

readily forgotten by many. I honour those who are here to-day, and it evinces that there is still a desire to have this branch of Masonry well and carefully guarded and watched, and I trust that we may long be spared to assist each other in every laudable enterprise that will redound to the good of Royal Arch Masonry."

Comp. Sargent announced that dispensations had been granted for the formation of the following chapters:—Tuscan U.D., Brampton, 8th November, 1887; Australian Kilwinning, Australia, 7th January, 1888; City of Melbourne, Australia, 7th January, 1888.

He further announced that the following representatives had been appointed:—near the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, R. Ex. Comp. Henry Driffell; Grand Chapter of Maine, R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Wills; Grand Chapter of Indiana, R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Hawthorn. From New Brunswick, R. Ex. Comp. H. A. Mackay, of Berlin.

Referring to the finances of the year Comp. Sargent said they were very encouraging. The investments, including a balance of \$1,486 in the Bank of Commerce, amounted to \$11,266. The address was brought to a close by Comp. Sargent referring in a touching manner to the death of Comp. James Seymour, Past Grand Z.

The question of England's action with regard to Canada's entering a territory claimed by England was discussed briefly, and on it being shown that England assumed a superiority which she did not possess, and also that Canada's action was quite consistent with her status as a Sovereign body, the report endorsing the issue of dispensations and authorizing warrants for the chapters in Australia, was adopted unanimously.

M. Ex. Comp. Fred. J. Menet, on behalf of the committee appointed for that purpose, presented to the Acting Grand Z. the valuable testimonial which Grand Chapter voted to M. Ex. Comp. Sargent on his retirement from the chair a year ago. With it was an address, beautifully executed in book form. Comp. Sargent acknowledged the honor and compliment paid him.

R. Ex. Comp. Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, was presented with a set of regalia and an illuminated address.

A motion to confer the rank of Honorary Past Grand Z. upon Ex. Comp. Henry Robertson was adopted unanimously.

Comp. Robertson acknowledged the compliment with characteristic remarks.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The following is the result of the balloting:—

M. Ex. Comp. R. B. Hungerford, London, Grand Z.

R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Grand H.

R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Harding, St. Mary's, Grand J.

R. Ex. Comp. D. McLellan, Hamilton, Grand S. E.

R. Ex. Comp. T. F. Blackwood, Toronto, Grand S. N.

R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Mitchell, Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.

R. Ex. Comp. Ben. Shortly, Peterboro', Grand P. S.

R. Ex. Comp. S. H. Ray, Port Arthur, Grand Registrar.

The following R. Ex. Comps. were elected Superintendents of the districts indicated:—T. C. McNabb, Chatham, St. Clair; A. N. Pettit, St. Thomas, London; M. Walsh, Ingersoll, Wilson; John Shupe, Galt, Wellington; C. W. Mulligan, Hamilton, Hamilton; Ichabod Baker, Stratford, Huron; T. L. M. Tip-ton, Dunville, Niagara; C. W. Postlethwaite, Toronto, Toronto; W. R. Howse, Whitby, Ontario; John Waring, Picton, Prince Edward; George Gale, Brockville, Central; W. G. Bell, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Joseph Damer Drew, Melbourne, Australia.

The following were elected members of the executive committee:—R. Ex. Comps. Hugh Murray, Hamilton; John Creasor, Q. C., Owen Sound; J. B. Nixon, Toronto; J. Ross Robertson, Toronto; A. Patterson, Toronto. The following were appointed:—R. Ex. Comps. A. G. Smythe, London; Wm. Forbes, Grimsby; J. McL. Stevenson, Barrie; W. J. Reid, Hamilton, J. P. Wilson, Welland.

M. Ex-Comp. Hungerford, through R. Ex-Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe, notifies us of the following appointments made by him for the ensuing Masonic year:—Ex-Comp. Geo. G. Rowe, Parkdale, Grand 1st Asst. Soj.; Ex-Comp. Harry Sweetman, Hamilton, Grand 2nd Asst. Soj.; Ex-Comp. Alex. McQueen, London, Sword Bearer; Ex-Comp. E. C. Fields, Prescott, M. of Veils; Ex-Comp. G. A. K. McLeod, Exeter, Stand. Bearer; Ex-Comp. R. McCaw, Oshawa, Dir. of Cer.; Ex-Comp. John Knox Leslie, Toronto, Organist; V. Ex-Comp. James Sutherland, Woodstock, Pursuivant; V.