

more and more evident to his awakened perceptions, and after earnestly claiming the divine promise of rest for the weary and heavy laden, he surrendered his conscious being, while yet the fervent, and I trust the effectual prayer of the Publican dwelt on his lips—"God be merciful to me a sinner."

Happy will it be for us, if we keep constantly before our eyes this truth which so many forget, that God does not require, nor permit the erring judgement of man to pronounce in word or thought, upon the future destiny of his fellow man. "The Father hath committed all judgement unto the Son."—Then let us

"No further seek his merits to disclose,
Nor draw his frailties from their dread abode;
"Where they alike in trembling hope repose,
"The bosom of his Father and his God."

From us other and more appropriate duties are required:—"Seek ye the Lord, while He may be found, call ye upon Him: while He is near."—God hath sent forth his angel, death into your midst, and cut down your venerable parent tree; and the offshoots from his roots are gathered around the fallen trunk to mourn and to bury it. But their duty ends not here. His providences always convey to the living, some lesson which they are required to learn, and to lay the instruction to their heart. To you the present instruction is—"Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh" . . .

Hamilton, C. W. January 19, 1857.

The proceedings of a Meeting of Royal Arch Masons held in the City of Hamilton, on Monday, the 19th January, 1857, convened by a circular for the purpose of considering the present state of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Canada, and to decide upon and take the necessary steps for securing its future welfare and prosperity.

It was on motion unanimously resolved:—"That the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Companion Colonel William M. Wilson take the Chair, and that M. E. Companion Charles Magill be requested to act as Secretary."

PRESENT—

M. E. C. Kivus Tully, P. H. P. of St. John's Chapter Toronto.

Do. Thomas Duggan, do. the Hiram C. Hamilton.

Do. Charles Magill, do. do. do.

Do. John Harris, H. P., do. do.

Do. Thos. B. Harris, do. St. John's, do.

F. C. W. C. Stephens.

C. R. Bull.

C. Wm. M. Wilson.

The Meeting having been thus organized, and the subject for which it had been called having been introduced by the M. W. Bro. Wilson, the following preamble was, after mature deliberation, unanimously adopted:—

That the absence in this Province of a supreme authority for regulating the affairs of Royal Arch Masonry, having long been attended with serious inconvenience to the order, and the Grand Lodge of Canada having been legally and constitutionally established on a firm and permanent basis.

It was resolved,—To recommend to an adjourned meeting of Royal Arch Masons, to be held on Tuesday, the 20th instant, at the Masonic Hall in this city, with the concurrence of the M. W. the Grand Master of Ma-

sons in Canada, at once to proceed in the establishment of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, on the following conditions:—

That the constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England be adopted "mutatis mantandis" as its constitution, and be taken as the guide in the arrangement of the various offices of the Grand Chapter with the following reservations.

That the principles established by the Grand Lodge of Canada of making the principal offices annually elective, be adopted by the Grand Chapter.

That in order to assimilate with the usages of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, the three degrees not recognized by the Grand Chapter of England, viz., the Mark Master, the Past Master, and the Most Excellent Master, shall be taken by all persons to entitle them to be admitted to membership, in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, but that Royal Arch Masons who may have taken their degrees in any regular warranted Chapter, under any other jurisdiction, may be admitted as visitors to any Chapter in this Province, when working in the Royal Arch degree, or in any other degree, which such visitors may have taken, under a regularly and properly warranted Lodge or Chapter, and that in conformity with the foregoing recommendation the M. W. G. M. be 1st Grand Principal Z, and the R. W. D. G. M., be the 2nd Grand Principal H, the election or appointment of the officers being left to the convention.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday the 20th January.

(Signed,) Wm. M. WILSON.

The convention reassembled at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday Evening, January 20, 1857, at Seven o'clock, when the following Chapters were duly represented.

The Hiram Chapter, Hamilton, M. E. Comp. Thomas Duggan, P. H. P.; Charles Magill, P. H. P.

The St. John's Chapter, London, A. S. Abbott, P. H. P.; Jas. Moffatt, H. P.; Wm. Francis, P. H. P.; Wm. Daniel, Scribe.

St. John's Chapter, Hamilton, M. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, H. P.; J. R. Holden, king,

M. E. Comp. Kivus Tully, P. H. P.; Comps. W. M. Wilson, W. C. Stephens, William Bellhouse, Richard Bull, James Riddel, Henry Grist, S. M. Rogerson, Mills Harley and others.

The convention was presided over by M. E. Comp. Thomas Duggan, P. H. P., who called upon the Secretary to read the circular issued to the various Chapters in the Province, which having been read, the transactions of the preceding evening were read and unanimously approved.

It was, on motion, unanimously resolved, "That the Grand Chapter of Canada be and is hereby established on the constitution re-

commended in the minutes of the convention of Royal Arch Masons now read.

It was on motion resolved,—"That the title of the Grand Chapter shall be 'The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada.'"

It was on motion resolved—"That the Grand Chapter do now proceed to the election of Grand Officers to hold office till their successors are elected or appointed and installed. The following were then declared duly elected—M. E. Comp. Wm. W. Wilson, Grand 1st Principal Z.; R. E. Comp. A. Bernard, Grand 2nd do. H.; R. E. Comp. Thomas Duggan, Grand 3rd do. J.; do. William Bellhouse, Grand Treasurer; do. Thomas B. Harris, Grand Scribe E.; William Daniel, Grand Scribe N.; J. Morrison, Grand Janitor.

The M. E. Comp. Z. then appointed the various Committees, for conducting all matters connected with the Grand Chapter.

The Convention then adjourned till such time as arrangements had been perfected for the installation of the Grand Officers.

The Convention of Royal Arch Masons re-assembled on the 2nd day of April, 1857, at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, and resumed its sitting at 8 p.m.

M. E. Comp. Thos. Duggan, Presiding.

M. E. Comps. Thos. B. Harris, S. B. Campbell, Charles Kelly, J. E. Smith, J. M. Rogerson, Colonel Whitehead, J. B. Mathews, James Riddel, R. A. Woodcock, J. W. Baine, Jno. Austin, Wm. W. Wilson, G. M., W. C. Stephens, Wm. J. Thomas, J. Taylor, William Bellhouse, Wm. C. Morrison, F. J. Rastrick, Jas. McKeown, J. Chillman, Hy. Grist, J. A. Fisher, Ed. Kelly, Wm. Hartley, A. Degrassi, J. C. Prosser, Geo. L. Allen, Wm. Irwin, J. Hodgson, and others.

The Committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the installation of the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada. Reported—

That M. E. Companion Czar Jones, P. G. H. P., of the State of Michigan, has kindly undertaken to perform the ceremony, and was now in attendance for that purpose. M. E. Czar Jones was then introduced, &c., &c., and duly installed and invested the following Grand Officers Elect, each in their respective offices—M. E. Comp. Col. Wm. M. Wilson, the 1st Grand Principal Z.; R. C. Comps. Dr. A. Bernard, the 2nd Grand Principal, H.; R. C. Comp. Thomas Duggan, the 3rd Grand Principal, J.; R. C. Comp. William Bellhouse, Grand Treasurer; R. C. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Grand Scribe, E.; R. C. Comp. Wm. Daniels, Grand Scribe, N.; Comp. J. Morrison, as Grand Janitor.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada was then proclaimed by the Grand Marshall duly installed, with the usual grand honours. The M. E. Comp. Czar Jones delivered an address to the assembled Companions.

The Grand Chapter expressed their thanks to Most Excellent Companion for his