

establishment,—the recognition—and the graceful, fraternal welcome accorded to us as a sister Grand Body. The kindly expressions by the M. E. the first Grand Principal of the parent Grand Chapter and their endorsement by the assembled Companions,—of their confidence in our preparedness for, and capability of supreme local self-government and its successful administration,—are alike honorable to them and gratifying to us; and will greatly tend to cement us in enduring friendship, and incite us to every laudable endeavor to carry on to complete success the erection of our grand superstructure whose foundations have been so auspiciously laid.

In response to our address to the Grand Chapters of the world, many fraternal communications have been received, assuring us of prompt recognition when their Grand Bodies hold their annual Convocations.

I have great pleasure in announcing to you that the Grand Chapters of Canada, Georgia, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Wisconsin and Vermont have extended hearty, fraternal recognition to this Grand Chapter, and have expressed their desire for the establishment of Grand Representation between themselves and us. I beg therefore to recommend Grand Chapter to pass a resolution adopting and establishing the system of appointment by the M. E. the Grand Z. of Grand Representatives, near sister Grand Bodies, subject to ratification by the Grand Chapter.

To promote the highest interests of this Grand Body, and to extend and upbuild Capitular Masonry throughout our Province, I take the liberty of urging all the officers of this Grand Chapter, and especially the District Superintendents and Principals of Chapters within our jurisdiction, to renewed zeal and fidelity in the discharge of their important duties. Our peculiar circumstances, and the highest good of our common country, loudly call for the utmost possible expansion of our loyal, peaceful and charit-

able fraternity. Let every true craftsman faithfully, prudently and zealously perform his whole duty to our ancient, honorable and Royal Institution.

The recent successful establishment of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Quebec, began a new era of prosperity in that department of our craft within our jurisdiction, and the organization of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, as a necessary and logical sequence of our former action, will be received with highest satisfaction by that Grand Body, and every worthy and zealous Craftsman should, as circumstances permit, seek admission into our Chapters, and thereby attain to the perfection and consummation of Ancient Craft Freemasonry. From past success and present indications, we may also reasonably anticipate that the cognate and duly recognized Orders of Knights Templar and the Ancient and Accepted Rite, will, at no distant day, assume sovereign local self-government, and thus complete the full embodiment and final organization of our fraternity in all its great divisions on an equality of independence and supremacy with the sister Grand Bodies in the several Provinces, States, Kingdoms, and Empires of the world.

In view of the establishment of this sovereign Grand Chapter, and considering the intimate fraternal relations hitherto so happily existing between the Craft in this Province, especially since the memorable Masonic administration in Lower Canada, of the late Duke of Kent,—and the parent Grand Bodies in the Mother Country, I beg most respectfully to submit to this Grand Chapter, that an humble and loyal address be duly prepared and presented to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the illustrious Chief of our Fraternity in England, expressive of our devoted attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and to His Royal Highness, the Heir apparent,—of our