

he occupied to-night, and he felt somewhat his inability to do credit to himself and Companions. He referred to his visiting the Chapter in St. Catherines some time ago, and to the pride it gave him at meeting so many able and eminent men there. He was pleased also to find Ontario District so well and ably represented, as it was not behind hand in giving well-skilled men to the Council. He then gave them the toast of "The Past Grand Officers."

R. E. Comp. Kincaid responded. He was proud to say that he was a Past Grand Officer. He hoped they might all live to see the day when Peterborough would secure the highest gifts from the Grand Chapter; but he gave it as his best advice to Companions that if they wished to attain to any of these high offices they must live lives of strict integrity. Let them rest assured that if they show that assiduity and faithfulness which all promotions demanded, the Chapter would willingly open its arms to receive them. He had lost none of his old interest in the work of the Chapter, and he felt he never would lose that interest as long as he lived.

R. E. Comp. O'Donnell also replied to the toast. As a Past Grand Officer, he begged to return his sincere thanks for the heartiness in which they received the toast. He cherished it as one of the happiest days of his life when he found himself counted among the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada. It was an honor that he would desire before any other that could be conferred upon him.

R. E. Comp. Dr. Might was next called upon to respond. He entertained a high opinion of the office he had been appointed to. Masonic institutions had done a great deal to help him to lead a better life. Their mission was to extend knowledge, promote morality, and advance the interests of mankind. He dwelt upon the many excellent advantages which it gave to a man to improve himself. It softened many of the asperities of life, helped to foster the more valuable and manly virtues, and make mankind feel more of the ties of brotherhood in battling with the affairs of the world.

A number of other toasts were added to the programme, and received responses, after which the J. W.'s toast was given. The company then sang the National Anthem, and separated at an early hour.—*Peterboro' Review*.

THE A. AND A. RITE.—The bodies of the Rite in this city, holding of the Supreme Council of Canada, 33°, have effected during the present week a union, the "Moore Chapter," and the "Chapter of New Brunswick," formally giving up separate existence, and uniting as one Chapter under the name of "Harington Chapter." The "Consistory of New Brunswick, 30°," has dissolved, its membership being transferred to the "Harington Consistory, 32°," which assumes the name of the Province, and will henceforth be called the "New Brunswick Consistory, 32°," with jurisdiction over the whole Province. The "Chapter of New Brunswick, 18°," over which Ill. Bro. T. Clinch presided, was formally visited, at its final meeting on Wednesday evening, by the Ill. Lt. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Canada, Bro. Robert Marshall, 33°, and by the M. W. S. and many members of the "Moore Chapter, 18°," and there was a most pleasing interchange of fraternal greetings and courtesies. Yesterday afternoon, at three o'clock, the "Moore Chapter, 18°," met for the last time, and after the reception of a member and a visit from the members of the late "Chapter of New Brunswick," it was closed *sine die*. Immediately thereafter the new body, the "Harington Chapter, 18°," was formally opened by the Ill. Deputy for the Province, Brother Marshall, and the work of organization proceeded. The following officers were unanimously elected: William H. Thorne, Most Wise Sovereign; Rev. Canon Scovil, Reverend and Perfect Prelate; B. Lester Peters, Excellent and Perfect First General; T. Barclay Robinson, Excellent and Perfect Second General; T. Amos Godsoe, Excellent and Perfect Raphael; T. Wyng Wisdom, Excellent and Perfect Grand Marshal. The consolidation of these bodies gives general satisfaction to the members of the Rite in the city, and will, no doubt, redound to the glory of the Ancient Craft.—*St. John Morning News, 21st April*.

#### ABROAD.

BRO. HON. RICHARD VAUX, P. G. M. of Masons of Pennsylvania, has accepted the invitation of American Union Lodge, No. 1, of Marietta, Ohio, to deliver the oration at the celebration of its Centennial, on St. John the Baptist's Day next, June 24.

THE Supreme Council, thirty-third degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the U. S. A., will hold its regular biennial session at Washington in May next. At the same time it will celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of its formation. The deliberations will be presided over by General Albert Pike.

BRO. WILLIAM P. INNES, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has been selected as a committee to write a full history of Templar and Royal Arch Masonry in that State. He has commenced his labors, and the work will be completed at an early day.