

THE EPOCH—1801. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

As there were lodges in the United States of America derived from both Ancient and Modern Grand Lodges in England, making great confusion and unable to recognize each other, the plan proposed was to unite the two systems then in use, and from the whole produce a uniform system and mode of work which should be adopted throughout the land. The Committee appointed, consisting of Bros. Webb, Powle, Snow, Gleason, Richards, and others, commenced their labors in 1797, and ended in 1800, at which time they brought forth the work as now used. By this work all Masons in the United States are "Moderns," the "Ancients being rejected. This committee revised and established the Royal Arch system by 1802.

The above is but a mere sketch, further details may be hereafter given.

St. Johns, P.Q., Nov. 16, 1883.

HIGHER MASONRY.

Supreme Council A. & A. S. Rite, 33°, Officers.

This body met at Hamilton, when the following officers were installed for the next three years:—

- Ill. Bro. W. H. Hutton, 33°, Montreal, Sov. Gr. Commander.
- " " J. V. Ellis, 33°, St. John, Lieut. Gr. C.
- " " J. W. Minton, 33°, Hamilton, Sec. Gen.
- " " H. A. Mackay, 33°, Hamilton, Treas. Gen.
- " " B. Lester Peters, 33°, St. John, Grand Chan.
- " " Wm. Reid, 33°, Hamilton, G. M. of C.
- " " I. H. Stearns, 33°, Montreal, G. Mar'l.
- " " Hugh Murray, 33°, Hamilton, Grand Sword Bearer.
- " " E. M. Copeland, 33°, Montreal, Grand Captain of Guard.
- " " Hugh Murray, 33°, Hamilton, Ill. Deputy for Ontario.
- " " R. T. Clinch, 33°, St. John, Ill. Deputy for New Brunswick.
- " " I. H. Stearns, 33°, Montreal, Ill. Deputy for Quebec.

After the Supreme Council closed their labors they were shown the beauties of the Ambitious City by the Ill. brethren residing there, and their visitors were highly delighted with the attention shown them.

The following degrees were conferred:—4°, 5°, 6°, 9°, 13°, 14°, and 15°. On Thursday there was the 18°, 19° to 29° and

30°, and afterwards the banquet being held the same evening. The following Ill. brethren, in addition to those already named, responded to an invitation to be present and witness the exemplification of the ritual of this beautiful, instructive and impressive branch of Masonry, as well as to accept the hospitalities of the Hamilton brethren:—

- Ill. Bro. Rev. Joseph Galbraith, 28°, Dublin, Ireland.
- " " J. F. Gunn, 30°, Walkerton.
- Sov. Pr. Philip Bajus, 18°, Kingston.
- " " Wm. Waddington, 1°, 18°, Kingston.
- " " R. V. Mathews, 18°, "
- " " Shan McLean, 18°, "
- Ill. Bro. S. G. Fairlough, 32°, "
- " " J. F. Walker, 32°, Mon'real.
- " " H. S. Evans, 32°, "
- Sov. Pr. W. L. Flaherty, 18°, Niagara Falls.
- Ill. Bro. F. J. Menet, 32°, To. onto.
- " " T. F. Blackwood, 32°, Toronto.
- Sov. Pr. C. W. Brown, 18°, "
- " " James Adams, 18°, "
- Ill. Bro. John A. Lockwood, 32°, Buffalo, N.Y.
- " " F. G. Shaw, 32°, Sinclairville, N.Y.
- " " W. L. Buchner, 32°, Youngstown.
- " " L. D. Thoman, 32°, Youngstown.
- " " C. W. Stearns, 32°, Berea, O.
- " " Hugh Buckley, Cleveland.
- " " J. H. Peck, 32°, Cleveland.
- " " P. S. Kinnard, 32°, Cleveland.
- " " C. H. Smith, 32°, Cleveland.
- " " J. M. Worthington, 32°, Cleveland.
- " " W. J. Starkweather, 32°, "
- " " James Gibbons, 32°, "
- " " Geo. Arnold, 32°, "
- " " W. H. Hogarth, 32°, "
- " " E. Ely, 32°, "
- " " W. T. Walker, 32°, Toledo.
- " " J. W. Toullerton, 32°, Toledo.
- " " J. W. Parke, 32°, Indianapolis.

The labors of the Supreme Council of the Dominion of Canada were ended about six o'clock in the evening. The work done by them, as well as by the Consistory, the Rose Croix Chapter and Lodge of Perfection, has been of the most interesting character, and has been attended by a number of members of the rite in the Northern and Southern jurisdictions of the United States, as well as by members of the rite from all Canadian cities.

The city members of the rite have turned out daily at the several meetings, and the closing work was completed with much good feeling, and the following day was indeed a red-letter day for the Masonic body of Hamilton.

The visiting brethren from all parts were particularly happy in expressing their praise of the work they had seen done by the Hamilton Masons during the week, and of the manner they had treated every one who had been fortunate enough to be a guest at their great and successful reunion. Bro. J. J. Mason was elected by the brethren to fill the chair—which he did in a very happy manner—and one of the most successful Masonic banquets ever held in Canada was that which was held in honor of this re-union. Those present were:—W. H. Hutton, 33°, Sov. Gr. Com., Montreal; John V. Ellis,