

consider we should exercise great caution, as in my opinion the dispensing power vested in the Grand Z. should not be lightly used in over-riding constitutional regulations, unless an absolute necessity exists for the exercise of the prerogative; and I would strongly recommend that greater care be taken by the subordinate Chapters in the selection of Principals, and only those be elected who are known to be properly qualified. On the 30th April last an application was received from Carleton Chapter of Ottawa city, asking permission to advance and exalt to the degree of Royal Arch two brethren residents of the city of Hull, within our territorial jurisdiction. The application being accompanied by a request from the Grand Superintendent of the Ottawa District, and considering it would be beneficial to Royal Arch Masonry in that part of the Province, I granted the necessary dispensation.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Since our last Annual Convocation I have appointed R. E. Comp. John F. Hill our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, and Ex. Comp. Richard Tyler of Montreal has been duly commissioned as Representative of that Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Quebec. I trust these appointments may be acceptable to this Grand Body, and I ask your confirmation of the same.

Our relations with the Sister Grand Chapters, I am happy to state, continue of the most friendly kind, and I trust no disturbing element will arise to mar the universal harmony now existing. In February last the following communication was received from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland in reply to the address forwarded to the Hon. Judge Townshend, constituting him an Honorary Member of this Grand Chapter:—

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF IRELAND.

GRAND REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, FREEMASONS' HALL

Dublin, February 1st, 1881.

To the R. E. Companion A. Grant, Grand Scribe E., Grand R. A. Chapter of Quebec.

R. E. SIR AND COMPANION,—At the last stated Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, Comp. James H. Neilson stated that he had been requested to convey to the M. E. King, the Hon. Judge Townshend, an address from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, constituting him an Honorary Member of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. The M. E. King on accepting the address requested him to convey to the Grand Chapter of Quebec his sincere thanks and very high appreciation of the honor which had been conferred upon him. At the same Convocation it was unanimously

Resolved.—That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland having learned with great satisfaction that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec have presented to our M. E. King, the Hon. Judge Townshend, an honorary membership of their Body, we do hereby tender our grateful acknowledgments of the honor conferred on our M. E. King, and beg to assure our Companions in Quebec that we regard this honor as one also conferred on ourselves, by their fraternal recognition of the intimate relationship recently established between the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland and that of Quebec.

I have to request that you will have the kindness to convey this to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec at its next Convocation.

And remain, R. E. Sir and Bro.,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

SAMUEL B. OLDHAM,

Grand Registrar.

For the information of the Companions, I beg to state that we are in communication with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, in reference to matters of importance relative to the welfare of our Royal Craft, but as the correspondence relating to these matters is still being carried on, I do not deem it advisable to submit it to Grand Chapter at its present Convocation. I also call your attention to a communication from our Past Grand Z. to the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, which will be found in Appendix A of our proceedings.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on Foreign Correspondence will be presented by V. E. Comp.