

ing named active Chapters, viz.: Moira Union, Kilmarnock No. 2, Ayr No. 3, Glasgow No. 4, Newmilns No. 6, Stewarton No. 7, Hurlford No. 17, Sorn No. 18, Irvine No. 19, Govan No. 20, and Parkhead St. John No. 21. On a motion made by the Grand Z. and seconded by the Grand H., it was decided that the Early Grand Chapter of Scotland resign all right or title it had or claimed to have over Royal Arch Freemasonry in favor of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, the vote in favor thereof being unanimous. After a hearty vote of thanks by acclamation to the M.: E.: Grand Z., M. McB. Thomson, for the many services he had rendered and for his arduous labors in the interests of the Early Grand Chapter, he declared "*the Early Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland dissolved and closed forever.*"

The Companions who composed the late Early Grand Chapter then proceeded to St. Marks Hall, where the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was in special session, presided over by M.: E.: Major F. W. Allan, Deputy Grand Z. They were introduced to the Supreme Grand Chapter by the Grand Scribe E., Comp. R. S. Brown, and received with full honors. Then in order of precedence each took the oath of fealty to the Supreme Grand Chapter.

We note with pleasure a remark made by the acting Grand Z., Comp. F. W. Allan, in which he said that he considered the event unique in the history of Royal Arch Masonry, in that or any other country; it was the consummation of the happy union of two bodies which had hitherto claimed jurisdiction over Royal Arch Freemasonry in that country. Now, he was happy to say, they had a *united Supreme* Grand governing authority for Royal Arch Masonry in Scotland—united in the diffusion of light and knowledge, and in cultivating Masonic charity, the great object of our institution.

Congratulatory remarks were also

made by Comp. M. McB. Thomson, Grand Z. of the late Early Grand Chapter upon the consummation of the long desired union. In this connection, we are happy to say that the proceedings and a number of private letters received by us from this distinguished Companion bear testimony to the fact that the success of the union movement owes much to his well directed and persistent efforts.

After the close of the Supreme Grand Chapter came the banquet, the speeches at which indicating that joy was unbounded. The Supreme Grand Chapter was toasted by Comp. Thomson, Grand Z. of the Early Grand Chapter. The Chapters which came from that body were given by Comp. McN. Campbell, an officer of the Supreme Grand Chapter. He claimed for his Grand Chapter the proud distinction of bringing forth ten children at one birth. High compliments were also paid to Comp. R. S. Brown, Grand Scribe E., and to the presiding officer of the occasion, Comp. F. W. Allan.

May harmony ever prevail and the union never be disturbed.

MASONRY IS DIFFERENT.

When we compare the Masonic Fraternity with other societies of its kind, it is remarked that there is a difference. Others can easily trace the original date of their beginnings, and some now grown to honorable age are celebrating anniversaries of greater or less length. Who ever heard of the celebration of a fiftieth or a five hundredth anniversary of Masonry? We hear of revivals; of years of slow but sure decline in one section, then a luminous revival of interest; of suppression, persecutions and even martyrdom for its name, then a sweeping wave of popular favor that would carry it to a zenith height. Masonry is different in many ways from other societies. The lessons it imparts are peculiar to it alone in all the world. This is witnessed to by the efforts put forth in vain to pro-