

NEW BRUNSWICK.

At the Regular Convocation of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the Dominion of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, City of St. John, N. B., 26th of August, 1870, the following officers for the ensuing year were installed by Past Grand Master Robert Marshall, viz:

Dr. J. C. Hatheway, M. P. G. M.; Stephen R. Sircom, D. P. G. M.; Henry Leonard, R. P. G. M.; Dr. T. A. D. Forster, P. G. M.; T. D. Harrington, R. P. I. G., for Ontario and Quebec; J. Conway Brown, R. P. I. G., for Halifax and Windsor; Rev. Wm. Donald, D. D., Rev. Geo. J. Caie, Grand Chaplains; Dr. E. L. Barteaux, Grand Captain Guards; Robert Shives, Grand Treasurer; D. R. Munro, Grand Recorder; Henry Duffel, Grand Master of Ceremonies; George Hanford Whiting, Grand Conductor; George Frederick Ring, Grand Steward; Henry Card, Grand Organist; Henry Brown, Grand Sentinel; John D. Short, John Mullin, C. U. Hanford, Finance Committee; Dr. J. Hatheway, Representative on Hall Committee; Rev. Geo. J. Caie, D. R. Munro, Committee on Correspondence.

This Grand Council recently issued Warrants for a new Council at the City of Halifax, named the *Chebucto Council*, of which Ill. Bro. Stephen R. Sircom, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is the T. I. M. Warrants for the Council will, we understand, be applied for shortly the followings resolution were unanimously adopted by Grand Council, viz:—

Whereas, it is deemed advisable, that the degree known and practised in the United States of America as the Degree of the *Red Cross* or *Babylonish Pass*, and there made a pre-requisite before gaining admission into an Encampment of Knights Templars, shall have a legal status within the Dominion of Canada. And *whereas*, it is considered expedient that the Degrees of Select, Royal and Super-excellent Masters, shall be conferred upon Royal Arch Masons prior to the *Encampment*, and *Priory of Malta* Degrees. Therefore, in order more effectually to accomplish the above and facilitate complete intercourse between the members of the fraternity in the United States, and brethren in the several Provinces in the Dominion of Canada, and for other good and sufficient reasons. Be it hereby *Resolved*, that hereafter all Councils working under Warrant from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Brunswick, Dominion of Canada, shall have power and authority to confer the Degrees of *Red Cross* or *Babylonish Pass*, provided always however, that applicants shall first have received the Degrees of "Select, Royal" and Super-Excellent Master." And further *Resolved*, that the Constitution and By-Laws shall be and are hereby altered and amended to meet this provision, any rule to the contrary being hereby declared null and void. And further *Resolved*, that the Work of the Degree of *Red Cross* or *Babylonish Pass*, practised in Councils and now in the possession of the Officers of this Grand Council, be hereby adopted, and that officers of the respective Councils of Select Masters within this jurisdiction, shall severally hold by virtue thereof, the corresponding office in the said Councils of *Red Cross* or *Babylonish Pass*. And further *Resolved*, that nothing in the foregoing shall be considered as tending to prevent Encampments of Knights Templars working within the Dominion of Canada, communicating the said Degree, under any special authority, for the purpose of enabling Fratres of said Encampments