

freely they have given their time and talent to bring this Grand Chapter to its present position, I rejoice to know that when we who have borne the burden and heat of the day are ready to depart, there are so many worthy companions willing and able to take our places in the Chapters.

It gives me much pleasure to report that during the year there has been an uninterrupted continuance of peace and harmony in the working of our subordinate Chapter.

To my knowledge no discord or confusion of any kind has occurred, but fraternal good-fellowship and charity exercised their beneficent sway everywhere in our broad and extending domain.

OUR DEPARTED COMPANIONS.

It is my melancholy duty in the midst of so much that is gratifying and encouraging to invite you, companions, to pause with me and ponder and prostrate our hearts in sorrow as the work of the Angel of Death confronts us in the empty chairs of high officials and beloved Companions of our Order, lately deceased, viz: R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, P. G. H. and P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada; R. E. Comp. Rev. St. G. Caulfield, P. G. Supt. London District; R. E. Comp. Henry Carlisle, P. G. Supt. Niagara District; and V. E. Comp. W. T. Bray, Master of Veils, and G. J. W. of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Their memories and their virtues will be embalmed in our memories as we trust their examples will be reflected in our lives. Let us be admonished by their lamented removal to work with all diligence the works of righteousness for the sun of life hurries toward his setting in the west and the night cometh when no man can work.

DISPENSATIONS.

On the 6th January, 1883, I granted a Dispensation to the Companions at Rat Portage, North West Territory, to establish a Chapter to be called

"Golden Royal Arch Chapter." The same having been recommended by R. E. Comp. W. G. Scott, Grand Supt. Manitoba District, and from information received said Chapter is progressing favorably under the guardianship of E. Comp. J. K. Brydon.

The minute books of Woodstock Chapter, U. D., Woodstock, N. B., not having been presented at the last Annual Convocation, I continued the Dispensation as requested by Grand Chapter.

I trust the books of the above Chapters will be placed in your hands and prove satisfactory, so that Warrants may be granted.

This year, as in the preceding, I found it expedient to grant several Dispensations to install Principals who had not previously served in the offices which the Constitution requires, having satisfied myself that such Dispensations were necessary in order to enable the Chapters to continue working and for the better promotion of their internal harmony and well being.

I would at this time recommend that great care be exercised not to increase the number of subordinate Chapters except where there can be no doubt the prosperity of the Order will be served by so doing. It is far better to have a few good sustained and well attended Chapters within our jurisdiction, than many that are languidly conducted with but little or no interest manifested by the members.

REPRESENTATIVES.

On the 26th July, 1882, I appointed R. E. Comp. Gavin Stewart as representative from the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. E. Comp. J. M. Meakins. Also, on the 12th October, 1882, I appointed R. E. Comp. D. R. Munro, as representative from the Grand Chapter of Maine, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. E. Comp. Rev. St. G. Caulfield. They have received their commissions, and