

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

The annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, was held in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, on Friday, 10th July.

The Grand Z., M. E. Comp. Judge Henry Macpherson, opened the proceedings by reading an able address, in the course of which he said:—

“Peace and harmony have prevailed during the year, and while there has been no marked increase in the number of Chapters on our roll, prosperity seems to have attended most of them, and the members have been working harmoniously and for the general good of our Order. The valuable reports of the Superintendents of the Districts will, I think, show that only a few differences have arisen amongst our Companions, and that these have been easily settled.”

A Dispensation had been issued for a new Chapter at Alliston, to be called Spry Chapter.

A number of official visits were paid, and several Dispensations were issued. Comp. N. Greenleaf had been appointed as the representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of Colorado. The financial state of Grand Chapter is shown to be satisfactory:—

The balance on hand July 1st, 1834, was...\$ 3,270 93
Receipts for the year ending June 30th, 1835 2,178 28

Expenditure..... 5,549 18
1,366 17

On hand..... 4 243 01
Invested..... 0 0 03

Total.....\$10,243 11

“We are again reminded of the uncertainty of life by the passing away of some distinguished and useful Companions from our midst. Amongst those who have been called away are three who have held official

rank in our Grand Chapter, R. E. Companion W. N. Kennedy, P. District Superintendent of Manitoba District, and a member of Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg, who died on his way home from Egypt, where he had been with the Canadian voyageurs assisting the British troops in the ascent of the Nile. He was also a P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. R. E. Comp. A. A. Campbell, of Belleville, Past Grand J., and V. E. Comp. Henry Cooke, P. G. Steward, a member of Huron Chapter, No. 30, who died on the 23rd of September, 1884. Ex-Comp. M. H. Spencer, P. H. of Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie, a Past D. D. G. M. of the Toronto District, who died on the 10th of Feb., 1885. E. Comp. David A. Creasor, P. Z. of Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound, and a P. G. Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who died on the 29th of Dec., 1884. E. Comp. R. Flood, P. Z., of Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket, who died on the 18th of January, 1885, and Comp. T. M. Daly, of Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, who died on the 4th of March, 1885. I recommend that memorial pages be placed in our report to our departed companions.

The Grand Chapter of Canada having at its last Annual Convocation, resolved that all fraternal intercourse between that grand body and the G. M. M. M. Lodge of England should be suspended, unless within six months from that date the G. M. M. M. Lodge withdrew all its warrants to Mark Lodges in the Province of Quebec, I have to report that such action was not within the said six months taken, nor has it yet been taken, so that the resolution of our Grand Chapter still remains in full force. And now in conclusion in surrendering into your hands the sceptre with which you have honored me during the past two years, let me ask you to join with me in returning our heart-felt thanks to the Most High