

I trust likewise that Returns may be at hand from Manitoba and British Columbia.

Financial Reports I leave to your proper Officers, who are most painstaking. To them, and all other Officers of the Council, I owe thanks for their willing assistance; and I need hardly say that another interesting Report from our admirable Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Relations will be very acceptable, and must add to the pleasure of our Annual Session.

I have granted only four Dispensations this year, one to "Hamilton" Chapter, R. C. 18°, and two to "Moore" Consistory, 32°, held at Hamilton, all waiving Statutory time in conferring Degrees. Satisfactory reasons were brought forward and the parties interested were strongly recommended for advancement.

The fourth Dispensation was for a Lodge of Perfection to be held at Kingston, Province of Ontario, on a petition received and recommended by the Deputy of the said Province, and for which I recommend the Council to grant a Warrant.

GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS.

As regards the advisability of an increase of our 33ds, to which I invited your attention at our last Session (page 43), I would remind you that the question was left for further consideration during this present Session.

The question of the establishment of a Library, which was referred to a committee, will be reported upon. I have to remind the Council that the committee to whom was referred my Address last year, suggested that the several matters of procuring banners and other paraphernalia, the formation of Councils of Deliberation as practised elsewhere, the creation of a fund for the sick, might be looked into during the recess by the Inspectors General, with a view to action this year. The same committee approved likewise of my suggestion to admit 32ds at the delivery of the Sovereign Grand Commander's Annual Allocution, to be acted upon this year if the Council should see fit. Why not include our 30ths and 31sts likewise?

You will see by our Proceedings of last Session (page 45) that our Ill. Brother ELLIS gave a notice of motion to add to the Constitution a proviso to create Inspectors General of Districts, without adding to the active membership of this Supreme Council.

The Report of the Deputy for Quebec on the case of Brother LE BLANC, who seeks to be restored to his membership in our Rite, will be laid before you.

By reference to our Proceedings of 1880 (page 14) you will see a recommendation of the Deputy of Ontario on the question of re-arranging the Jurisdictions covered by the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. It will be advisable for the Council to arrive at a settlement of this matter.

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