not see his course clear to evoke the deliberate act of one of his predecessors, performed on the best recommendation, and subsequently certified and confirmed by our Grand Chapter in Annual Convocation and our said representative was received and acknowledged by your Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand Z. has therefore arrived at the determination of referring the whole matter to Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, to deal with the subject in such a manner as in its wisdom it may deem proper.

I have the honor to remain,

Dear Sir and M. E. Companion,

Yours truly and fraternally,

THOMAS B. HARRIS, G. S. E.

I now leave the matter in your hands to take such action in the premises as to you may seem meet.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

I would here direct your attention to notices of motion, which will claim your attention at this Convocation.

R. E. Companion W. H. Weller, gave notice at the last annual Convocation, that he would move that the last part of clause 10 of the Constitution, under the head of "Regalia," be amended, by striking out the words "Royal Arch."

R. E. Companion H. Robertson at the same time gave notice that he would move an amendment to the Constitution, altering the time of meeting of Grand Chapter, as follows:—

That article IX of the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by striking out the words "Wednesday, in August," and inserting therefor the words, "Thursday in February,"

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence will be presented by R. E. Companion H. Robertson, the talented chairman of that committee, and as usual, I have no doubt, will be found replete with useful information.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

The reports from the several Grand Superintendents will be laid before you, which I have no doubt will prove of much interest to Grand Chapter, and give full information as to the welfare of the order throughout our jurisdiction.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

Soon after the death of our lamented Grand Scribe E., I was in receipt of a communication from R. E. Companion J. Stephenson, Grand Scribe N., saying:—that it would be impossible for him to attend to the duties of the office, and suggest that some competent Companion in Hamilton be requested to take charge of the same until the meeting of the Grand Chapter. I accordingly requested R. E. John W. Murton to take charge, which he very kindly consented to do, and has conducted the affairs of the office to my entire satisfaction; and I am sure Grand Chapter will join me in acknowledging the valuable services so rendered by that R. E. Companion. I also beg to thank E. Companion J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary *pro tem.* of the Grand Lodge of Canada, for assistance rendered in conducting the affairs of Grand Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER.

In the report of that efficient officer, the Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion David McLellan, you will be informed of the financial condition of the Subordinate Chapters, and the general funds of Grand Chapter. I am happy to inform you in advance, that the funds of Grand Chapter have steadily increased, and the amount to your credit, and available for any purpose sanctioned by you, amounts to a considerable sum.

I desire to acknowledge the many kindnesses that I have received at the hands of M. E. Companion T. Douglas Harington, Past Grand Z. of this Grand Chapter, during my term of office. On every occasion that I had applied to him for advice, and it has been often, it has been cheerfully and promptly given.

Companions, in conclusion, I now return the sceptre of office entrusted to my care, at the last Annual Convocation, and if, in my endeavors to promote the best interests of the Royal Craft, I have met with your approbation, I am well repaid indeed.

CHARLES D. MACDONNELL,
Grand Z.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from R. E. Comps. James Henderson, John Parry, H. W. Wood, J. K. Kerr, R. Hendry, Jr., N. G. Bigelow and