

other brethren, including several Brothers from England and elsewhere, most happily and fraternally participated in the assembly, and addressed words of wisdom, advice and good-cheer to their brethren. This annual gathering was heartily enjoyed by the Brothers of the Mystic Tie. It is felt on every hand that a new era of prosperity in this section of our Province is now dawning upon our ancient, honorable and world-wide fraternity. So mote it be.

A special convocation of Stadacona Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, was held the afternoon of the same day in the Chapter Rooms, Freemasons' Hall, to receive an official visit from Most Excellent Companion, John H. Graham, LL. D., &c., Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Quebec. The officers of this prosperous Chapter, and the many worthy companions of the Holy Royal Arch residents in this city and vicinity, were delighted to welcome this eminent Companion who has presided over their Grand Body since its formation, and he delivered to them an eloquent address replete with Masonic lore; and he was also pleased heartily to commend the Right Excellent the Grand Superintendent of this district, and the officers of the Chapter for the zeal, fidelity and ability displayed by them in the performance of their duties, and expressed his well-grounded opinion that a great future is in store for this exalted Order of our loyal, peaceful and charitable fraternity in this city and Province.

**BARRIE.**—After the installation of officers of Corinthian Lodge, in this town, the brethren met around the festive board for "refreshment." V. W. Bro. King, W. M., presided. In proposing the first toast he said it was not necessary to make many remarks in proposing the standard toast. The loyalty of all who lived under the protection and beneficent rule of our much loved Queen, was too well known to need any comment,

while the unswerving attachment of Freemasons to the government of the country under which they lived, was so continually inculcated in our Lodges that loyalty to the Queen and the craft was one of the first principles of genuine Freemasonry. Her Majesty's Throne was surrounded by eminent Freemasons, in the persons of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England; H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh, a Provincial Grand Master; H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Great Prior of the Masonic Knights Templar of Ireland; and other illustrious brethren. He knew the brethren would respond heartily to the toast:—"The Queen and the Craft," which was received with enthusiasm. All present joined in singing the National Anthem. The W. M. then proposed in appropriate language the second toast, "The M. W. the Grand Master of Masons and the Grand Lodge," and R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry responded. He said it would undoubtedly have afforded M. W. Bro. J. A. Henderson, the Grand Master, much pleasure to be present with the brethren of Barrie on the occasion of celebrating the festival of St. John the Evangelist, had it been possible for him to leave Kingston for that purpose. We know, however, that the G. M. could not attend all the celebrations that are being held at this time; but he was satisfied the G. M. would fully appreciate the kindly feelings which were entertained for him by the craft of Canada. Regarding the members of Grand Lodge as the representatives of the 17,587 affiliated Freemasons who are members of Lodges, and probably 10,000 more who are not affiliated, they have not neglected the important duties entrusted to them. Such legislation as is necessary for guiding and directing the 334 Lodges that are on the roll has generally been passed after ample discussion and mature consideration, and the successful management of the Lodges is a good