

WINNIPEG, September 1, 1881.

To the Supreme Council, 33°.

ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN,—

I have the honor of submitting to you the following Report of my official acts as your Special Deputy, and the condition of the Rite in the Province of Manitoba :

OFFICIAL ACTS.

1st.—Under the authority of a special commission bearing date the 4th December, 1880, I convened the Brethren of the 32° resident in Winnipeg, on the 24th January, 1881, and from time to time conferred the several Degrees upon Sov.'. Prince JOHN McDONALD, 18°, from the 19°, or that of Grand Pontiff, to the 32°, or that of Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, both inclusive, completing the work on the 16th February.

2nd.—I installed the Officers of the Winnipeg Lodge of Perfection on the 22nd February, and the Officers of the Bethesda Chapter of Sov'. Princes Rose Croix on the 30th August, 1881.

3rd.—I have been present at nearly every meeting of the Bodies in this Jurisdiction ; and in the Lodge of Perfection on several occasions have presided and conferred Degrees in the absence of the T'. P'. M'.

CONDITION OF THE RITE.

On the organization of the Bodies of the Rite, Masons generally looked upon them with somewhat of suspicion, as there was much ignorance prevailing as to the objects and aims of the Rite. This, I am glad to say, has almost passed away.

In my Address as Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A'. F'. & A'. M'. , at the Annual Communication in February, I made the following remarks :

" During the past year Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry have been established in this Jurisdiction, and I have reason to believe that the good effects are seen in the drawing closer together of the bonds of union and friendship. Having been one of those who had the privilege of receiving the Degrees of the Rite from the 4th to the 32nd inclusive, I would express personally my highest appreciation of the same, and recommend them to the careful consideration of the thoughtful and studious, to the lovers of the beautiful, in., assive and solemn, and to all earnest searchers.

" In some countries the A'. & A'. S'. Rite holds jurisdiction over all Degrees, from 1st to 33rd inclusive. I would, therefore, recommend the passage of

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