

It is however a source of deep regret to us, that we have not with us on this occasion, M. Ill. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, whose familiar face and fraternal greeting cannot well be spared from our Annual Masonic gatherings, while, therefore we are once more permitted to assemble together to exchange fraternal recognitions, renew past friendships, and take council for the future; let us with grateful hearts return thanks to the H. O. O. I., and earnestly pray He may be pleased to restore to health and strength our M. P. Grand Master, so that he may long be spared to us, who love him for his wisdom, his masonic knowledge, and his lasting friendship.

Since our last meeting, the Constitution and the Proceedings of the Convention, which formed Grand Council, have been printed and copies forwarded to every Grand Council, Masonic Journal, and to every Subordinate Council in Canada, as well as to many leading Masons.

This has awakened a considerable interest in the Cryptic rite, and an earnest desire has been showed by many of our Masonic Companions to penetrate the mysteries of the S. V.

Cryptic Masonry is assuming its proper position, and earnest Masons are beginning to show that they recognize its merits and I feel assured that in due time a Council will be organized wherever there exists a well conducted Chapter.

NEW COUNCILS.

During the year the M. P. Grand Master has granted Dispensations for opening three new Councils, which are named and situated as follows :

Khurum, Maitland, March 2nd, 1872, Geo. C. Longley, T. Ill. M.

Prevost, Dunham, March 2nd, 1872, Edson Kemp, T. Ill. M.

Izabud, Montreal, March 2nd, 1872, John H. Isaacson, T. Ill. M.

Each of these applications were accompanied by the proper certificates and vouchers of the Inspector General of the Division, as required by Art. X, of the Constitution, and it is for Grand Council, now to decide, whether or not a Warrant of Constitution be issued to them respectively, R. Ill. Comp. N. Gordon Bigelow, Inspector General for Quebec, to whom the Grand Master granted his Dispensation, proceeded to the various places where the Councils were to be opened, and instructed the Illustrious Companions in the proper organizations of their Councils.

RECOGNITION.

Grand Council has to be congratulated upon the prompt and hearty recognition extended to it by the M. P. the Grand Council of New Brunswick.

This prompt action on the part of the Grand Body, from which all the councils which took part in the formation of this Grand Council obtained their Warrants, will be highly esteemed, and it will assist in linking us still closer in the bonds of fraternal affection with our Illustrious Companions and Countrymen of the Maritime Provinces. Many of the Grand Council of the United States have also been prompt in extending to us fraternal recognition, amongst which may be mentioned Massachusetts, Tennessee, Illinois, Alabama and New Jersey.

REPRESENTATIVES.

In compliance with the resolution passed by Grand Council, the M. P. Grand Master made arrangements for an exchange of Representatives with several Grand Councils, and he has appointed the following Illustrious Companions as our representatives, near these Grand Councils : viz: