

which committees shall report to the lodge at the next regular meeting, before the ballot is taken, and should the report be unfavorable, the candidate shall be considered rejected without a ballot."

There are some other matters which require attention, and on which I may write you again.

Yours fraternally,
HENRY ROBERTSON.

Collingwood, Feb. 7, 1885.

GRAND CHAPTER R. A. M. OF QUEBEC.

The eighth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was held in Montreal, on Tuesday, 27th ult. The following is a synopsis of the address of the Grand Zc:

Companions of the Grand Chapter of Quebec:

It is with sincere pleasure and with hearty gratitude to the Most High, for favors already received, that I welcome you to the eighth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction during the past year, and no questions have been submitted to me, either by individual Companions or by subordinate chapters, of sufficient importance to warrant official mention. To the fraternal spirit which actuates the membership of this jurisdiction, and the thorough knowledge which prevails of our written law and of the ancient landmarks, is to be attributed this commendable situation.

The increase in membership has been sufficiently gratifying. * * *

The reports of the Grand Officers and Committees will disclose more particularly the growth of the work, as well as those particulars which are essential to a fair consideration of our affairs during the past year. I commend them to your careful attention. * * * Reference was then made to a number of visits made to chapters, and to the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Chapter at its last annual convocation, a warrant has been issued constituting Shawenegam Chapter, No. 11. Its officers were duly installed by M. E. Comp. I. H. Stearns, and I have reason to believe that the new chapter is prospering. A number of dispensations had been granted during the year.

A Grand Chapter under the authority of

the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was formed in Washington Territory on the 2nd of October last. * *

I have made the following appointments of Grand Representatives during the year, viz:—

Connecticut—M. E. Comp. Edmund Tweedy.

Illinois—E. Comp. Sylvester O. Spring.

Minnesota—M. E. Comp. W. J. Hahn.

Missouri—M. E. Comp. W. M. Williams.

District of Columbia—M. E. Comp. Jose M. Yznaga.

During the same period, I have recommended the following appointment of representatives to this Grand Chapter, viz:—

Oregon—R. E. Comp. Hobart Butler, Bedford.

Pennsylvania—M. E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, Montreal.

Nevada—R. E. Comp. Charles Knowles, Quebec.

Indiana—R. E. Comp. Edson Fitch, Quebec.

Minnesota—R. E. Comp. John P. Noyes, Waterloo.

In this connection it may be remarked that since our last convocation, the Grand Chapter of Minnesota has consented to an interchange of representatives with its sister Grand Chapters. I am confident the several appointments thus made will be acceptable to this Grand Chapter.

By the death of V. E. Comp. James Bowen, jr., Grand Junior Sojourner, a vacancy was caused in that office, which I supplied by appointing V. E. Comp. Henry Griffiths, of Stadacona Chapter, for the unexpired term. * * * A deserved tribute of respect was paid to the fraternal dead.

Peace and harmony have prevailed in our relations with the sister Grand Chapters on this continent.

GRAND MARK LODGE OF ENGLAND, ETC.

I regret to say that there has been no change in the relations between this Grand Chapter and that Grand Lodge since the last annual convocation. Strenuous efforts have been made by our English brethren to influence the sister Grand Chapters in the U. S. A., to withdraw their support from this Grand Chapter, to endorse the invasion of our territory made by that Grand Lodge, and condone the violation of its treaty of recognition with us. Those efforts have been unsuccessful. The Grand Chapters of Texas, Vermont, Illinois and District of Columbia have already issued edicts of non-intercourse with that Grand Lodge, and nearly, if not all, of the Chapters of the United States have endorsed the principle for which we are contending, expressed sympathy with us, and notified the Grand Lodge to that effect in unmistakable terms. The further refusal of the