

of Companions who were elected first or second Principals, but were not constitutionally eligible, all in my opinion being necessary for the welfare of the several Chapters interested.

#### EXCHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

During the last year I have been advised of the appointment of Excellent Companion Henry Macpherson as representative of the Grand Chapter of California, and R. E. Companion Daniel Spry, as representative of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, near this Grand Chapter.

I have appointed representatives of the Grand Chapter of Canada R. E. Companion Louis Wiggin, near the Grand Chapter of California; M. E. Companion William H. McIlharmey, near the Grand Chapter of Scotland. In the credentials appointing R. E. Companion Lawrie, I conferred on him the rank of a Past Grand J. of this Chapter, and caused to be forwarded to him the insignia of his office. These appointments have been made, subject, of course, to your approval.

Early in December last I received the following communications from M. E. Companion Noble D. Larned, the M. E. Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia.

*Office of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the District of Columbia.*

WASHINGTON, November 26th, 1873.

COMPANION S. B. HARMAN, M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Canada, M. E. Companion.

The personal relations existing between your Representative near the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia and myself, being of such a character as to prohibit intercourse between him and myself, I am, therefore, much to my regret, compelled to request that his commission as your representative be revoked, and that some other Companion, whose standing and position in this fraternity will command the respect which a Grand Representative is entitled to, be appointed in his stead. Companion Mason is not a member of our Grand Chapter, and, therefore, only visits the same through courtesy. He has never filled a higher position in a Chapter than that of Secretary, and his interference lately in matters belonging exclusively to members of our Grand Chapter, and other circumstances, not necessary to mention, has made him very obnoxious, not only to myself, but to a very large number of the members of our Grand Chapter. For these and other reasons which I might mention, I have, after consultation with our Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, and other Companions, concluded to make this official request of you for the revocation of his Commission as your Grand Representative.

With the hope that the fraternal relations at present existing between our two Grand Chapters may continue,

I remain yours truly and fraternally,

(Signed),

NOBLE D. LARNED,

Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia.

P. S.—I would recommend M. E. Companion Joseph Daniels, Past Grand High Priest of our Grand Chapter, as one in every way qualified for the position of your Representative.

(Signed),

N. D. L.

G. H. P.

After carefully considering the request contained to the above, I directed the Grand Scribe E. to write the M. E. Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia informing him of my decision. Accordingly on the 4th day of March last he addressed to him the following communication.

*Grand Chapter of Canada, Office of the Grand Scribe E.*

HAMILTON, Ontario, 4th March, 1874.

NOBLE D. LARNED, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter District of Columbia.

DEAR SIR AND M. E. COMPANION,—Circumstances beyond my control have occurred, which have of necessity caused me to put off addressing to you a communication as directed by our M. E. Grand Z. on the 17th January last, on the subject of our representative at the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, which has, I am given to understand, been the subject of some correspondence between yourself and the past and present Grand First Principals' Z. of this Grand Chapter.

I have now the honor, under instructions of the M. E. Grand Z., to state, in regard to your desire for the cancelment of the credentials of our representative, R. E. Comp. J. E. Mason, at the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, that under ordinary circumstances he would feel himself warranted in exercising the prerogatives of his