

the necessity of becoming members of an Order so complete in instruction to them and to a proper understanding of the Sublime Degree itself, without which there is a blank in their Masonic knowledge. For there alone is the missing link supplied. Another remedy is the introduction of a visiting system by Grand Council officers and Inspectors-General. I feel that I am in some measure blameable. Most of the Companions know that my business is of such a nature that I am unable to devote as much time as the office requires in visiting. If the Grand Council officers will institute this system and accompany the Inspector-General, I augur that valuable results will follow.

It is to the efforts of Most Ill. Companion Spry, the Grand Recorder, that this Council owes its present position as a Grand Council of Rites; and the high position in Craft Masonry to which he has been elected is a proof of the high esteem with which he is regarded by his brethren. Let my successor and his Illustrious associates in office assist him in placing this Grand Council in the high place it ought to occupy in the Dominion. We have among our Companions those who are an ornament to any body, who will compare favorably with those of any other jurisdiction. It remains with them to put their shoulders to the wheel, and help our Grand Council up into a state of prosperity.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS.—After three years of office, I come to lay down the emblem of power which you have entrusted with me so long. My chief desire was to see this Grand Council progressing as it ought. I know you will elect a Companion to this office who will take a deep interest in all that affects the Council. I have no doubt that my successor will see an era of prosperity dawn upon his efforts.

COMPANIONS.—I thank you for the consideration and kindness I have ever received at your hands, and pray that for many years to come we shall

have as pleasant reunions as the past recalls to mind, and earnestly pray the I. I. and O. I.

When the wasting age and wearying strife
Have sapped the leaning walls of life;
When darkness gathers over all,
And the last tottering pillars fall,
To take the poor dust His mercy warms,
And mould it into heavenly forms.

The Grand Council resolved in future to discard the Red Cross Degree.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

M. Ill. Grand Master—J. Ross Robertson, Toronto.

Rt. Ill. D. G. M.—Bro. Gibson, Beamsville.

Rt. Ill. P. C. W.—A. W. Pettit, St. Thomas.

Rt. Ill. G. Treas.—D. McLellan, Hamilton,

M. Ill. G. Scribe—D. Spry, Barrie.

Rt. Ill. G. C. of G.—John Patton, Toronto.

Rt. Ill. G. Lecturer—H. K. Maitland, Guelph.

Rt. Ill. G. Chap.—Rev. A. Anthony, Caledonia.

INSPECTORS-GENERAL.

London District—Rt. Ill. W. R. Browne.

Hamilton District—Rt. Ill. John Inglis, Guelph.

Toronto District—Rt. Ill. H. S. Broughton, Brantford.

Ottawa District—Rt. Ill. John Moore, Ottawa.

Manitoba District—Rt. Ill. James O'Connor, Winnipeg.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

E. B. Butterworth, Ottawa; J. B. Nixon, Toronto; W. Hawthorne, London; and H. A. Mackay, Hamilton.

The next session of the Grand Council will be held at Ottawa in July, 1898.

MEETING OF THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY AT LONDON.

The brethren of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Memphis 96° met July