

siderable discussion among Royal Arch Masons. It is claimed, and apparently with much reason, that a member under suspension by a Lodge should not be permitted to remain in good standing in a Chapter, as it is not consistent with the honor and dignity of the Royal Craft that suspended Masons should be permitted to associate on terms of equality in the Chapter with those who cannot meet them in a Lodge. Nor can I avoid calling your attention to the fact that a Companion might meet with us to-day in Grand Chapter, who could not have met with us yesterday in Grand Lodge, being at the time under suspension by a Lodge. It can hardly be conducive to the well-being of Capitular Masonry, to permit such a state of matters to continue, and I cannot believe it to be right. I invite your careful consideration of this question, feeling assured that after you have done so, Grand Chapter will declare that suspension by a Lodge for un-Masonic conduct, carries with it the penalty of suspension in the Chapter without further trial."

With these views as laid down by the M. E. the Grand Z., the Executive Committee cordially agreed, and expressed the hope that in the revision of the Constitution, then being proceeded with, the regulations on this point would be amended in accordance with his suggestions; and we see that in the proposed alterations, a clause has been introduced in these terms.

On the subject of Masonic Funerals, the Grand Z. remarked that some discussion had lately taken place in the Masonic press regarding the proper Masonic clothing to be worn at the funeral of a deceased brother, and the place to be assigned in the procession to Royal Arch Masons and Masons who have attained to the higher degrees. There is no funeral ceremony in connection with Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, and, although the Constitution permits the attendance at funerals of Royal Arch Masons properly clothed as such, it would be much better if all Freemasons would, on such occasions, appear in the more simple and appropriate clothing usually worn by Master Masons.

And in the Report on the Address of the Grand Z., the Executive Com-

mittee were fully in accord with the views of the Grand Z. on the subject of Masonic funerals, believing that the simple costume worn on these occasions by Master Masons is more appropriate than any other, and that more elaborate display is unnecessary, and should be avoided. And the CRAFTSMAN modestly declares that it is also in accord with the views of the Grand Z. (vide April No. 1880). And before passing from this subject, we beg to call the attention of Royal Arch Masons throughout the jurisdiction, that Grand Chapter having adopted the report, the wearing of Royal Arch clothing at funerals is virtually forbidden by the Supreme Body, and Companions owing allegiance are bound to observe its decrees.

The Grand Z. also referred to the large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. In the course of his remarks on this subject he said that "Companions who possess the means of paying and will not, deserve but little consideration, but as to those who are willing to pay, and cannot, it is the refinement of cruelty to cut them off from Masonic fellowship with their Companions, for an offence that is not a crime but a misfortune." "If," he truly observed, "as much energy were displayed in quietly ascertaining the ability of our members to meet the demands made upon them, as is sometimes exhibited by Companions who possess more zeal than discretion in "touting" for candidates to join the Chapters, there would be less suspensions for non-payment of dues, or, indeed, for any other cause."

The Grand Z. reported that he had issued Dispensations for two new Chapters, viz.:—"Macpherson," Meaford; and "Wentworth," Dundas.

The Reports of the various Grand Superintendents are contained in the printed Report of Proceedings, and will be found to be interesting reading. From these reports the Executive Committee learn that Capitular Masonry is growing and increasing in