

Our Relations with Sister Supreme Councils remain most satisfactory. The able President of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence will doubtless present you with another of his interesting Reports on this head,—reports which we receive and study with so much pleasure. Such Proceedings as have come to us from those Illustrious Bodies will be laid before you by our Secretary General, or Chancellor.

On the 20th March last, I held, by request, a Special Session of the Supreme Council at the City of Hamilton, on which occasion the Degree of S. G. I. G., 33°, was conferred upon Brother WILLIAM B. SIMPSON, 32°, of Montreal, a very worthy Freemason and one of high standing in the antient craft, and I felt a personal gratification in introducing him to membership in this Supreme Council, having for a long time known and esteemed him.

We were disappointed at not meeting our Illustrious Brethren from the Maritime Provinces, who were expected, but were prevented at the last minute from being present. Brother HUTTON was also absent to our regret, the mortal illness of a friend being the sad cause. Ill. Bro. BABCOCK, 33°, of Cleveland, Ohio, U. S. A., was good enough to favor us with his company and assistance.

When at Hamilton I had the satisfaction of witnessing the working of the 15°, 18° and 30° of our Rite, and I bear my willing testimony to the very beautiful exemplification of those several Degrees, and to the praise due to the several Bodies of the Rite in that city.

Notices of motion were given at that Special Session as follows, viz:—For the simplification of Titles in the various Degrees, &c.; and, for the recognition of the Supreme Council of Egypt, &c.

The Hamilton Brethren extended their hospitality to us, and a very enjoyable evening was passed at a truly sociable Banquet.

I have granted only three Dispensations during the past year. One for the special conferring of the 32° on Brother EDWARD MITCHELL, 31°, of Hamilton; another to confer the 15°, 16°, 17° and 18° on Brother SAMUEL W. RAY, 14°, of Prince Arthur's Landing, waiving the statutory time between them, and the third to confer the 31° and 32°, waiving the statutory time between them, on Brother THE REV. ST. GEORGE CAULFIELD, 30°,—these Dispensations being granted for special good reasons assigned, and borne testimony to by our Secretary General.

I received a very kind and brotherly invitation from the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., to attend its Annual Session in the City of Philadelphia, on the 16th September last. It was with unfeigned regret that I had to excuse myself, for reasons that I made known to the Ill. Grand Secretary General. I would have indeed much liked to have met my Brethren, on that very important and interesting occasion.

I have been favored by Ill. Brother ALBERT PIKE, 33°, the Sov. Gr. Commander of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, of the U. S. A.

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