Masonic Calendar

Secret Craft Masons recommend that you wear the number of the lodge when attending. After the Lodge, you will have to travel.

Royal Arch Masons recommend that you wear the number of the Lodge. After the Lodge, you will have to travel.

Regular and Allied Masons recommend that you wear the number of the Lodge. After the Lodge, you will have to travel.

Scottish Rite Masons recommend that you wear the number of the Lodge. After the Lodge, you will have to travel.

Regular Templars recommend that you wear the number of the Lodge. After the Lodge, you will have to travel.

Rules for Masonic Dates

**Masonic Year**
- The year starts on January 1st, regardless of the calendar year.

**Masonic Month**
- The month starts on the first day of the month.

**Masonic Day**
- The day starts on the first day of the day.

**Masonic Time**
- Time starts at 12:00 AM on the first day of the time.

**Masonic Hour**
- Hour starts at 12:00 PM on the first hour of the hour.

**Masonic Minute**
- Minute starts at 12:00 PM on the first minute of the minute.

**Masonic Second**
- Second starts at 12:00 PM on the first second of the second.

**Masonic Year of Our Lord**
- Year of Our Lord starts on January 1st.

**Masonic Week**
- Week starts on the first day of the week.

**Masonic Month of Our Lord**
- Month starts on the first day of the month.

**Masonic Day of Our Lord**
- Day starts on the first day of the day.

**Masonic Hour of Our Lord**
- Hour starts on the first hour of the hour.

**Masonic Minute of Our Lord**
- Minute starts on the first minute of the minute.

**Masonic Second of Our Lord**
- Second starts on the first second of the second.

M. E. Grand First Principal Z.
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of the
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ROYAL ARCH MASON S
OF CANADA
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FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, A. D. 1911
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Fred W. Harcourt, Toronto, Ont.
Grand Z.

George J. Bennett, Toronto,
Grand Scribe E.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

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AT THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA,
HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, TEMPLE BUILDING,
CITY OF TORONTO, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 22ND FEBRU-
ARY, A. I. 2441, A.D. 1911.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp. George Moore ...............Grand Z.
R. " " Daniel F. MacWatt .........Grand J.
R. " " Geo. J. Bennett ...............Grand Scribe E.
R. " " A. T. Freed ...............Grand Scribe N.
M. " " William Gibson ...............Grand Treasurer.
R. " " R. W. Clewlo .........as Grand Principal Sojourner.
R. " " T. H. Brunton .........as Grand Registrar.
V. " " S. R. Bews ...............Grand Senior Sojourner.
V. " " John McCurrah ...............Grand Junior Sojourner.
R. " " J. B. Nixon ...............Grand Lecturer.
V. " " G. J. Scott ...............Grand Sword Bearer.
V. " " H. A. MacKay .........as Grand Master of 1st Veil.
V. " " H. S. King .........as Grand Master of 2nd Veil.
V. " " J. G. Boyce .........as Grand Master of 3rd Veil.
V. " " Frank Hills ...............Grand Master of 4th Veil.
V. " " V. M. Hare .........as Grand Standard Bearer.
V. " " Fred Staunton .........as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. " " J. B. Way ...............Grand Organist.
V. " " J. A. C. Stewart .........Grand Pursuivant.
V. " " Wm. Duncan .........as Grand Steward.
V. " " Chas. F. Walt ...............Grand Steward.
V. " " S. B. Sykes .........as Grand Steward.
" " E. J. Repath ...............as Grand Steward.
" " C. Clark ...............as Grand Steward.
" " J. Doust ...............Grand Steward.
" " W. H. Shaw .........as Grand Steward.
" " Geo. Britton .........as Grand Steward.
V. " " D. Robertson .........as Grand Steward.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp. M. B. Squire ...............St. Clair Dist. No. 1
R. " " S. E. Cornell ...............London " " 2
A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Fifty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock a.m.

R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, from the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are 149 warranted Chapters and 2 U. D. on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 117 were represented by the following Companions:

No. 1. **Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.**

No. 2. **The Hiram, Hamilton.**

No. 3. **St. John's, London.**

No. 4. **St. Andrew's and St. John's, Toronto.**

No. 5. **St. George's, London.**
E. Comps. F. Palmer (proxy), A. A. Campbell, P.Z.'s.

No. 6. **St. John's, Hamilton.**
No. 7. The Moira, Belleville.
E. Comps. W. C. Mikel, Z., W. N. Ponton, P.Z.

No. 8. King Solomon's, Toronto.

No. 15. Wawanosh, Sarnia.

No. 16. Carleton, Ottawa.


No. 19. Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.
E. Comp. A. N. Lindsay (proxy), P.Z.

No. 20. Mount Horeb, Brantford.
V. E. Comp. Ross A. Rastell (proxy), P.Z.

No. 22. Grenville, Prescott.
R. E. Comp. J. F. Graham (proxy), P.Z.

No. 23. Ezra, Simcoe.
E. Comp. L. F. Aiken, Z.

No. 26. St. Mark's, Trenton.

No. 27. Manitou, Collingwood.
E. Comps. A. W. Lawrence, Z., Robert Hughes, R. E. Comps. G. W. Bruce, W. T. Toner, P.Z.'s.

No. 28. Pentalpha, Oshawa.
V. E. Comp. Geo. J. Scott (proxy), P.Z.

No. 29. McCallum, Dunnville.

No. 30. Huron, Goderich.
No. 31.  Prince Edward, Picton.
    E. Comp. C. S. McGillivray, P.Z.

No. 32.  Waterloo, Galt.

No. 34.  Signet, Barrie.

No. 36.  Corinthian, Peterborough.
    E. Comp. W. R. G. Higgins (proxy), P.Z.

No. 37.  Victoria, Port Hope.

No. 40.  Guelph, Guelph.
    E. Comp. W. G. Stephenson, R. E. Comp. R. Mahoney (proxy), P.Z.'s.

No. 41.  Harris, Ingersoll.
    E. Comps. R. H. Reid, Z., J. L. Revell, P.Z.

No. 44.  Mount Sinai, Napanee.
    E. Comp. J. W. Thompson, Z.

No. 45.  Excelsior, Colborne.
    R. E. Comp. W. Bellamy (proxy), P.Z.

No. 46.  St. James', St. Marys.
    R. E. Comp. J. G. Constable (proxy), P.Z.

No. 47.  Wellington, Chatham.
    E. Comp. J. G. Martin, Z.

No. 48.  St. John's, Cobourg.
    E. Comp. J. H. Purdy, Z.

No. 50.  Saugeen, Walkerton.
    R. E. Comp. R. C. Cheswright (proxy), P.Z.

No. 52.  Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.

No. 53.  Bruce, Petrolea.
    E. Comp. J. E. Wismer, Z.

No. 54.  Palestine, St. Thomas.
    E. Comp. F. W. Jude, Z., R. E. Comp. N. W. Ford, P.Z.

No. 55.  Niagara, Niagara.
    E. Comp. J. D. W. Randall, P.Z.
No. 56.  
Georgian, Owen Sound.
R. E. Comp. W. H. Wright (proxy), P.Z.

No. 58.  
Pembroke, Mattawa.
R. E. Comp. C. W. Haentschel (proxy), P.Z.

No. 59.  
Sussex, Brockville.
E. Comp. J. W. Mitchell (proxy), P.Z.

No. 60.  
Doric, Newmarket.

No. 62.  
York, Eglinton.

No. 63.  
Havelock, Kincardine.
E. Comp. M. J. Macpherson, Z.

No. 64.  
Willson, Welland.
E. Comps. W. H. Crowther, Z., J. E. Cohoe, P.Z.

No. 65.  
St. Paul's, Toronto.

No. 66.  
The Malloch, Seaforth.
R. E. Comp. R. E. Cooper (proxy), P.Z.

No. 67.  
Enterprise, Harriston.

No. 69.  
Grimsby, Grimsby.

No. 70.  
Grand River, Bracebridge.
R. E. Comp. Isaac Huber (proxy), P.Z.

No. 72.  
Keystone, Stirling.

No. 75.  
St. Clair, Milton.
V. E. Comp. S. R. Bews, R. E. Comp. W. Panton (proxy), P.Z.'s.
No. 76.  
*Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.*

No. 77.  
*Occident, Toronto.*

No. 79.  
*Orient, Toronto.*

No. 80.  
*Ark, Windsor.*

No. 81.  
*Aylmer, Aylmer.*

No. 82.  
*Shuniah, Port Arthur.*
R. E. Comp. J. T. Hollinshead (proxy).

No. 83.  
*Ionic, Orangeville.*
E. Comp. J. A. V. Preston, Z., R. E. Comp. R. Irvine, P.Z.

No. 86.  
*Macpherson, Meaford.*
R. E. Comp. J. Sparling (proxy).

No. 90.  
*Golden, Kenora.*
R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett (proxy), P.Z.

No. 91.  
*Antiquity, Toronto.*

No. 94.  
*Midland, Lindsay.*

No. 95.  
*Tuscan, Sudbury.*
E. Comp. F. W. Colloton (proxy), P.Z.

No. 98.  
*Vancouver, Vancouver.*
R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett (proxy).

No. 99.  
*Keystone, Portage la Prairie.*
E. Comp. J. C. Smith (proxy), P.Z.
No. 100.   St. Lawrence, Brockville.
E. Comp. J. W. Mitchell, P.Z.

No. 101.   Corinthian, Boissevain.
R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon (proxy).


No. 103.   St. John's, North Bay.
R. E. Comp. J. T. Lovell (proxy), P.Z.

No. 104.   White Oak, Oakville.

No. 106.   Alberta, Calgary.

No. 112.   St. John's, Morrisburg.
E. Comp. C. W. Marsh, Z., R. E. Comp. Will C. Davey, P.Z.

No. 113.   Covenant, Cornwall.
R. E. Comp. W. J. Hallett (proxy).

No. 114.   Bonnechere, Renfrew.
E. Comp. J. Conley, Z., Jno. MacKay, P.Z.

E. Comp. L. A. Lapierre, Z., R. E. Comp. Jas. Smiley, P.Z.

No. 116.   Maple, Carleton Place.
R. E. Comp. D. H. McIntosh (proxy), P.Z.

E. Comp. A. H. Welker, Z.

No. 118.   North Star, Edmonton.
R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon (proxy).

No. 121.   Wascana, Regina.
E. Comp. W. H. McCallum (proxy).

No. 122.   Rossland, Rossland.
M. E. Comp. John Leslie (proxy).


No. 126.  *Assiniboia, Medicine Hat.*  
R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt (proxy).

No. 128.  *Revelstoke, Revelstoke.*  
R. E. Comp. G. J. Bennett (proxy).

No. 130.  *Chantry, Southampton.*  
E. Comp. T. H. Burns (proxy), P.Z.

No. 131.  *Amabel, Wiarton.*  
E. Comp. D. Huether, Z. and P.Z.

No. 132.  *Leeds, Gananoque.*  
E. Comp. R. J. Webster, Z., A. B. Munro, P.Z.

No. 133.  *St. Francis, Smiths Falls.*  
E. Comp. D. S. Rombough, Z., R. E. Comp. G. T. Martin, P.Z.

No. 134.  *King Darius, Cannington.*  
E. Comp. Joseph Kift, P.Z.

No. 135.  *Succoth, Uxbridge.*  
E. Comp. W. Akney, J., C. Asling, H., H. Shelley, Z., B. Madill, V. E. Comp. V. M. Hare, R. E. Comp. D. A. Clark, P.Z.'s.

No. 136.  *King Edward, Neepawa.*  
E. Comp. J. L. McKay (proxy), P.Z.

No. 137.  *Crow's Nest, Fernie.*  
R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith (proxy).

No. 138.  *Shekinah, West Toronto.*  
E. Comp. R. R. Hopkins, Z., J. A. Ellis, P.Z.

No. 139.  *St. Andrew's, Havelock.*  
E. Comp. B. W. Squire, H., G. A. McLennan, P.Z.

No. 140.  *Fort William, Fort William.*  
R. E. Comp. J. T. Hollinshead, Z. and P.Z.

No. 143.  *Glengarry, Maxville.*  
E. Comp. P. Munro (proxy), P.Z.

No. 145.  *The St. Patrick, Toronto.*  

No. 146.  *Bernard, Listowel.*  
E. Comp. D. D. Campbell, Z.

No. 149.  *Atwood, Rainy River.*  
R. E. Comp. J. T. Hollinshead (proxy).
No. 150.  
E. Comps. G. W. Reed, Z., T. H. Baker, J. E. Johnson, P.Z.s.

No. 153.  
Sombra, Sombra.  
R. E. Comp. S. E. Cornell (proxy).

No. 154.  
Klondike, Dawson.  
E. Comp. Geo. I. McLean, Z.

No. 155.  
Ancaster, Ancaster.  
E. Comp. G. B. Smith, P.Z.

No. 156.  
Avondale, Hartney.  
M. E. Comp. John Leslie (proxy).

No. 160.  
Prince Albert, Prince Albert.  
R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon (proxy).

No. 161.  
Madoc, Madoc.  
E. Comp. W. J. Moore, (proxy), P.Z.

No. 162.  
Moosejaw, Moosejaw.  
E. Comp. R. H. Clarke, Z.

No. 163.  
The Beaches, Toronto.  

No. 164.  
Lorne, West Lorne.  
E. Comps. D. F. Webster, Z., J. A. Fuller, P.Z.

No. 166.  
Moose Mountain, Arcola.  

No. 167.  
Kichikewana, Midland.  
E. Comp. A. C. Adams, H.

No. 168.  
Ionic, Campbellford.  

No. 169.  
Temiskaming, New Liskeard.  
E. Comp. F. W. Haynes, Z.

No. 170.  
Golden Compass, Sintaluta.  
E. Comp. R. D. Morton, P.Z.

No. 171.  
Rabboni, Dauphin.  
R. E. Comp. Harry Cockman (proxy).

No. 173.  
Weyburn, Weyburn.  
E. Comp. W. H. McCallum (proxy), P.Z.

No. 175.  
The Hamilton, Hamilton.  
E. Comp. W. H. Ballard (proxy), P.Z.
Thirty-two Chapters are unrepresented; number of names registered, 267; number of votes entitled to be cast, 509.

Fraternally submitted,

W. S. R. Murch,  
W. T. Toner,  
R. H. Spencer,  
J. T. Hollinshead, \[Committee.\]

On motion of R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. the Grand Z. announced that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing and properly vouched for, would now be admitted as visitors during the sessions of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe N. read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business. The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the minutes of the proceedings of the Fifty-second Annual Convocation, held in the City of Toronto on Wednesday, the 23rd of February, 1910, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, and

Resolved.—That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 23rd February, 1910, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

The M. E. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of representatives of sister Grand Chapters and invited those in attendance to seats on the dais, where he greeted them, the Companions of Grand Chapter standing. The following answered to their names:
The grand honors having been accorded the representatives of sister Grand jurisdictions, and suitable responses made, Grand Chapter was called to order, when the M. E. the Grand Z. read the following:
Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I extend to you a hearty and fraternal greeting, each and every one, and welcome you most cordially to this the Fifty-third Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. I trust that our assembling will prove profitable to us all, and that our deliberations will be conducted in peace and harmony, having in view that only which conduces to the advancement and prosperity of our Order. And as in the past, so let us renew our vows of fidelity to endeavor to live and work for God, our country and mankind, and esteem it a glorious privilege to be members of our beloved institution, whose objects are the alleviation of suffering and distress and the propagation of those Masonic principles, truth, honor and virtue, whose founder is the Great Architect of the Universe, and His word the Rock on which we build.

I also greet you, my Companions, with a heart full of thankfulness to Almighty God for all His blessings during the past year. Sickness and sorrow have entered many homes, and death has taken away our loved ones, yet we have been mercifully spared. Let us, therefore, with humble hearts offer praise and thanksgiving to the Giver of all good gifts for His care and protection, and while we rejoice that it is our privilege to meet each other again in Grand Convocation, let us stop a moment and think of those who have "toiled all the day" but have now crossed the river and gone to their reward.

Passed the Veils.

The early days of the month of May were darkly clouded by tidings of the illness and subsequent death of His Majesty King Edward VII, beloved by his millions of subjects in the great Empire and esteemed by a world
of nations. By no section of his loving people was the sad message received with more genuine sorrow than in the bosom of the great fraternity to which he had allied himself in youth, and which claimed his fealty and protection throughout a lifetime in which the Masonic principles and teachings were vividly exemplified. He was a loyal adherent, a noble Grand Master, and a faithful protector of the Ancient Craft, which now and for ages to come will cherish his memory. A cabled message of sympathy from the fourteen thousand members of this Grand Chapter was despatched from the office of the Grand Scribe E., and its receipt promptly acknowledged.

Nearer home we have been called upon to mourn the loss of a number of Companions more or less prominent in Craft circles. On the afternoon of Christmas Day M. E. Comp. Donald Ross succumbed to an attack of pneumonia contracted but a few days previously. The veteran Companion, who was in recent years a resident of Toronto, was in his seventy-fourth year and was the senior Past Grand First Principal of the jurisdiction. All his early life was spent in the town of Picton, where he was prominently identified with its public, military and Masonic life, and where his remains were interred with Masonic honors.

In the death of R. E. Comp. Robert Magness, Past Grand Superintendent, the Manitoba district, and the city of Winnipeg in particular, suffer a distinct loss. From his earliest alliance with it he was a devoted worker in the Royal Arch, and as an exponent of the ritualistic features of our degrees had earned a reputation far and wide. His death, which occurred on the 26th December last, occasioned sincere regret not only in the city of his adoption, but in his old home, Hamilton, where he received his early Masonic training and where he had made a host of friends. He presided over the Manitoba district in 1903.

The Masonic city of Hamilton was truly grieved to learn of the passing away of R. E. Comp. Andrew T. Neill, Past Grand Superintendent of that district, which
occurred on the 12th May, 1910. An ardent Mason, he labored faithfully to do his duty in every capacity to which he was called, and his unostentatious willingness and genial disposition endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. His devotion to the Royal Craft was recognized in his unanimous selection for the position of Grand Superintendent in 1903, and his term of office was marked by the progress which a zealous Companion in that position is bound to achieve.

Other well-known and devoted Companions who have passed the final Veil are mourned by their Chapters and friends. Among them are some who were familiar figures in this Grand Chapter in days gone by, notably V. E. Comps. Bernard Saunders, Ira Bates, Thos. J. O’Neill and John Chapman.

Our sister jurisdictions across the line have paid heavy toll likewise, and many brilliant Companions have been laid to rest. Among the names reported to us are the following:

Arkansas—W. K. Ramsay, P.G.H.P.

California—Wiley James Tinnin, P.G.H.P.; Franklin Henry Day, P.G.H.P.; Wm. Frank Pierce, P.G.H.P.

Florida—John Hugh Stephens, P.G.H.P.

Indiana—Elmer E. Reeves, G.C.H.; Lawrence Van-Buskirk, G.K.; Simeon P. Gillett, P.G.H.P.; Lucien A. Foote, P.G.H.P.


Kansas—J. C. Postlethwaite, P.G.H.P.; Chas. E. Monell, P.G.H.P.; William Hawkins Evans, P.G.H.P.

Michigan—Benjamin Porter, P.G.H.P.; Frank N. Clark, P.G.H.P.; Chas. J. Kruger, P.G.H.P.

Minnesota—Blinn Converse, P.G.H.P.; Charles W. Nash, P.G.H.P.

Mississippi—John Alex. B. Jones, P.G.H.P.; Chas. T. Chamberlain, P.G.H.P.
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New Jersey—Frederick G. Wiese, P.G.H.P.
New York—Richard H. Parker, P.G.H.P.
Nevada—Chauncey N. Noteware, G. Sec.
N. Dakota—Frank Jared Thompson, G. Sec.
Oregon—J. Milton Hodson, P.G.H.P.
Rhode Island—George Henry Kenyon, P.G.H.P.; Rev. Warren Rugg, P.G.H.P.; Caleb L. B. Knight, P.G.H.P.
S. Carolina—Jacob T. Barron, G. Sec.
Tennessee—W. A. Clendening, G. Sec.
Texas—Henry Jackson McBride, P.G.H.P.

"Such lives breathe fragrance like the rose;
And when their petals fall to earth,
Spread forth the germs of the new birth,
World wide, on every breeze that blows."

RELATIONS ABROAD AND AT HOME.

The relations existing between our sister jurisdictions and this Grand body may be described as "perfect peace." During the year nothing has arisen to cause the slightest anxiety, and there appears no cloud on the horizon. We are also blessed with peace at home. The subordinate Chapters pursue their duty with unflinching determination and zeal, and their loyalty to Grand Chapter is as bright and sound as polished steel.

PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS.

Before entering further into the details of the past year I want to speak to you regarding my impressions gained through intercourse with the Companions in my various peregrinations. Our position among the existing Masonic bodies is unique. The Royal Arch is the only body which is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. A Royal Arch Mason may wear the distinctive jewel of that Order in any Craft
lodge under its jurisdiction, a privilege which no other body of Masons enjoys. I trust that all the Grand Lodges to which we bear close kinship will adopt the same wise provision. Time was when the Royal Arch was worked within the blue lodge until the formation of Chapters gave it a distinction of its own, but the same similitude exists. The Royal Arch is still the complement, or completion, of the Master Mason degree, and we find the Royal Arch Mason really assisting the Craft lodge, thus enhancing the prospects of the Chapter.

I note the intense interest manifested everywhere in the degree of the Holy Royal Arch. It is not confined to any district in particular, nor to a few select Companions, nor can it be imputed to idle curiosity, or a desire to merely pass the time. Go where you will throughout the jurisdiction where the supreme degree is to be conferred and there will be found the "household of the faithful." The ambition of every First Principal should be to confer that degree in all its sublimity, to lose self, realize the sacred duty which has been intrusted to him, and to inspire his Companions with new zeal and resolution to go out into the world with love and reverence for God's Holy Name.

I have also been observant as to the manner in which the members conduct themselves during the hours of labor. In only a few instances have I witnessed anything unseemly or out of place, and then it was only through thoughtlessness, caused probably by lack of attention to instruction or a too frequent absence from Chapter Convocations.

I appeal to the Companions to remember that the officers are in charge of the work, and any interference from the members is not only injudicious and uncalled for, but the act destroys the impression designed for the minds of those whom we are called upon to instruct. I rejoice, however, to be able to say that I have frequently congratulated the members on their strict decorum during the impressive work, and also their evident satisfaction and appreciation of witnessing that work well done.
I observe that there exists a general lack of knowledge of the Constitution. This can be readily understood from the standpoint of the inactive member, who, having been presented with a copy on his admission to the Chapter, carries it home and that is the last he sees of it, believing that it interests the officers only. Unfortunately some officers, on the other hand, seem to think that the laws which govern our fraternity are secrets which are only intrusted to the Grand First Principal, and, without giving the Constitution a thought, they jump over the head of the Grand Superintendent and apply for a ruling from the Grand East, when a reference to a section of the Constitution covering the question is all that is necessary.

I am of the opinion that the trouble rests largely on the shoulders of the examining boards, who adopt slipshod methods, stifle their consciences, and graciously hoist a Companion into office who they know is incompetent, and trust to luck or the generous disposition of past officers to help him out. The result invariably is that the members soon comprehend the situation and, rather than watch the inefficient officer bungle through his duties, they absent themselves, lose interest in the working, and thus do irreparable harm to the Chapter. The election of officers according to seniority without considering the question of ability, is a perilous mistake, for the bestowal of honors on the unworthy seeker enriches him not at all and makes the Chapter poor indeed.

I have often marvelled how members are content to repair continually to refreshment, where they patiently sit and listen to the same monotonous programme month in and month out from year to year. I am not casting a stone at the social hour, nor desire to intimate that I myself do not participate, because I have had many happy evenings with my Companions around the table, and I trust I may have that privilege for years to come—but after all does it not become irksome? You have certainly had a good supper, enjoyed a smoke, and heard what we call a speech from almost everyone present, but what food have you provided for the mind? The next day can you really recall anything to cause serious
thought? And so throughout the year, with possibly a few exceptions, we pursue the same course.

What can be done during the refreshment hours to stimulate our desire for knowledge, to invigorate our dormant energies, and at the same time be interesting and pleasant? It is true that we have enrolled under our banners many men of ability and learning, occupying the highest positions of trust, men of education in the commercial, political or religious world, men who are foremost in the professions and who stand high in the estimation of their countrymen. To these brethren I look for encouragement, to these brethren I appeal to aid us. I would suggest addresses or lectures on any interesting subject to which the lecturer is best adapted. Do not wait to be asked, Companion, but give the First Principal a hint that you are prepared to do what you can, and at the conclusion of the evening you will be rewarded by the satisfaction you have given your hearers, and you will go home feeling that you have done your duty as a Mason.

Another form of instruction and entertainment is the debate. Masonic subjects are preferable, because the Constitution will then be brought into the discussion, and that is the object most desired and the one that is close to my own heart. These functions need cost very little. Over the festive "coffee and crackers" the Companions may profitably exchange views, and with the J. W.'s toast all will disperse to their homes at a reasonable hour happy and contented. My views may not meet with the approval of many of my Companions, and it may be urged that most men are too busy to undertake the task, but I say without the least hesitation, that if you want a work accomplished you must give it into the hands of the busy man, and not to the laggard. I offer these suggestions in all earnestness, with the sole desire for the better development and elevation of our Royal Craft.

**Grand Representatives.**

Vacancies, occasioned by death or other causes, in the representation of this Grand Chapter near those under-
mentioned, and the nominated Companions being highly recommended by their respective Grand High Priests, I approved the same and the usual credentials, issued by the Grand Scribe E., were duly forwarded and fraternaly acknowledged by the following:

Florida—Charles F. Filer, Miami.
Georgia—J. A. Walton, Columbus.
New Jersey—Godfrey Pittis, Allandale.
South Carolina—W. W. Wannamaker, Orangeburg.
Washington—Nathan S. Porter, Olympia.

The jurisdictions of Washington and Wyoming having made fraternal application, the former on resuming the Grand Representative system, and the latter on entering the family of recognized Grand Chapters, I had the pleasure of recommending the following Companions to represent those Grand bodies, near this Grand Chapter, approval being promptly granted in both instances.


Office Accommodation.

In accordance with the recommendation approved at the previous Annual Convocation, that the office accommodation of the Grand Scribe E., in the Temple Building, which was very limited, be extended, and as the opportunity offered to secure at a reasonable rental the adjoining smaller apartment, the Grand Council agreed upon the matter and the additional space was secured on a yearly lease. The change has been a beneficial one in many respects, and the additional room, when provided with suitable necessaries, will be ample for the purposes required for a long period.
During the year a Companion hailing from one of our eastern Chapters applied for affiliation to a Chapter in the adjoining jurisdiction of Michigan, where he had gone to reside some months previously. He had with his application submitted the usual certificate of withdrawal from his Canadian Chapter, but was instructed to return the document with the request that they procure the signature of the Secretary of this Grand Chapter, as well as the seal of the Grand body, otherwise his application could not be received. This remarkable request was declined by the Grand Scribe E., who explained that he was not authorized to append his signature nor affix the seal of Grand Chapter to any document other than those emanating from this Grand body. On a repetition of the request the Grand Scribe E. submitted the matter to myself, and I had no hesitation in endorsing the position taken by him. From what I can learn, this is the outcome of a recent ruling given by a presiding officer of Michigan's Grand Chapter and is peculiar to that jurisdiction. The certificate of withdrawal, or dimit, properly issued by lodge or Chapter is a document hitherto recognized and accepted as a Brother's or Companion's voucher of standing the world over, and to admit the justice of the Michigan ruling would be, to my view, an unwarranted interference with a recognized usage in every well-regulated Masonic jurisdiction.

Indiscreet Zeal.

Shortly after the last Annual Convocation it was reported to me that a candidate for the position of Grand Superintendent in one of the districts of this province had issued to the Chapters comprising the same, a letter urging his claims to recognition. I caused enquiry to be instituted, with the result that the action complained of was found to have originated with an over-zealous member of the Chapter to which the alleged offending Companion belonged. The enquiry was conducted by the Grand Superintendent of the district, whose finding
completely exonerated the latter from any knowledge of, or complicity in, the letter writing episode, and I directed that a communication to such effect be sent to that officer and a copy forwarded by him to be read in the Chapter to which the interested Companions belong. It should be mentioned that the letter which occasioned the trouble pleaded perhaps more for the claims of the Chapter than for the individual, and in that regard may have been considered justified by its author. Canvassing under any guise is, however, most reprehensible and, as in this case, is liable to lead to complications involving innocent persons.

The Ballot.

It was brought to my notice that the clause in the Constitution defining the limit of ballots necessary to exclude an applicant was the occasion of differences of opinion in one or two of the Chapters, some Companions interpreting the provision to mean that Grand Chapter intended that two objecting ballots were necessary and that the Chapter was thus debarred from deciding on a unanimous approval. To this I explained that the clause simply defined the maximum of objecting ballots, and that any Chapter could enact a measure providing for unanimous consent. To avoid any such conflicting opinions in future an amendment will be presented to you for action at this Convocation.

Matters Financial.

I am pleased to report that the financial condition of Grand Chapter continues to afford satisfaction to those whom you entrust with its affairs. With our increasing strength and responsibilities the demands upon us are proportionately great, but our prosperity is equal to those demands and our stability undoubted. In accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee last year and approved by Grand Chapter, a further investment of three thousand dollars was agreed to by your Grand Council and Grand Treasurer and that sum de-
posited with the Mercantile Trust Co. of Canada, and yielding $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., under satisfactory security. At the same meeting it was decided to remodel the conditions governing the banking and financial affairs of Grand Chapter. It was deemed advisable to follow a good example and to employ, as in the Grand Lodge of this province, the aid of a chartered accountant, who has periodically audited the books of Grand Chapter, and whose report will be duly presented.

The altered conditions necessitated changes in the sections of the Constitution prescribing the duties of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Scribe E., and notices of these changes has been given by the R. E. the Grand H., and will be presented for your consideration.

New Chapters.

In August last a numerously signed petition was received from brethren in the new Pacific coast city of Prince Rupert, who desired to establish a Chapter in that place. It was pointed out that the blue lodge already instituted was strong, thriving and vigorous, and that the Masonic element was so enthusiastic that a carefully managed club confined to the fraternity was a success from a moral as well as a social standpoint. After further enquiry and necessary delay, I caused my dispensation for the institution of "Kaien Chapter" to be forwarded to the Grand Superintendent of the British Columbia district, but the Companions have not yet arranged with that officer a date for opening, although I have learned that they have provided themselves with a full and complete equipment for the proper carrying out of the Chapter working.

Later in the year I received a fully signed application for a dispensation to start a second Chapter in the flourishing and rapidly growing city of Calgary, Alberta, to be known as "Otuskwan"—the Indian name of the city. Calgary is a particularly active Masonic centre and has, I understand, half a dozen thriving blue lodges. After
some delays occasioned by information-seeking correspondence, I caused the dispensation to be forwarded to the custody of the Grand Superintendent of the district. As in the former case, I have had no word since as to the starting of the new venture.

Dispensations required by the Chapters were, as usual, mostly to validate the election of Principals otherwise ineligible, to authorize convocations on dates other than stated, and to wear the apron and sash of the Order at festivals held under Masonic auspices. In no case did I feel called upon, as in the previous year, to decline, the reasons set forth being ample and satisfactory.

**Chapters of Instruction.**

I have had the pleasure of attending four Chapters of Instruction, viz.:

**Toronto**—Under the guidance of the Grand Superintendent, R. E. Comp. E. M. Carleton, the officers of King Solomon No. 8 and St. Paul’s No. 65, officiating in the degrees of M. M. M. and Royal Arch respectively.

**Peterboro**—Under the authority of the Grand Superintendent, R. E. Comp. W. H. Walkey, the officers of Corinthian No. 36, Peterboro; Midland Chapter No. 94, Lindsay, and Ionic No. 168, Campbellford, conferring the subordinate and Royal Arch degrees respectively.

**Brockville**—Under Grand Superintendent, Will C. Davy, the officers of the Brockville Chapter, and Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston, conferring the degrees. M. E. Comp. A. Shaw and R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch accompanied E. Comp. Dr. Winternett and his officers on this occasion and a memorable night was the result.

**Windsor**—Held under Grand Superintendent, R. E. Comp. M. B. Squire, Prince of Wales No. 71, Amherstburg, conferring the M. M. M.; Ark No. 80, Windsor, the M. E. M., and Wellington No. 47, Chatham, the Royal Arch degrees.
All the meetings created intense interest among the Companions and will prove of inestimable value to all the districts.

I also visited the following Chapters: The Hamilton, No. 175; the St. Patrick, No. 145, Toronto (2); The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton; Occident, No. 77, Toronto; St. Paul’s, No. 65, Toronto; St. Clair, No. 75, Milton (3); Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto; Ancient Frontenac and Cata-raqui, No. 1, Kingston; Waterloo, No. 32, Galt; King Solomon, No. 8, Toronto; Sussex, No. 59, and St. Lawrence, No. 100, Brockville; St. John’s, No. 6, Hamilton (2); St. Andrew’s and St. John’s, No. 4, Toronto; Ark No. 80, Windsor; White Oak, No. 104, Oakville, and Corinthian, No. 36, Peterboro.

The hearty reception accorded me, and the expressions of good will, loyalty and affection showered upon me on all occasions will always be treasured by me in loving memory.

I did not visit the western provinces owing to the recent visit of Grand Scribe E. The excellent reports received from the Grand Superintendents convinced me that Grand Chapter might dispense with the expense and time incurred by that prolonged trip without interfering in the slightest degree with the prosperity of any of the Chapters.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

I cannot speak too highly of the work accomplished by these zealous officers. The efforts of the Grand First Principal would be in vain were it not for his district representatives. They must be Companions who enjoy the confidence of their brethren, well skilled in the ritual, and capable of deciding important questions constitutionally. They must use diplomacy and good judgment, for it is through their office that the Grand First Principal transacts matters affecting their districts. I give these worthy officers every praise for their devotion to duty, and assure them that I heartily appreciate their
efforts for the welfare of their respective districts, and also for their kindness and cordiality during all our intercourse.

To R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Grand Second Principal H., and R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, Grand Third Principal J., I am greatly indebted for many acts of kindness and advice. To the Grand Treasurer, M. E. Comp. Senator Gibson, I am also very grateful. I regret to say that during this year the health of R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, the Grand Scribe E., has been seriously impaired, and at some periods I felt alarmed, but I am pleased to state that, notwithstanding proffered assistance, he steadily and cheerfully performed the duties of his office. I know Grand Chapter will join with me in wishing him a speedy restoration to health.

Conclusion.

And now, Companions, the time has come in which I am to lay down the sceptre, which your kindness placed in my hands, and resign the authority with which you honored me. I have endeavored to serve you with all my strength, and with my best thought, in the interests of our beloved Order; wherein I have failed, it has been because of human infirmity and not of lack of will to do the right, and I am sure that I may count upon your charity and the kindness of your hearts to pardon in me that which has been imperfect. We are all able to look back over the road by which we have come with thankfulness, recognizing with humble gratitude the guiding hand of Him who has directed us. If we have been blessed beyond our desert and prospered beyond our hope, it is because the great Architect of the Universe has been our stay and our support; next to that, let us not forget that the prosperity of our Order results mainly from the efforts of all its members, and no one knows better than I how earnest the Companions throughout the jurisdiction have been in doing the work they were called upon to do. They have my gratitude, not only
because they have been more than kind to me, but because they have steadfastly and unselfishly given to Capitular Masonry the best that was in them.

For him who shall follow me, I need not ask your hearty support and your kindest thought. He has that now, and I have no doubt whatever that he will meet your highest expectation and do the work that falls to his hand with careful thought and with zeal that will not relax until his work is done; he is wise in counsel and ripe in experience, and his one thought will be to serve well the Grand Chapter of Canada.

As we look over the past with gratitude, so we may contemplate the future with hope, and be assured, Companions, that so long as we labor earnestly to do the right we shall continue to have the blessing of Him who has thus far led us on our way.

Grand Z.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, and

Resolved,—That the address of the M. E. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Grand Superintendents' Reports.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.
ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1.

To the M.E. the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Companions,—It is with pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 1, for the year 1910.

Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne.—This is the first Chapter in the district to which I had the pleasure of making my first official visit on March 25th. The M.M.M. degree was exemplified in a most excellent manner, and I certainly congratulate the officers for their efficient work. As a new addition to Capitular Masonry it is progressing as well as, if not better than, some of the older Chapters. After the degree was conferred, I installed and invested the several officers, after which refreshments were served, which all enjoyed, and good-fellowship was the order of the evening. I was received most cordially by the Companions, who showed me the enterprises and manufacturing concerns of the town, which I enjoyed.

Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown.—I visited this Chapter on June 27th, and am sorry to say that the candidates were called out of town, so there was no work, except that of a regular meeting. After the business was over, the Companions asked me a few questions, which I explained, and they were delighted with my visit by the fraternal way in which the evening was spent. The lodge-room being close and warm, we adjourned to the banquet, where a pleasant time was in order.

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington.—I called on this Chapter on June 28th. It being a regular meeting, there were no degrees conferred. This Chapter has been dormant for two years past, but I am pleased to inform you that true Masonic spirit is coming back, and I expect to see it one of the progressive Chapters in this district in the near future.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor.—On November 21st, this being my mother Chapter, and having large
and convenient quarters, we held a Chapter of Instruction at home. On this occasion I paid my official visit, and from every viewpoint, this convocation, gathering together, as it did, all the Chapters of the district, with the exception of Dresden, will I trust have a lasting effect in adding to uniformity of the work, increasing the fraternal spirit, and stimulating the Companions to become thoroughly posted in everything pertaining to the Royal Craft. The success of the meeting was largely due to the presence of the Grand Z., M.E. Comp. George Moore. The pleasing way in which all questions were answered by him was most gratifying. The Chapter opened at 3.30 p.m. by Prince of Wales Chapter, Amherstburg, conferring the M.M.M. degree in a most exemplary manner. After a few remarks and congratulations were made, Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor, at five o'clock put on the M.E.M. degree in a very able manner. This degree is usually put on in a hurry after the regular, or after the Mark, when the Companions should be at home. If we expect to do good work, one degree only should be conferred at a meeting, and I would advise all Chapters to have more meetings rather than keep late hours. After a few questions, the lodge adjourned until eight o'clock for refreshments.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, opened in the Royal Arch at 8.15 p.m., and received the Grand Chapter officers, after which the officers of Wellington Chapter took their stations and conferred the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a manner becoming to the Royal Craft. The M.E. the Grand Z. complimented the Chapters on their work and on the attendance. He gave some valuable instruction on the work, and the Companions who were present expressed themselves to the effect that the district is under a deep debt of gratitude to the M.E. the Grand Z. for the hearty manner and fraternal spirit in which he took hold and carried the Chapter of Instruction to such a successful culmination.

A moose banquet was afterwards enjoyed by all present, with several other dishes. It has been a yearly
feast in Ark Chapter the past five years, at which it has been my pleasure in supplying either moose or venison. To show their appreciation, Ark Chapter on this occasion presented Mrs. Squire and myself with a cabinet of silverware, which we cherish, and will long remember the Chapter of Instruction and the Companions of Ark Chapter, No. 80. Companion H. T. Copus, Z., officiated as toastmaster. Two hours were pleasantly spent in song and speeches. The first toast was that of the "King," and the second was that of the "Grand Chapter of Canada," which was responded to by M.E. Comp. George Moore, of Hamilton, in which he made a fitting reply. The next was that of "St. Clair District," to which R.E. Comp. M. B. Squire responded. "Visiting Companions," responded to by E. Comp. Patton, of Amherstburg, V.E. Comp. Dr. Russell, of Chatham, and others.

MACNABB CHAPTER, No. 88, DRESDEN.—I was to make my official visit and instal the officers on January 5th. After arrangements had been made, fire broke out in the block and consumed the buildings and contents, with no insurance on the Chapter. The saddest part of the loss was the lives of the janitor of the Chapter, and a brother Mason. The brethren and Companions of Dresden have widespread and sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement and loss.

Before closing, I desire to thank the Principals and members of St. Clair District, No. 1, for electing me to the highest honor in their gift. I also thank the Scribes E. of the different Chapters for being so punctual in sending me the notices of their meetings. They are all practical business men, therefore all their books are kept in good order, and I hope and trust I am leaving the district and Companions with increased enthusiasm and additional zeal, and with that spirit becoming the Royal Craft.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

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REMARKS—* Property and insurance jointly with blue lodges. $ None resident.
LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Companions,—I have the honor of submitting for your approval a report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in London District, No. 2, for the past twelve months. I do not purpose giving a detailed statement of my individual visits to each Chapter. Suffice it to say I visited all the ten Chapters in the district at least once, and some of them several times. I find the degree work, as a rule, well done, and peace and harmony prevailing throughout. I wish to point out to you, M.E. Sir, a few features which I think should receive the attention of Grand Chapter.

First.—After the installation of Grand Superintendents last February only two of us stopped for instruction in the work from the Grand Lecturer. How can there be uniformity in the work if the Superintendents themselves do not go over the work thoroughly with the legal authority on the same, to correct any irregularity which may have crept in? Second.—Some of the smaller Chapters have acquired the habit of having Past Z.'s of the Chapters fill some of the principal chairs for degree work on the occasion of the Grand Supt.'s visit. I found one case of this kind, and, needless to say, I gave them my views on the matter in no uncertain terms. I considered it an insult to the office of Grand Supt. to put on team work by Past Z.'s instead of the regular officers being in their places, and doing the work to the best of their ability. Third.—The lack of Chapters of Instruction. I was unable to arrange for one, but hope to have one regularly in No. 2 district after this, as I am submitting the following resolutions at our annual district meeting:

To assess each of the ten Chapters in No. 2 district five dollars ($5.00) per year for a Chapter of Instruction to be held in each Chapter room in the district, beginning at the oldest Chapter and ending with the youngest, and paying each Chapter under whose direction it is held the
sum of fifty dollars. Thus, in ten years, each Chapter in the district will have had such a function in their Chapter room, for which they will have paid $5.00 per year and received back $50.00 for defraying the expense of the same.

I trust the representatives of London District, No. 2, will carry this resolution unanimously, as besides having friendly discussion on degree work, it will do us all good to get together as one family once a year and talk over points of interest to London District, No. 2, in particular, and R. A. Masonry in general.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Companions of No. 2 district for their very many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me as representative of the M.E. the Grand Z., during my year of office.

Fraternally submitted,

S. E. Cornell,

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**Total:** £12.00

**Average:** £2.00

**Candidates:** 2

**Annual Dues per Member:** £1.50

**Average Attendance Visitors:** 2

**Regular Meetings:** 2

**Location:** London

**Number:** 2

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**London District, No. 2:**
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

M. E. Sir and Companions,—The following is my report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wilson District No. 3, and which I submit for your consideration and approval:

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford.—On Nov. 4th, in company with Comps. McWhinnie, Wyles and Meadows, I visited Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, and found what is without question the banner Chapter of the district. We were welcomed by E. Comp. Barnett and his staff of officers in a most courteous and fraternal manner, and our entire visit was marked by the goodwill and hospitality extended to us by all the members present. I had the honor of being the first Grand officer of any rank to do any work or perform any ceremony in the handsome new rooms which this Chapter, in connection with the two blue lodges of the city, have lately moved into. The rooms are truly beautiful, being lofty and commodious, and the fittings and furnishings are fully in keeping, so that the Chapter and lodges of this city have, I think, the finest suite of rooms in Ontario. I had the pleasure of seeing the R.A. degree exemplified by the E.Z. and his officers, and the work was done in a most efficient manner, the work of the P. Sojourner being particularly good. Indeed, all the officers had their work well in hand, showing careful coaching and practice. The degree concluded with the mystical lecture, explained by R. E. Comp. McCormack, and he performed his part in a faultless manner. After the business of the evening was concluded we adjourned to the clubroom adjoining, where refreshments were served, and I had an opportunity of getting acquainted with more of the Companions. After a pleasant hour the meeting dispersed, and I went to my hotel impressed with the fact that I had visited one of the most all-alive Chapters outside of the larger cities. I feel that there is a great future ahead of Mount Horeb, No. 20.
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Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.—On Nov. 17th, I paid my official visit to Ezra Chapter. This is the second largest Chapter in the district and is in a very flourishing condition. In membership they run a close second to Mount Horeb, and their officers are both progressive and efficient. The E. Z. Comp. Misner, has a good staff, and they work well together. I witnessed the conferring of the M.M.M. degree, and the work was exceedingly well done. The books of the Scribe E., Comp. Gunton, are well kept, and the dues collected in good season, so that there is only a small margin of dues outstanding. The prospects of this Chapter are excellent, the officers are enthusiastic in their work, and the members back them up in their work by regular attendance at the meetings and taking an interest in the affairs of the Chapter.

Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll.—Accompanied by several Companions of Oxford Chapter, I went to Ingersoll on Dec. 23rd, and it is not necessary to say that I received a right royal reception from the Companions assembled. Unfortunately, the brother who was to be the candidate for the meeting had gone away on a holiday trip; but I am well aware that the officers are well up in their work, and can do it in a most creditable and efficient manner. On account of it being so near the Christmas holiday, the meeting was not large, as most of the members, who are business men, were unable to attend, but we had a good meeting. The books of the Chapter are in good shape and well attended to by Comp. Williams, who, I regret to say, was not in the best of health at the time of my visit. The prospects of Harris Chapter are bright, and their membership increasing. E. Comp. Reid is a hustler, and the Chapter is bound to go ahead while he holds the reins of office.

Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris.—I visited this Chapter on Jan. 9th. Here I met R.E. Comp. Smiley, an old friend and brother, who extended a welcoming hand. I also met Comp. Walker, the Scribe E., who, I see, has
been put in line of promotion, as he was installed into the office of Prin. Sojourner at the meeting held in the evening; also E. Comp. Logie and R.E. Comp. Inksater, my predecessor in office. There was no work for the evening, as the candidate selected for the R.A. degree lived some miles out in the country, and the evening not being the best for travel, and the roads bad, he did not get in. However, this was compensated for in some degree by the pleasure I had in witnessing the installation of officers for the year by R.E. Comp. Inksater, and in which I was able to assist in a slight degree. The officers installed were a good and able staff, and, under the guidance and instruction of E. Comps. Logie and Inksater, there is no doubt but that they will make good. The prospects of this Chapter are good and the membership is increasing.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.—My mother Chapter I visited on Jan. 20th. I should have made my official visit on Dec. 16th, but was unable to do so by press of other business, so I waited until the next regular convocation. By doing so, I missed seeing the M.M.M. degree conferred by E. Comp. Hodges and his officers. However, as I am well aware of their ability to do the work in a highly creditable manner, it did not make so much difference. There was no work on the evening of my visit, so I had the honor of installing the officers for the year. In E. Comp. Edwards the Chapter has an energetic and progressive official who will endeavor to bring Oxford Chapter once more up to the high position it formerly occupied. For some years past they have had a very up-hill fight, as a number of their officers have removed from the town at different times, and so much did this affect the Chapter that it was necessary to elect three different Companions to the office of P.S. in one year, and two to the Third Principal’s chair. They have also had to contend against the drain of candidates from this town to another rite in London, and in this manner we have lost about thirty candidates in two years. The Chapter has now a capable and efficient staff of officers, and they hope to be able to report good progress for the
coming year. E. Comp. Biggins, as Scribe E., performs his duties well, and his books are models of clearness and good book-keeping.

Before I close my report, permit me to thank the Companions of the different Chapters for the honorable position they conferred upon me, and I may express the hope that my election to the office has in some slight manner benefited the interests of Capitular Masonry in Wilson District, No. 3.

John W. Dutton,

Grand Supt. Wilson District, No. 3.
## Wilson District, No. 3

| Chapter         | Number | Location     | Regular Meetings | Emergent Meetings | Total   | Average Attendance Members | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues, per Member | No. Members Last Return | Petitions Accepted | Candidates Initiated | Restorations | Withdrawals | Suspensions | Deaths | Present Membership | M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Members 12 Mos. in Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Due & Outstanding | Amount Insurance | Amount Expended in Benevol. | Can Ex. Z. work all degrees? | Prospects |
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| Mount Horeb     | 20     | Brantford    | 10               | 8                  | 18      | 27                          |                             | $2.00                  | 3.00                  | 168               | 14                  | 12                      |             |             |             |       | 170              | 12       | 12            | 12            | 12            | 15                      | 1471.31     | $          | 471.31           | 1000.00  | $42.30          | 1000.00        | 10.00                     | Yes            |         |
| Oxford          | 18     | Woodstock    | 9                | 9                  | 11      |                             |                             | 2.00                   | 71                    | 4                  | 2                  |                          |             |             |             |       | 3                | 1        | 69            | 2             | 2             | 2                       | 500.00      | $          | 107.42           | 160.00   | 250.00         |                   | 5.00                     | No              |         |
| Ezra            | 23     | Simcoe       | 8                | 1                  | 9       | 18                          |                             | 2.00                   | 141                   | 2                  | 2                  |                          |             |             |             |       | 2               | 1        | 2                 | 1             | 2             | 1                       | 200.00      | $          | 225.00           | 75.00    | $60.00          | 250.00         | 20.00                     | Yes             |         |
| Harris          | 41     | Ingersoll    | 9                | 1                  | 19      | 15                          |                             | 2.00                   | 76                    | 3                  | 4                  |                          |             |             |             |       | 1               | 1        | 78            | 4             | 6             | 6                       | 40.00       | $          | 155.00           | 300.00   | $55.00         | 200.00         | 10.00                     | Yes             |         |
| Brant           | 115    | Paris        | 8                | 1                  | 9       | 11                          |                             | 1.50                   | 51                    | 2                  | 2                  |                          |             |             |             |       | 52               | 2        | 3             | 2             | 9             |                          | 225.00      | $          | 95.00            | 50.00    | 80.00          | 200.00         | 5.00                      | Yes             |         |
WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Companions,—I have the honor to present to you for your consideration my report as Grand Superintendent of Wellington District, No. 4.

During the year I visited all the Chapters in the District, and I am pleased to report that peace and harmony prevail, and that all the Chapters show progress and prosperity. The Principals and officers are all capable and zealous, and show in their work that the truly Masonic and ritualistic features are not being neglected.

Berlin Chapter, No. 117, Berlin.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on May 20th, accompanied by forty Companions and officers of Waterloo Chapter, including R.E. Comps. Taylor, Cowan and Porteous. R.E. Comp. Walker and V.E. Comp Spence introduced me to the Companions, who gave me a most cordial welcome. The work of the M.E.M. degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner by the officers of the Chapter. Although the Chapter has not increased its membership during the year, I think the prospects of Berlin Chapter are good, as the officers take great interest in their work. After the Chapter closed we adjourned to the banquet hall, where a most pleasant and profitable hour was spent.

Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville.—On June 28th I paid my official visit to this Chapter, and was very much pleased to have the honor of being introduced by my old friend, R.E. Comp. Irvine, who is a pillar of strength to any Chapter. The work of the evening was the Mark Master degree, which was very nicely put on by E. Comp. Preston and his officers. One of the pleasant features of the evening was a donation from the funds to the widow of a deceased Companion. The books of this Chapter are well kept by Comp. McPherson, Scribe E. The Chapter continues to do good work, as it has in the
past, and I consider it in a very prosperous condition. After the closing of the Chapter a very social hour was spent in the banqueting hall.

Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston.—I visited this Chapter on October 3rd and found that it has the largest membership in the district. I regret that I did not see any work put on by the officers, but judged by the manner in which the Chapter was opened and closed and the amount of degree work that has been done during the year, that no doubt the officers can do their work well. R.E. Comp. Fisher, I am pleased to say, takes a keen interest in Capitular Masonry. One of the most pleasant evenings I spent was with the Companions of Enterprise Chapter.

Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt.—I visited this my mother Chapter on October 10th. There was also present the M.E. the Grand Z., on invitation from the Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified and was worked to my entire satisfaction. This Chapter I consider one of the best in the district. The officers are all well posted, and all the Companions take a great interest; especially is this the case of the Past Z.’s who are all very regular in their attendance and are ready and willing to take any part of the work. Waterloo Chapter is in a good financial standing, having about $200 in the treasury. The dues are well collected by Comp. Charles Blake, who is a model Scribe E. During the course of the meeting the M.E. the Grand Z. gave a very interesting address, and we were again favored by kindly remarks from him in the banqueting hall.

Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on October 14th, and was very much pleased to meet R.E. Comps. Mahoney, Scoon and Stevenson. It was very encouraging to see such old Companions still taking a most active interest in Capitular Masonry. The Mark Master degree was conferred by R.E. Comps. Scoon and Stevenson, and to say that the work was well done is hardly sufficient. Guelph
Chapter appears now to be going ahead, and will, I think, in a short time be one of the largest and best in the district.

Before closing, I desire to thank the Companions of Wellington District, No. 4, for electing me to the highest honor in their gift. I have endeavored to discharge the duties to the best of my ability, and have during my term of office received the greatest kindness from the Companions.

Yours fraternally,

David Collins,

Grand Supt. Wellington District, No. 4.
## WELLYTON DISTRICT, No. 4

| Chapter | Number | Location | Regular Meetings | Emergent Meetings | Total Meetings | Average Attendance Members | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues, per Member | No. Members Last Return | Petitions Accepted | Candidates Initiated | Affiliations | Restorations | Withdrawals | Suspensions | Deaths | Present Membership | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Dues Outstanding | Amount Insurance | Amount Expended in Benev't | Prospects | Can Ex. Z. work all Degree? | Can Ex. Z. work all Degree? |
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| Waterloo | 32     | Galt     | 10               | 1                | 11.18         | 8                           | 2.00                        | 105                    | 5                      | 3             | 1              | 2                       | 107          | 3               | 3           | 28             | 100.00        | 425.00   | 275.00             | 150.00  | 150.00         | 250.00         | 20.00        | Good        | Yes             | Yes        |
| Guelph   | 40     | Guelph   | 5                | 1                | 6.10           | 2                           | 2.00                        | 75                     | 6                      | 5              | 2              | 1                       | 78           | 5               | 4           | 200            | 200.00        | 750.00   | 100.00             | 500.00  | 150.00         | 500.00         | 200.00        | Fair        | Yes             | Yes        |
| Enterprise | 67     | Harriston| 11               | 1                | 12.12          | 1                           | 1.00                        | 124                    | 6                      | 6              | 1              | 3                       | 127          | 6               | 7           | 65             | 250.00        | 104.00   | 200.00             | 10.00   | Good           | Yes            | 15.00        | Fair        | Yes             | Yes        |
| Ionic    | 83     | Orangeville | 9               | 1                | 10.10          | 2/10                       | 1.00                        | 75                     | 3                      | 2              | 1              | 1                       | 74           | 2               | 1           | 28             | 30.00         | 487.83   | 144.04             | 200.00  | 175.00         | 200.00         | 15.00        | Fair        | Yes             | Yes        |
| Berlin   | 117    | Berlin   | 7                | 1                | 12.3           | 1                           | 3.00                        | 72                     | 1                      | 1              | 5              | 1                       | 166          | 1               | 1           | 10             | 22.00         | 580.00   | 45.00              | 400.00  | 135.00         | 400.00         | 12.50        | Fair        | Yes             | Yes        |

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HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

To the M.E. the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor herewith to submit my report of Capitular Masonry in the above district for the year 1910. In doing so, I desire to thank the M.E. the Grand Z. and the Chapters of this district for the honor conferred on me.

The first official duty I performed after being elected to the honorable position of Superintendent of this district was the installing of the officers of Ancaster Chapter on March 30th. The Second Principal, being absent on that occasion, was afterwards installed into office in St. John's Chapter, No. 6, April 14th, at their regular convocation. E. Comp. P. E. Lumsden, First Principal, extended to me the use of his Chapter for that purpose.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, NO. 75, MILTON.—I paid my official visit November 20th, and was accompanied by M.E. Comp. Geo. Moore, G.Z., and a large number of the Companions from the Hamilton Chapters. I was received in that loyal manner for which this Chapter is so justly noted. The R.A. degree was exemplified, and the reputation the officers of St. Clair Chapter have attained was fully justified by the exemplary manner in which they worked the degree. The affairs of the Chapter were found to be in a first-class condition. M.E. Comp. Geo. Moore, in his own pleasing and interesting manner, presented R.E. Comp. W. Panton, Scribe E., with a suit of regalia, and to the Treasurer, John Fraser, a sash, which appeared to be a very agreeable surprise to both, and met with the approbation of all Companions present. St. Clair Chapter appears to have a very bright future.

ANCASTER CHAPTER, NO. 155, ANCaster.—I again visited Ancaster Chapter, Nov. 22nd, accompanied by a number of Companions from Hamilton, and was very hospitably received by the officers and Companions. The
M.E. Master degree was conferred on a candidate in a very creditable manner, showing that the officers of this Chapter are capable of good work, and the future seems to be brighter.

**White Oak, No. 104, Oakville.**—Accompanied by M.E. Comp. Geo. Moore and a large representation from the city Chapters, I visited this Chapter Dec. 1st, and was very kindly received. I conducted the election of officers for 1911, and the unanimity of their election speaks well for the harmony of this Chapter.

**St. John’s Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton.**—I have visited this Chapter at every convocation during the year and have seen the several degrees exemplified by their officers in a highly creditable manner. On Dec. 8th I paid my official visit, when I was royally received, the presence of the M.E. Grand Z. adding to the brilliancy of the occasion. I conducted the election for 1911, which proved to be unanimous in every instance. After the Chapter closed, an adjournment was made to the banquet room, where music and a good time predominated. The future of this Chapter is very bright.

**The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175, Hamilton.**—Tuesday, Dec. 20th, I officially visited this Chapter, the youngest in this district, and from the manner in which the officers exemplified the R.A. degree, proved that they are maturing fast. I also conducted the election of officers for 1911. The prospects of this Chapter are of the best.

**The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton.**—I officially visited this, my mother Chapter, on Dec. 23rd. I had the pleasure of conducting the election of officers for the ensuing year, and from the responses made by the scrutineers, the results showed that there was nothing but the best of harmony in this, the oldest Chapter in the district. M.E. Comp. Geo. Moore then, on behalf of the officers and Companions of the Chapter, in the manner in which he appears to the greatest advantage, for he is always at his best when engaged in performing
a kindly action, presented myself with a beautiful suit of R.A. clothing. The R.A. degree was exemplified by E. Comp. A. W. Palmer and his officers in that creditable manner for which they are so justly celebrated. A good time was spent in the banquet room.

In conclusion, I desire to express to the Excellent Principals and officers of this district my appreciation of the many courtesies and kindness extended to me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

Fred Miller,

Grand Supt. Hamilton District, No. 5.
## HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

| CHAPTER | Number | LOCATION | Regular Meetings | Emergent Total | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues, per Member | No. Members last Return | Petitions Accepted | Candidates Initiated | Affiliations | Restorations | Suspensions | Deaths | Present Membership | M. M. M. Conf. | M. E. M. Conf. | No. Members 12 Months in Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Dues Outstanding | Amount Expended in Benevolence | Amount Expended in Benevolence | Prospects | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees? |
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| The Hiram | 2      | Hamilton  | 12               | 12 381       | 10 300 31 20 2 1 1 12 20 23 21 111 | $1.50 3.00           | $4909.79 | $3607.54 | $1000.00 | $302.25 | Jointly | $35.00 | Good     | Yes.       |
| St. John's | 6      | Hamilton  | 12               | 4 16 33       | 11 500 24 16 1 2 7 209 17 18 18 97 | $1.50 3.00           | $3000.00 | $1193.00 | $450.00 | Jointly | $30.00 | Good     | Yes.       |
| St. Clair | 75     | Milton    | 7                | 8 14 10      | 10 500 24 16 1 2 7 209 17 18 18 97 | $1.50 3.00           | $200.00 | $300.00 | $50.00 | $200.00 | Bright  | Yes.     |
| White Oak | 104    | Oakville  | 10               | 10 15 2      | 2 500 24 16 1 2 7 209 17 18 18 97 | $1.50 3.00           | $200.00 | $200.00 | $125.00 | $300.00 | 20.00   | Good     | Yes.       |
| Ancaster  | 155    | Ancaster  | 9                | 9 11 3       | 3 500 24 16 1 2 7 209 17 18 18 97 | $1.50 3.00           | $200.00 | $22.75  | $30.95  | 5.00    | Good    | Yes.     |
| The Hamilton | 175   | Hamilton  | 7                | 3 10 22      | 6 500 24 16 1 2 7 209 17 18 18 97 | $1.50 3.00           | $550.10 | $43.95  | Jointly | $43.95  | Good    | Yes.     | 43.95 Jointly | 5.00 | Good | Yes.       |
HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

To the M.E. the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor herewith to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the above district.

Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich, Ont.—On Oct. 18th, 1910, I paid my first official visit to this Chapter, and was met at the hotel and escorted to the Chapter room by R.E. Comp. Radcliffe and Comp. Tye, and saw the Mark degree conferred in an excellent manner by E. Comp. Gallow and his officers. The books of the Scribe E. are well kept, and dues are in good condition. At the close of the Chapter I was entertained to a splendid banquet in an adjoining room, where a pleasant hour was spent in speech and song. I might add that one of the most pleasing incidents in my visit to Huron Chapter was my meeting with R.E. Comp. Radcliffe, and the respect shown to him by his Companions, whom they lovingly call "Sir Richard."

Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel, Ont.—On October 21st, 1910, I visited Bernard Chapter, and was met at the station by E. Comp. J. H. Blackmore and E. Comp. Blackmore, Sr., and taken to the hotel. I was introduced to the Chapter by E. Comp. H. B. Morphy and E. Comp. R. A. Hunter, where the M.M. degree was conferred in a very excellent manner by the officers. It affords me much pleasure to report that this Chapter is in a flourishing condition and the members very enthusiastic.

After the meeting was over, the Companions were entertained at a banquet, put up in an excellent manner by Comp. Roos, and presided over by E. Comp. H. B. Morphy in his own inimitable style.

St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Mary's, Ont.—On November 14th I paid my visit to St. James, my home Chapter. The R.A. degree was conferred on two candidates by E. Comp. Sinclair, Z., and his officers, in a very
impressive manner. This Chapter is in excellent shape, and, although we have lost our esteemed friend, E. Comp. H. A. L. White, we have with us R.E. Comp. H. F. Sharp and E. Comp. Carman, who always take a deep interest in the Chapter, and seldom miss a meeting.

**Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham, Ont.—** I paid my official visit to this Chapter on November 11th, 1910, and was introduced to the Chapter by E. Comp. Dr. Tamblyn. There was no work, but we spent a very pleasant hour in informal talk. Although this Chapter has not had a very prosperous year, they are looking forward to a marked improvement for 1911. The customary banquet was held at the close.

**Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton, Ont.—** On November 16th, 1910, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, which is one of the most enthusiastic in the district. I was shown around the town by R.E. Comp. P. J. Scott, and introduced to a number of the Companions. In the evening the M.M. degree was conferred by the Principal and his officers in a very creditable manner, after which a banquet was held, where speeches were made by R.E. Comp. Scott and Comp. Mingay, of Stratford, which brought to a close a very pleasant visit.

**The Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth, Ont.—** On November 21st I visited this Chapter. This being my old home town, I was right royally received by the Companions. I was introduced to the Chapter by R.E. Comp. Cooper, when the R.A. degree was conferred in a faultless manner by E. First Principal M. Michael and his staff of officers. This is one of the best and most progressive Chapters in the district. At the close, we were entertained at an excellent supper.

**Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, Ont.—** On November 25th, 1910, I paid my official visit to Tecumseh Chapter, accompanied by Comp. Jas. Beattie, of St. Marys, and was introduced by R.E. Comp. Stevenson. The R.A. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Farquharson and his officers. Words fail to express my delight
at the manner in which this degree was put on. The work of the First Principal and his capable staff of officers was absolutely perfect. Tecumseh Chapter has lately moved into new quarters, which, for beauty and convenience, would be hard to duplicate. After the meeting was over, we repaired to the banqueting hall, where a very pleasant hour was spent.

Elliot Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell, Ont.—On November 29th, 1910, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. The M.M.M. degree was conferred by E. Comp. White and officers in a very capable manner. I might also add that any Chapter that has such excellent past officers as R.E. Comp. Elliot cannot be other than successful. It was my privilege to have helped at the installation of this Chapter, and I have, therefore, always had a friendly interest in "Elliot Chapter." The usual banquet was held after the meeting.

Saugeen Chapter, No. 50, Walkerton, Ont.—On December 14th, 1910, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. I was introduced by E. Comp. Granger. There was no work, excepting the general business of the Chapter. This Chapter has not been doing very much lately, but their prospects look exceedingly bright, as they had five applications the evening I was there.

Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine, Ont.—On December 15th, 1910, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, and from the time of my arrival to my departure I was shown the utmost kindness and courtesy. E. Comp. M. J. McPherson introduced me to a number of the Companions in the afternoon, including R.E. Comp. Miller. The M.M.M. degree was conferred by E. Comp. McPherson and his staff of officers in a highly creditable manner. At the conclusion of the meeting we were entertained at a banquet, where a very pleasant hour was spent. I must say that this, as well as being my last visit in the district, was also one of the most pleasant, as the kindness of the Companions of Havelock Chapter had the true spirit of Masonry.
Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow, Ont.—I regret to have to report that I was unable to arrange a date for a meeting for this Chapter, although I wrote to them several times. I also sent a communication which I received from the Grand Scribe E., to which I received no reply.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Companions for the many kindnesses shown to me during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. G. Constable,

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

To the M.E. the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Niagara District, No. 7, for the year 1910. I am pleased to be able to state that Royal Arch Masonry throughout this district is in a very flourishing condition. Harmony prevails in every Chapter, and all appear to be doing their work well, with perhaps one exception. This Chapter has been unfortunate in having its First Principal move from their midst, and also in losing their Scribe E., who was called to join the great majority early in the year. However, they have a number of enthusiastic Companions and brighter prospects are before them.

MOUNT NEBO CHAPTER, NO. 76, NIAGARA FALLS.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of November 25, 1910, accompanied by V.E. Comp. Lipsit, E. Comp. Clarke and Comp. Falconbridge. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by E. Comp. Swannell and his officers in a manner that reflected great credit on them. Not only was the work of the degree practically word-perfect, but the expression given was all that could be desired. I was delighted to meet R.E. Comp. McClelland, of Niagara Chapter, and also E. Comp. Shepherd, and about thirty of the Companions of Niagara Chapter, N.Y., who were the guests of Mount Nebo on this occasion. The books of the Scribe E. I found to be kept neat and orderly, and notwithstanding the fact that the amount of outstanding dues is too large, yet this Chapter is in a good, flourishing condition, and its future looks very bright. At the conclusion of the convocation we repaired to the banquet hall, where we were right royally entertained. In response to the toast of "Canada," we were favored with an excellent address by R.E. Comp. Evan Fraser, and a very pleasant evening was concluded by splendid addresses given by E. Comp. Shepherd, of Niagara, N.Y., E. Comp. Clarke, of Grimsby, and others. This is a live Chapter.
Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines.—On the evening of Dec. 16, 1910, accompanied by E. Comp. Clarke and Comp. Groce, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. Although my visit occurred just at a time when they had no work on, I feel quite satisfied that, with the very bright and enthusiastic staff of officers in charge, and the able assistance and co-operation of its Past Z.'s, that the future of this Chapter is very bright. A very pleasant event occurred during the evening which gave further evidence of the harmony which prevails among the Companions of this Chapter, when two of its esteemed Past Principals, E. Comp. Merriman and E. Comp. Campbell, were presented with Past Principals' jewels. The presentation was made by R.E. Comp. Burch, who, in a splendid address, gave expression to the love and esteem in which these Companions are held. At the conclusion of the convocation the Companions repaired to the banquet room, and after doing justice to the work in this degree, we were favored with able and instructive addresses by R.E. Comp. Connors, E. Comps. Campbell, Merriman, Clarke and others. The business end of this Chapter is well looked after by E. Comp. Lindsay, the very efficient Scribe E., whose books are kept in good style.

Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland, Ont.—On Dec. 28th, accompanied by E. Comp. Clarke, I made my official visit to this Chapter, and was received in true Masonic spirit. The attendance was not as large as usual, owing to the fact that the installation and annual banquet of the two blue lodges had been held the night before, at which most of the Companions had attended, and were no doubt weary after their labors. I was delighted to meet my old friends, R.E. Comp. Ross, E. Comp. Geo. Sutherland, and also E. Comp. Col. Cohoe, who, notwithstanding the fact that they had attended the banquet the night before, were present, at no little sacrifice to themselves, to assist their Companions in furthering the interests of the Royal Craft in their Chapter. The prospects of the Chapter are very bright, and, with the assistance of so many enthusiastic Past Principals, its
future is assured. It had been the intention to work the M.M.M. degree, but unfortunately the candidate, who happened to be a doctor, was called away to attend to his professional duties, and I was deprived of the pleasure of seeing the degree exemplified by this Chapter, who have the reputation of doing their work in an exemplary manner. The Scribe E., Comp. Geo. Wells, looks well after the business end of the Chapter. The books are well kept, dues fairly well collected, and finances in good, healthy state. After the Chapter closed, a most enjoyable supper was partaken of by the Companions, and the usual toasts duly honored, after which we were invited to visit their beautiful and commodious club, where a pleasant hour was spent with our Companions, who are princes of entertainers.

**GRIMSBY CHAPTER, No. 69, GRIMSBY, ONT.—**I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the evening of Monday, Jan. 2nd, and was most cordially welcomed by my Companions; but, owing to it being the New Year holiday and also election day, the attendance was not up to the usual mark. The M.E.M. degree was exemplified by Comp. Farrell and his officers, assisted by R.E. Comp. Phipps, V.E. Comps. Lipsit and Millward, in a very expressive and faultless manner. This being my mother Chapter, I hesitate to eulogize. However, I must, in justice to my Companions, say that their work in all degrees is highly commendable. The assistance and zeal of the past Principals have contributed largely to this end. Especially does this apply to the ardor and self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of Masonry of V.E. Comp. Millward, who, although advancing in years and not being favored with the best of health, is always present and ready with advice and assistance. In Comp. Falconbridge, Scribe E., this Chapter is to be congratulated on possessing a most efficient officer. His books are kept in proper order, and his close attention to the collection of dues has placed the finances of the Chapter in first-class condition, while outstanding dues are reduced to a minimum. The business of the evening having been concluded, the lodge of M.E.M. was duly
closed, and the Companions repaired to the banquet room, where a splendid supper was provided. After honoring the usual toasts, and being favored with some very bright and instructive addresses, a very pleasant and profitable evening was brought to a close in usual Masonic custom.

Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake. —I made my official visit to this Chapter on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 19th, accompanied by E. Comp. Clarke. We were met on our arrival by R.E. Comp. McClelland, E. Comp. St. John and E. Comp. Ferguson, who exerted themselves in every way to make our visit pleasant. I had desired to make my visit to this Chapter earlier in the season, but owing to the extensive alterations being made to their lodge rooms, it was impossible to do so. However, I was delighted to meet them in their new quarters, and to note the vast improvement they had made. They are now the happy possessors of one of the most comfortable and commodious halls in the district, with banquet room, cloak rooms, and all equipped up to date, showing every evidence of prosperity. The M.M.M. degree was exemplified by E. Comp. Ferguson, the First Principal, and his officers, in a most efficient manner, notwithstanding the fact that they had just been installed in their respective offices, which, without doubt, speaks volumes for the success of their Chapter for the coming year. I had the pleasure, also, of meeting E. Comp. Rev. J. C. Garrett, a very enthusiastic Mason, and one of the stalwarts of the Chapter. A very pleasant event occurred during the meeting, which was the presentation of an address and testimonial to E. Comp. St. John, who is leaving for his new home at the Coast. Comp. Briggs, the efficient Scribe E., looks well after the business of the Chapter, and his books and accounts are kept in a neat and orderly manner. At the conclusion of the convocation we repaired to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast awaited us. After doing justice to all the good things provided, the usual toasts were duly honored, and a very pleasant and profitable evening was brought to a close.
McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.—Accompanied by E. Comp. Clarke, I made my official visit to this Chapter, and notwithstanding the fact that it was raining and very disagreeable to be out, there was a fair attendance. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, I was deprived of the pleasure of meeting a couple of Companions of whom McCallum Chapter is justly proud. I refer to R.E. Comp. Tipton, Past Grand Supt. of the district, and E. Comp. Arch. Couper, both of whom are held in the highest esteem by their Companions, and their absence was deeply regretted. E. Comp. Couper has the distinction of being the oldest Mason in Canada, having been initiated seventy-two years ago. On account of the officers for the ensuing year being installed at this meeting, there was no work on, and I was asked to perform that duty, which I did, assisted by V.E. Comp. Amsden and Comp. Griffith. This Chapter seems to be in a very prosperous condition, having exalted eight candidates during the past year, with prospects for plenty of work during the coming year. The future of this Chapter appears most encouraging. Comp. J. R. Robb is a very efficient Scribe E., whose efforts are duly appreciated by his Companions. At the conclusion of the convocation we adjourned to the banquet room, where we were entertained as only the Companions of McCallum Chapter know how to do it. V.E. Comp. Amsden, who, by the way, makes an ideal chairman, was installed as toastmaster, when the usual toasts were duly honored, and a very enjoyable and instructive evening was brought to a close in the usual Masonic manner.

King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne.—Accompanied by E. Comp. Clarke, I made my official visit to this Chapter on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 2nd, and received a hearty welcome. This Chapter has the smallest membership of any in the district, and the attendance was fairly good, considering everything. In the absence of the First Principal, his chair was occupied by E. Comp. Winn, I.P.Z., who performed his duties in a very creditable manner. Owing to the absence of the E.Z., and also the death of their Scribe E., which occurred
last spring, there were only two convocations held during the year, and no work done. However, a very pleasant evening was spent with the Companions. Words of encouragement were spoken, and by the enthusiasm displayed the prospects of King Hiram look much brighter for the future. Comp. J. R. Tuck, the acting Scribe E., is a very bright, enthusiastic Mason, who, I believe, will look well after the books, which show the Chapter to be in a good financial position.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Companions of Niagara District for the honor they have conferred upon me by placing me in this high position, and also to acknowledge the kind attention and courteous treatment extended to me during my term of office, which has indeed been very pleasant to me, and it is with a feeling of great satisfaction that I am able to transfer to my successor a district with harmony prevailing in every Chapter.

W. F. Randall,

Grand Supt., Niagara District, No. 7.
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TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8.

To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Companions,—In order to complete my duties as your representative in Toronto District, No. 8, I submit herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry for the past year. At the outset, I desire to place on record my heartfelt thanks to the Companions of the district for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me unanimously to the honorable position of the representative of the M.E. the Grand Z. I entered upon the duties of the office with some misgivings, at the same time knowing that the desire of my heart was to do my duty. I have endeavored to do this to the best of my ability, and, in doing so, have had the generous and undivided support of the Companions throughout the whole district, and to all of them I am grateful. I cannot pass further without at the outset appreciating the satisfaction which I have experienced by reason of the splendid work done by my predecessor in office, who left the district in a most healthy and prosperous condition in every respect. To him I am thankful for continued interest this year, and I also desire to express my gratitude to R.E. Comps. Dr. D. A. Clark, P.G. Supt.; J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer; Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E.; R. W. Clewlo, P.G. Supt.; E. Comp. Joseph Doust, District Secretary, and others, for their assistance and words of counsel.

I have been privileged to visit with the M.E. the Grand Z. on four or five occasions, and his earnest and eloquent words have been a source of inspiration at all times. In making my visits I noticed with a great deal of pleasure, with one or two exceptions, the invariably good attendance of the Past Principals, who, by their presence, aid so materially in keeping up the zeal and energy of the younger members, as well as assisting by their advice and experience in administering the affairs of the Chapter.
The year has been marked by a fair degree of prosperity in this district; 146 candidates have been advanced; 5 Companions have been restored, and 15 have affiliated; but, unfortunately, 27 deaths have occurred, 26 Companions have withdrawn, and 43 been suspended for N.P.D. This leaves a net increase of 72, as two of the deceased belonged to more than one Chapter. It is to be hoped that many of the withdrawals were but for the purpose of affiliating elsewhere.

I find throughout the whole of the district perfect harmony, and I am grateful to report that nothing has occurred in the Chapters to mar their prosperity, either between the Chapter or its members.

Believing that accuracy and uniformity in our work is most essential, I determined that my efforts should be in that direction, and when making my visits I felt it my duty in most instances to take note of every inaccuracy, however small, and I endeavored to instruct as far as my knowledge would permit, which I found was most acceptable to the Companions. In fact, the frankest criticisms were always received with unfailing courtesy, owing to the desire to have things uniform and right. In this connection I desire to say that in but three or four R.A. Chapters in the district did I find all the characters on the pedestal placed as prescribed by Grand Chapter. In the past there seems to have been no uniformity in this one regard, and may I suggest to my successor that he examine into this matter carefully. In my visits I corrected wherever I found it necessary, and complimented only when it was deserved.

Chapter of Instruction.

Anxious and desirous to obey the recommendation and requirements of Grand Chapter, and in order to insure uniformity of work throughout the district, a Chapter of Instruction was held in the Temple Building, Toronto, on October 12th, commencing at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the M.M.M. degree was exemplified in full by E. Comp. W. H. Shaw, First Principal of King
Solomon’s R.A. Chapter, No. 8, as W.M., assisted by some of his Past Principals and officers, after which a lecture on the degree was ably delivered by R.E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer. At 7.30 o’clock the same evening the Holy Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the officers of St. Paul’s Chapter, No. 65, with E. Comp. Lewis F. Riggs, Z.; V. E. Comp. Sydney B. Sykes, H.; E. Comp. E. J. B. Duncan, J.; Comps. W. J. McCollum, S.E.; J. A. Shaw, S.N.; John T. Clarke, P.S.; E. Comp. John Mc-Knight, S.S.; Comps. Sydney H. Jones, J.S.; J. E. Cameron, M. 4th V.; John C. Wedd, M. 3rd V.; G. E. Evans, M. 2nd V.; G. S. Pearcey, M. 1st V.

The meetings were favored with the presence and assistance of M.E. Comps. George Moore, Grand Z.; Donald Ross, P.G.Z.; R.E. Comps. Fred W. Harcourt, Grand H.; Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E.; J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer; Dr. D. A. Clark, G. B. Foster, R. W. Clewlo, P.G. Supts., and others.

Some very valuable suggestions and interesting discussions on several points developed, which were of great assistance to and highly appreciated by all present.

A Lodge of Instruction for the exemplifying of the M.E.M. degree was also held on the evening of the 23rd November, in the Masonic Hall, North Toronto. The First Principal of York Chapter, No. 62, very kindly accepted my invitation to do this on behalf of the district. The officers in charge of the work acquitted themselves excellently. The following were in charge of the work: W. Bro. R. J. Ivey, W.M.; Bros. J. T. Watson, S.W.; C. F. Brooks, J.W.; W. E. Hopkings, Sec.; G. E. Post, S.D.; Jas. Gardiner, J.D.; E. A. James, I.G.; H. Ruthven, Tyler.

These degrees were all carefully and accurately exemplified and received much commendation from Grand officers and others qualified to judge. While the number in attendance was not large, I am satisfied that great benefit resulted from these meetings. Personally, I am deeply grateful to the First Principals and officers of the
several Chapters for their kindness in so willingly responding to my request and so perfectly presenting the different degrees.

**The Fraternal Dead.**

I regret to report a death, amongst others, in the person of M.E. Comp. Major Donald Ross, who died in Toronto on Christmas Day, 1910. The M.E. Companion was a life member of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton, and also an honorary member of Orient Chapter, No. 79, and The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto. Bro. Ross, at the time of his death, was 74 years of age, being the oldest P.G.Z. The brethren of Prince Edward Lodge, A.F. & A.M., No. 18, G.R.C., Picton, of which he was a member, have passed a resolution thanking the brethren in Toronto for the kindly interest taken in this brother. Nine of the twelve Chapters in the district have been visited by death during the year, and 26 of our Companions have been called to their reward. The reports received are as follows:

St. Andrew & St. John, No. 4.—Comps. G. M. Fletcher and B. H. Viddell.


Orient, No. 79.—M.E. Comp. Donald Ross, V.E. Comps. Ira Bates and G. S. Cleland.

Antiquity, No. 91.—E. Comps. Wilson Wilby and Thomas Lawless, and Comps. Alex McNair and Frederick Allan.

Succoth, No. 135.—Comp. Wm. Hogg.
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E. Comp. Wilson Wilby was a member of, and reported by Antiquity and Shekinah Chapters. M.E. Comp. Donald Ross was an honorary member of and reported by Orient and The St. Patrick Chapters.

St. Andrew's and St. John's Chapter, No. 4, Toronto. E. Comp. T. J. R. D. Dewar, First Principal Z.—This is the mother Chapter of Toronto. My visit of inspection had been arranged for the evening of October 21st, but as I was unexpectedly called away to Detroit for a few days at that time, R.E. Comp. R. W. Clewlo, P.G. Supt., very kindly accepted my invitation to represent me on that occasion. His verbatim report is as follows:

"Toronto, Oct. 29th, 1910.

"Dear R.E. Companion,—In compliance with your request because of your unavoidable absence from the city, I visited the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, on the evening of the 21st inst., the date set for your official visit to the Chapter. The First Principal Z., E. Comp. T. J. R. D. Dewar, was unable to be present because of the serious illness of his mother and the recent death of his father, Bro. I. D. Dewar, who was an esteemed member of the Craft. The First Principal's chair was acceptably filled by E. Comp. W. S. Jackson, and there was a fair attendance of the Companions. In accordance with your desire, the work of the evening was the M.M.M. and M.E.M. degrees, and there were four candidates for advancement. E. Comp. Dr. Singer, Third Principal J., was W.M. of the M.M.M. Lodge, and E. Comp. E. D. Grant, Second Principal H., was W.M. of the M.E.M. Lodge. On the whole, the work was fairly well done, but not up to the Chapter's former standard. It lacked the smoothness and precision which are the result of careful study and rehearsal, and which give finish and impressiveness to the work. I pointed out some of the inaccuracies, and recommended the officers
to try to use the speaking voice rather than the conversational tone in the rendition of the ritual. At the next convocation the H.R.A. degree will be worked, when it is expected that you will be present."

I had the pleasure of being present on the evening of the 17th Nov., when this Chapter celebrated its 110th anniversary. The occasion was favored with the presence of M.E. Comp. George Moore, Grand Z.; R.E. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, Grand H.; R. W. Clewlo, Wm. Simpson, J. W. Jones, Harry T. Smith; V.E. Comps. John McCurrah, Grand Pursuivant; Spencer Love, James G. Boyce, H. S. King; E. Comps. W. H. Shaw and Lewis F. Riggs, First Principals of King Solomon's and St. Paul's Chapters, respectively; E. Comp. T. B. Cole, and many others. The Past Principals of the Chapter, with E. Comp. James Glanville presiding as First Principal, conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree in a manner to call forth a measure of commendation from the Grand Z. At the conclusion of the ceremonal work, R.E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Historian of the Chapter, gave an address, showing the progress of the Chapter from its inception, in May, 1800, down to the present time, which was both interesting and instructive. The celebration closed with a banquet and musical programme suitable to the occasion, at which the usual toasts were duly honored.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, E. Comp. W. H. Shaw, First Principal Z.—This is my mother Chapter. I had the honor of being welcomed by the First Principal and installed Grand Superintendent on the evening of March 24th, by my esteemed friends, R.E. Comps. Alexander Patterson and Napoleon T. Lyon, both Past Principals of this Chapter, and Past Grand Superintendents of Toronto District. Immediately after the ceremony, representatives on behalf of the district, in the persons of R.E. Comp. Dr. D. A. Clark, P.G. Supt., and E. Comp. E. J. Repath, presented me with Grand Supt.'s regalia. R.E. Comp. N. T. Lyon was also the recipient of a suit of P.G.S. regalia, presented
by some of the members of the Chapter, who were represented by R.E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer: In addition to the above-mentioned, I was pleased to greet R.E. Comp. Dr. G. B. Foster, my predecessor in office, V.E. Comp. J. A. C. Stewart, and many other visitors, including the First Principals of many of the city Chapters. The Chapter held its annual "at home" in the Assembly Hall, Temple Building, on Friday evening, April 1st. The work of arranging and carrying out the entertainment and programme was performed largely by the younger members, and the success which attended their efforts reflected much credit on the committee.

At the regular convocation, held on May 26th, R.E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter, gave a very interesting and instructive address on the M.M.M. degree. There was a large attendance of Companions, including R.E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, P.G. Supt., and the First Principals of St. Andrew's and St. John's, St. Paul's, Occident and The St. Patrick Chapters, and many others. I have been present at nearly all the meetings of this Chapter held during my year of office, and from personal knowledge I desire to say that, for efficiency, hospitality and good ritualistic work, King Solomon's Chapter ranks among the foremost Chapters in Toronto, and there is no First Principal more capable or energetic in the cause than E. Comp. W. H. Shaw, his successful efforts being ably seconded by E. Comp. Lougheed, I.P.Z., and the other officers. The degrees have in nearly every instance been exemplified with E. Comp. Shaw occupying the first chair, and always in a most satisfactory manner. He is an exceedingly good ritualist, an able executive head, and also presides with distinction at the festive board. The Chapter is to be congratulated on retaining the interest and attachment of its Past Z.'s.

On October 12th, in the afternoon, this Chapter also put on the work of the M.M.M. degree at a Lodge of Instruction. Bro. W. H. Shaw occupied the chair, being ably assisted by his Past Principals and officers, and I
am sure I will not be judged partial to my mother Chapter when I say the work was performed in an almost faultless manner, and to the entire satisfaction of the brethren in attendance.

On November 10th the Chapter paid a fraternal visit to St. John’s Chapter, Hamilton, and worked the M.M.M. degree in a most satisfactory manner, with E. Comp. W. J. Ramsay, Second Principal, as Worshipful Master. On this occasion I had the pleasure of the company of R.E. Comps. Dr. D. A. Clark, Dr. G. B. Foster, and T. H. Brunton, and a number of the Past Principals of the city Chapters. The meeting was graced with the presence of the M.E. the Grand Z. and many other distinguished Hamilton Companions.

I had the pleasure of installing the newly-elected officers of the Chapter for the ensuing year on the 22nd December, assisted by R.E. Comps. Dr. D. A. Clark, Dr. G. B. Foster and P. T. Lee, P.G.R. M.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson was present and gave a very interesting address. The weak spot in this Chapter is the number of Companions in arrears for dues and the large amount owing.

DORIC CHAPTER, No. 60, NEW MARKET. E. Comp. Philip Morgan, First Principal Z.—I made my visit of inspection to this Chapter at their regular convocation, held on June 1st. My reception was most enthusiastic. I was present for the general business of the Chapter, which was conducted in a very methodical and business-like way, much attention being given to the payment, or rather the non-payment, of dues. There was a fair attendance of members, and two candidates for the R.A. degree. I was sorry to note that the Scribe N. and Principal Sojourner were absent. Their chairs, however, were ably filled by E. Comp. J. E. Hughes, P.Z., acting as Scribe N., and E. Comp. R. F. Fisher, the Third Principal, acting as Principal Sojourner. The chair of Third Principal was taken for the evening by E. Comp. Dr. Alfred Webb. The work, on the whole, was good, considering the re-arranging of officers, and it speaks well
that the efficiency of the work of the Chapter was not materially impaired, even though some of the chief officers were absent. E. Comp. Morgan did all the work of the First Principal, and it was my duty to point out but few inaccuracies or irregularities. More careful rehearsing would prove of great benefit to the work of this Chapter. The Scribe E., Comp. F. H. Prosser, is most enthusiastic, and his books are well and accurately kept.

York Chapter, No. 62, North Toronto, E. Comp. T. J. Ivey, First Principal Z.—My visit for the inspection of work was paid on the 25th of May. The evening was wet. There was a fair attendance of members, however, including E. Comps. Geo. McLeish, Richard A. Lennox and F. W. Goulding, Past Z.'s, and they may be considered mainstays of this Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was conferred. Some of the junior officers were absent, but I am pleased to state there was no difficulty in filling their chairs from among the Companions present. The work proceeded with regularity and enthusiasm. E. Comp. Ivey took all the work of the First Principal in a quiet, dignified, interesting manner that could not fail to impress the candidates. This Chapter contributed $20 to a needy brother, and is in a good position financially. They have $300 paid-up stock in their new Masonic building. Chapter property valued at over $200, and a nice balance on hand.

On November 23rd it was my privilege to again visit this Chapter, the First Principal having kindly accepted my suggestion to conduct a Lodge of Instruction on behalf of the district and exemplify the M. E. M. degree. The evening was most disagreeable, owing to a heavy downpour of rain. There was not what might be called a large attendance, but those who braved the storm were amply repaid, as the work of the degree was as well presented as it has ever been my privilege to witness. With a little better music the presentation would have been perfect. The candidate, Bro. Thompson, was exceptionally clever, and his examination in the M. M. M.
degree showed careful training. The Companions of York are good entertainers, and on the occasion of both of my visits an enjoyable hour was spent at the festive board.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, E. Comp. Lewis F. Riggs, First Principal Z.—I made my official visit to this Chapter at its regular convocation held on June 8th. I was introduced by my two good friends, E. Comps. E. J. B. Duncan and K. J. Dunstan, and my reception by the First Principal and the Companions was most enthusiastic. This is the Royal home of R.E. Comp. Fred. W. Harcourt, Grand H., and I was pleased to greet him on this occasion. A large number of Past Principals of this and visiting Chapters were also present. This is the second term as First Principal for E. Comp. Riggs, and his devotion and untiring energy in the interests of the Chapter has endeared him to every Companion. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree, enriched by appropriate musical selections. The rendering was in keeping with the traditions of this splendid Chapter for excellence, being characterized by precision and correctness in every detail. The work of every officer was well-nigh perfect, but I desire to especially mention Comp. Geo. H. D. Lee, the S. S., who on this occasion, owing to the absence from the city of the regular officer, took the duty of Principal Sojourner, and with but short preparation, presented that work in a manner which would certainly have done credit to the regular officer. It may truly be said that St. Paul's is the best officered Chapter in the district. On the evening of October the 12th, at my request, this Chapter presented the Royal Arch degree at a Chapter of Instruction held in the blue room, Temple Building, and I am deeply grateful for their kindness on that and many occasions. A fuller account of this meeting is given elsewhere. It was also my privilege to attend this Chapter at their regular convocation held on Wednesday, Dec. 14th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in the same efficient manner as on my official visit. The election of officers was then proceeded with. I had the pleasure of scrutinizing the bal-
lots, and I am not betraying any secrets when I am able to say the officers in each instance were elected unanimously. This Chapter enjoys the enviable position of having had no suspensions in ten years, absolutely no outstanding dues, a bank account of over $2,500, and a membership of 193. I wish there were more Chapters like St. Paul's.

Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto, E. Comp. John Brennan, First Principal Z.—My predecessor named this the "busy" Chapter of the district, and it still merits that honor. It is receiving large accessions to its membership and continues to show great activity under its present able leader, who, by the way, is also W. M. of his lodge this year. My visit for the inspection of work was made at the regular Convocation held on the evening of June 10th. This is the mother Chapter of my good friends R. E. Comps. R. W. Brennan and Alex. G. Horwood, both Past Grand Superintendents of this district, and I was delighted to meet them on this occasion. There was a large attendance of members and visitors. Eight candidates presented themselves for the Royal Arch degree. E. Comp. Brennan is a ritualist of high order. His work was impressively rendered, being characterized by accuracy and precision, but candor compels me to say that the work of some of the junior officers was not performed quite as smoothly or with as much expression as I had hoped, or anticipated from the records of this Chapter. In my review of the work I pointed out the weak spots, and I trust benefit will accrue from my visit. The Chapter has a very efficient Scribe E. in the person of R. E. Comp. George K. Clemens. At the regular convocation held on April 8th this Chapter tendered a reception to the Grand Superintendents (past and present) of the Toronto district. This meeting was unique in the history of the district. The work of the evening was the Mark Master Mason degree, exemplified by the guests of the evening, with R. E. Comps. A. G. Horwood, W.M., Alexander Patterson, P.M., H. T. Smith, S.W., E. M. Carleton, J.W., D. A. Clark, S.D., R. W. Brennan, J.D., G. B. Foster, M.O., R. W. Clewlo, S.O., J. B. Nixon,
The meeting was largely attended and graced with the presence of M. E. Comp. George Moore, Grand Z., R. E. Comp. Fred. W. Harcourt, Grand H., and others. The entertainment proceedings at the festive board were of a high character, and the addresses by the prominent Companions mentioned were above the average. The social life is a distinctive feature of this Chapter. In March the annual theatre party and "At Home" were enjoyed by the Companions and their friends, and in August the fifth annual excursion to Niagara Falls was again a feast of joy for those who were fortunate enough to attend. The records of this busy Chapter show a membership of 363, with but 20 Companions in arrears for dues, and the total of all arrearages being $400.

Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto, E. Comp. Joshua Walford, First Principal Z.—I visited this Chapter officially on the occasion of their regular convocation on Thursday evening, Sept. 22nd. The total attendance was about thirty. Much sympathy was expressed that V. E. Comp. Ira Bates was absent on account of illness. I was sorry to notice that a number of the regular officers were absent, and a perusal of the books revealed the fact that they had been irregular during their whole term of office, and had thus not done their duty either by their First Principal or their Chapter. The M. M. M. degree was worked with E. Comp. Walford as W.M., and he rendered the work carefully, correctly and impressively. In fact, the work of all the officers was good, considering that some were irregular and that this was their first candidate. The meeting throughout was most enthusiastic, and while harmony prevails the Chapter has not progressed as it should during the year. Much is promised for the future. A good number of candidates have been and are now being presented. The books of V. E. Comp. F. H. Anderson, Scribe E., are well kept. His other duties, however, prevent him from continuing in office, and at the annual election of officers V. E. Comp. J. A. C. Stewart was elected for the position. The outlook for the coming year is bright.
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ANTiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto, E. Comp. P. K. Perry, acting First Principal Z.—The progress of this Chapter for a few years prior to 1908 had not been marked with much prosperity. During that year E. Comp. J. J. Hoidge, First Principal, introduced considerable new life, and about the same degree of efficiency and advancement are noted in their report of last year when E. Comp. P. K. Perry was First Principal. This year there has been no progress numerically; five candidates have been advanced, but the number of deaths and suspensions amount to twice that number. It must be borne in mind, however, that this Chapter has met with two exceptionally severe losses this year. Its First Principal-elect, E. Comp. Wilson Wilby, being called to his reward before being installed. In February E. Comp. Thomas Lawless, Past H., was elected to that office, and on July 13th it pleased God to call him also. E. Comp. Wilby was an enthusiastic Mason, and at the time of his decease was District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto District, No. 11, and E. Comp. Lawless in business circles was Grand Treasurer of the I. O. F. They were both noble men, whom to know was to love. The taking away of two such estimable Companions, while being a loss to the district, and especially to this Chapter, was surely much greater to their respective families, and the sympathy of the whole district goes out to them in their bereavement.

I attended this Chapter four times during my year of office. I was present at their regular Convocation held on the 18th April, when they entertained E. Comp. Arthur Winn, First Principal Z. of St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton, accompanied by his officers and members. M. E. Comp. George Moore, Grand Z., R. E. Comps. Fred. W. Harcourt, Grand H., and Geo. J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., were also present. All the visitors were welcomed most enthusiastically by E. Comp. Lawless, after which the Royal Arch degree was exemplified in splendid style by the guests of the evening.

My official visit for the inspection of work was made on the evening of Nov. 21st. I was accompanied by R. E.
Comp. Dr. D. A. Clark, P. G. Supt. of this district. The Royal Arch degree was worked with E. Comp. P. K. Perry acting First Principal. The Principal Sojourner and some of the junior officers were absent. I could not say that this degree was well worked, some parts being well rendered and some parts not so well. It was evident that more rehearsing was required. E. Comp. J. J. Hoidge is one of this Chapter’s most active workers. It has, however, on its membership roll a number of experienced and one-time zealous Past Z’s. I may say, a little more interest and activity on their part would be of great benefit to the Chapter at the present time and much appreciated by the officers. On the 16th January I installed and invested the officers for 1911, assisted by R. E. Comps. G. B. Foster, P.G.S., and P. T. Lee, and E. Comp. Geo. McLeish of York Chapter. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, including three of the ruling First Principals of city Chapters. Five candidates were ballotted for and accepted. The meeting was most enthusiastic. E. Comp. G. T. Pendrith, the new First Principal, is an experienced Mason, and the outlook is exceedingly bright.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, West Toronto, E. Comp. J. J. Jackson, First Principal Z.—I made my visit of inspection to this Chapter at their regular Convocation on the evening of the 14th of June. There was a large attendance, including a number of past Principals of the Chapter. This Chapter bears a reputation throughout the district for good work, and I may say it is well officered at the present time. The Mark Master degree was exemplified with E. Comp. A. B. Rice, Third Principal, as W.M., the First Principal as Senior Warden and E. Comp. Dr. R. R. Hopkins, Second Principal, as Junior Warden. E. Comp. Rice is a good ritualist, and the degree was conferred in a manner I have seldom seen excelled, the work of nearly every officer being performed in such a manner as to show careful training and thorough knowledge of the meaning of the work. The musical part of the ceremony was ably conducted by E. Comp. Jesse C. Smith. This Chapter was instituted in April,
1904. Its growth has been gradual, the membership now numbering 97, being a net gain of eight for the year. The Scribe E., Comp. Wm. J. Wadsworth, has been faithful in the discharge of his duties, having collected nearly $300 more than was taken in the preceding year. The Companions of Shekinah are good entertainers, and a very interesting and enjoyable hour was spent at the festive board. My esteemed friend, Dr. R. R. Hopkins, has been installed First Principal for 1911, and I predict for the Chapter a year of great prosperity.

Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge, E. Comp. Benjamin Madill, First Principal Z.—On the 27th of June I made my first visit to this splendid Chapter, and had it not been for my good friend, E. Comp. W. S.Ormiston, P.Z., who introduced me, a board of trial would doubtless have been in order. My welcome, however, by the First Principal and my reception by the Companions was most cordial. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified for my inspection, and it is my privilege and pleasure to report that the work throughout was exceedingly well done. E. Comp. Madill took all the First Principal's work except the lecture at the pedestal, which was given by E. Comp.Ormiston in an excellent manner. The officers are all enthusiastic, capable Companions. I was specially pleased with the work of Comp. Wesley Akney, P.S., who has the pleasure of a twenty-six mile drive every month to attend this Chapter meeting. The Chapter is fortunate in having V. E. Comp. V. M. Hare for its Scribe E. He is a most efficient officer, his books are neatly and correctly kept, and he reports no member twelve months in arrears for dues. The Chapter has a membership of 88, with cash securities and property worth $900, expended $21 for benevolence and has no liabilities. The Companions of Succoth Chapter are justly proud of their splendid furnishings and equipment, some of which was made and presented by lady relatives of the members, and on the occasion of my visit, at the conclusion of the ceremonial work, Comp. Hermon William Linke, the genial Scribe N., in a few well-chosen words, presented the Chapter with crowns suitable for the three principal
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officers. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent at the festive board. There is no fear for the future of this Chapter, and my visit to it was a genuine pleasure.

THE ST. PATRICK CHAPTER, NO. 145, TORONTO, E. Comp. W. S. Milne, First Principal Z.—I paid my official visit to this splendid Chapter on the evening of May 21st, and my reception by the First Principal and the Companions was most enthusiastic. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, including the First Principals of St. Andrew’s and St. John’s, King Solomon’s and The Beaches Chapters respectively. The M. M. M. degree was worked with E. Comp. Percy W. Rogers, Third Principal, as W.M. The work was well and impressively done, and reflected the progress made since the founding of the Chapter about seven years ago by the late E. Comp. H. A. Collins. The musical part of the ceremony was ably directed by Comp. E. R. Bowles. Comp. H. Leeson is Scribe E. His books and records are models of neatness, and unexcelled in the district. The Chapter continues to receive large accessions to its membership, having now 405 members in good standing. The number admitted during the year was 33, and I believe quality before quantity has been the motto in regard to the candidates accepted for exaltation.

I also had the pleasure of being present on Wednesday evening, March 16th, when the Chapter celebrated “Irish Night” and royally received M. E. Comps. George Moore, Grand Z.; Hon. Wm. Gibson, P.G.Z.; R. E. Comps. F. W. Harcourt, Grand H., Judge D. F. MacWatt, Grand J., George J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E.; His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, R. E. Comp. J. M. Gibson, P.G.S., R. E. Comps. G. B. Foster, H. T. Smith, and A. White. Visitors from afar included representatives of Keystone Chapter, No. 163, Buffalo, N.Y.; McKinley Chapter, No. 181, Cleveland, Ohio; King Cyrus Chapter, No. 133, Detroit, Mich.; Keystone Chapter, No. 6, Indianapolis, Ind., and Lincoln Park Chapter, No. 177, Chicago, Ill. The ceremony of the Holy Royal Arch degree was exemplified
in a most excellent manner with the following principal officers in the chairs: E. Comps. W. S. Milne, Z., B. Cairns, H., and P. W. Rogers, J. The First Principal is a good ritualist, and did all the work pertaining to his office in excellent style. The mystical lecture was given by E. Comp. James Glanville, and was characterized by correctness and expression. The work of the Principal Sojourner, Comp. W. F. Bilger, may also be mentioned as faultless. The ceremony of the beautiful degree was enriched by appropriate musical selections rendered by the St. Patrick Quartette. The temple was superbly decorated with flowers, shrubs and bunting. After the ceremonial work the Companions adjourned to the large Assembly Hall, where a magnificent banquet was served, a musical programme rendered, and some excellent speeches delivered by the Companions above mentioned. This was the largest Capitular function in the district held during the year.

On April the 14th the Chapter paid a fraternal visit to Ancient Chapter, No. 1, New York, and exemplified the Holy Royal Arch degree. The Companions travelled by special train and had a party of nearly two hundred, including many present and past Grand Chapter officers. This Chapter is the parent of "The Travelling Triangle," which is destined to complete a circle of the globe, and will find a resting place in one Chapter in each Province or State throughout the world where there is a R. A. Chapter, finally coming back to The St. Patrick Chapter. The symbolical significance of the Triangle appeals to all Royal Arch Masons. In the days of Pythagoras, we are informed, it was considered the most sacred of all emblems. This triangle may be said to be an emblem of fraternal esteem and a bond of union, the idea being to foster and cement a closer fraternal bond of brotherhood between Masons of the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch. The triangle is of heavy gold, equilateral, and about eight inches long and three-quarters of an inch in width, beautifully decorated with shamrocks, maple leaves, beaver, etc. After dedication by the Grand Z. its progress has been as follows:
On January 29, 1909, it started on its initial journey to Keystone Chapter, Buffalo, N.Y., and has since been transmitted to McKinley Chapter, Cleveland, Ohio; King Cyrus Chapter, Detroit, Mich.; Keystone Chapter, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lincoln Park Chapter, Chicago, Ill.; Prince Rupert Chapter, Winnipeg, Man.; Wascana Chapter, Regina, Sask.; Alberta Chapter, Calgary, Alta.; Vancouver Chapter, Vancouver, B.C.; Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, Kingston, Ont., and on Jan. 13, 1911, to Carnarvon Chapter, Montreal, Que. This was said to be the largest and most interesting gathering in the history of Capitular Masonry in the Province of Quebec. The Chapter is doing good work and long may it continue to prosper.

The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto, E. Comp. D. D. Grierson, First Principal.—This is the "baby" Chapter of the district, and since its inception it has acquired the reputation of being one of the most efficient. I officially visited this Chapter on its second anniversary, being their regular Convocation, held on the 2nd of May. I was accompanied by E. Comp. J. W. Johnson, Past Z. of King Solomon's Chapter; R. E. Comp. Dr. G. B. Foster, P. G. Supt., and V. E. Comp. Ira Bates. The monthly circular conveyed the information that the First Principals of a number of the city Chapters would visit on this occasion, but a violent electric storm that interfered with the car service for a couple of hours lessened the attendance from a distance somewhat. The meeting, however, was well attended. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree, and I am pleased to report that the character of the work throughout was in keeping with the tradition of the Chapter for excellence. E. Comp. Grierson did all the work pertaining to his office in a dignified, impressive manner that could not do other than favorably impress the candidates. I may add that he was ably assisted by his officers. During the evening, at the request of the First Principal, it was my privilege, as well as a very great pleasure, to represent the Chapter for a few minutes and on their behalf present to V. E. Comp. John
McCurrah, Grand Junior Sojourner of the Grand Chapter of Canada, a suit of regalia pertaining to his rank. The success of the Chapter is due largely to his untiring efforts in its behalf. V. E. Comp. McCurrah is a tower of strength to any lodge or Chapter in which he holds membership. The subsequent banquet was most enjoyable, good songs and witty addresses being delivered by the Companions present. The Chapter is growing slowly but surely. It was also my privilege, in company with my wife, as guests of this Chapter to attend their third annual "At Home," held on Friday evening, December 2nd. All the rooms associated with this fine Masonic home were beautifully and attractively decorated with flowers and leaves in colors emblematic of the Royal Craft. The officers and members were most untiring in their efforts to see that every person present enjoyed themselves. A great deal of credit is due the committee who arranged the details.

In closing this report I desire to say that every visit I have made throughout the district has been of the most pleasant character. I have endeavored to do my duty, and I feel that any criticisms that I have offered were taken in the spirit in which they were intended, and if my Companions have received that benefit from my visits which I feel I have derived from my associations with them, I am satisfied that much has been accomplished. The many kindnesses I have received at the hands of the Companions during my term of office and the forbearance they have shown towards my shortcomings will be remembered by me while life lasts. I believe peace and harmony prevail, and may it continue to do so till time shall be no more.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

EDMUND M. CARLETON,

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| CHAPTER | Number | LOCATION     | Regular Meetings | Emergent Meetings | Total | Average Attendance Members | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues per Member | No. Members last Year | Petitions Accepted | Candidates Initiated | Affiliations | Restorations | Suspensions | Deposits | Present Membership | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Members 12 Moths in Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Dues Outstanding | Amount Insurance | Amount Expended in Benev’ee | Can Ex. Z. work all Degree ? |
|---------|--------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|---------|------------------|----------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| St. Andrew's and St. John's | 4 | Toronto       | 1               | 11               | 27    | $4.00                       | 14                          | 13                     | 1                    | 1                   | 1                   | 4           | 5          | 161         | 13       | 13             | 19                   | $282.00 | $113.25     | $250.00      | $20.00             | Good          | Yes     |
| King Solomon's       | 8 | Toronto       | 1               | 4                | 143   | $5.00                       | 18                          | 4                      | 1                   | 5                   | 105                  | 139       | 13         | 113         | 11       | 11             | 82                   | $149.42  | $496.45     | $350.00      | $25.00              | Good          | Yes     |
| Doric               | 60 | Newmarket    | 2               | 11               | 15    | $1.25                       | 3                           | 8                      | 5                   | 4                   | 2                    | 1         | 6          | 38         | 4        | 4              | 58                   | $600.00 | $150.00    | $350.00      | $25.00              | Fair          | Yes     |
| York                | 62 | Eglinton     | 1               | 3                | 131   | $1.60                       | 2                           | 3                      | 6                   | 7                   | 6                    | 1         | 6          | 34         | 3        | 6              | 4                    | $38.94   | $624.64     | $180.00      | $425.00             | Good          | Yes     |
| St. Paul's          | 65 | Toronto       | 2               | 11               | 26    | $1.80                       | 2                           | 1                      | 3                   | 3                   | 193                  | 17        | 17         | 17         | 17       | 17             | 15                   | $2536.68 | $2271.68   | $265.00      | $250.00             | 10.00         | Yes     |
| Occident            | 77 | Toronto       | 4               | 15               | 73    | $1.30                       | 14                          | 3                      | 3                   | 5                   | 3                    | 3         | 5          | 29         | 28        | 27             | 20                   | $1850.00 | $1250.00   | $425.00      | $400.00             | 20.00         | Yes     |
| Orient              | 79 | Toronto       | 1               | 11               | 23    | $3.00                       | 3                           | 3                      | 1                   | 1                   | 10                   | 2         | 10         | 11         | 1        | 1              | 1                    | $76.50   | $255.00     | $25.00       | $75.00              | Fair          | Yes     |
| Antiquity           | 91 | Toronto       | 1               | 10               | 15    | $3.00                       | 5                           | 3                      | 5                   | 6                   | 10                   | 1         | 6          | 12         | 12       | 6              | 12                   | $100.00  | $400.00     | $100.00      | $150.00             | Fair          | Yes     |
| Succoth             | 135 | Uxbridge   | 1               | 3                | 136   | $2.00                       | 2                           | 2                      | 0                   | 6                   | 8                    | 7         | 7          | 6           | 6        | 7              | 7                    | $900.00  | $600.00     | $126.50      | $400.00             | 21.00         | Yes     |
| Shekinah            | 138 | W. Toronto   | 2               | 12               | 19    | $2.00                       | 3                           | 8                      | 9                   | 5                   | 2                    | 4         | 9          | 4           | 4        | 2              | 0                    | $160.00  | $257.00     | $384.00      | $1000.00            | Good          | Yes     |
| The St. Patrick     | 145 | Toronto       | 8               | 18               | 69    | $0.60                       | 14                          | 6                      | 0                   | 5                   | 40                   | 5         | 30         | 33         | 32        | 34             | 34                   | $845.00  | $33.30      | $290.00      | $33.50              | Good          | Yes     |
| The Beaches         | 163 | Toronto       | 1               | 10               | 20    | $4.30                       | 35                          | 6                      | 6                   | 1                   | 1                    | 4         | 6          | 7          | 7        | 6              | 7                    | $270.00  | $329.30     | $37.30       | $33.50              | Good          | Yes     |
GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9. I am pleased to report that peace and harmony prevail and that the various Chapters in the district have enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity, although there has been no marked increase in membership during the year. The Chapters are to be congratulated on the efficiency of the officers, as the exemplification of the degree work is of a high standard in almost all the Chapters of the district.

I have visited every Chapter in the district, but was unable to arrange for a Chapter of Instruction, which I believe would prove of great assistance to the officers and tend to greater uniformity in the work.

Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie.—On November 8th I visited this Chapter, and found a good attendance. The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon two candidates in a manner almost beyond criticism. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition, and is the largest in the district. The standard of the work done is very high, and the prospects are very bright indeed. This Chapter owes a considerable measure of its success to the Past Principals, who take a great interest in its affairs.

Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Bracebridge.—This Chapter was visited on November 17th. The attendance was small and the Chapter has not been meeting regularly, this being the first meeting since April. The Mark Master degree was conferred on one candidate. While this Chapter has a fair membership, it has not been making very satisfactory progress. The membership in the town of Bracebridge is not very large, and the members residing elsewhere do not attend the meetings regularly. The work of the Chapter falls upon some of the Past Principals, who are quite proficient in the work, but
there is a lack of interest and enthusiasm among the assistant officers.

**Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland.**—I visited this Chapter on November 18th, and was pleased to note the great interest manifested by the Companions of this young Chapter in Capitular Masonry. The degree of Mark Master was conferred on one candidate in a very creditable manner. This Chapter has bright prospects, and I believe the action of Grand Chapter in issuing this charter will be amply justified.

**Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton.**—I made my official visit to this Chapter on December 1st. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on one candidate and the work was exemplified by the officers in an excellent and impressive manner. At this Convocation the officers for the ensuing year were installed by R. E. Comp. Foster, assisted by E. Comp. S. J. Cameron. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition, and its prospects are of the brightest. The officers are efficient and enthusiastic.

**Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood.**—The date of my official visit to this Chapter was December 7th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in a highly impressive manner, leaving little, if any, room for criticism. The work of the various officers was very creditable. This Chapter, which is the pioneer Chapter of the district, is in a flourishing condition and maintains its high standard for excellence, both in work and material.

**MacPherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford.**—On my visit to this Chapter on December 8th I was accompanied by E. Comp. H. Wright, Jr., and N. L. Wilson of Georgian Chapter. The M. E. degree was exemplified in a creditable manner. Owing to the limited territory within the boundaries of this Chapter, it is somewhat handicapped, but it has a loyal membership, and no doubt will continue to progress.

**Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound.**—This being my own Chapter, I made no formal official visit,
but on December 20th I assisted in the installation of the officers, in the absence of R.E. Comp. Allen Cameron, who, through illness, was forced to be absent for the first time in many years from the installation ceremony. This Chapter has efficient officers, and is making satisfactory progress and has every prospect of success.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Companions of Grand Chapter for electing me to the position of Grand Superintendent of this district and the Companions of the district for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me during my term of office.

Owen Sound, January 16th, 1911.

W. H. Wright,

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ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

To the M.E. the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Companions,—I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Ontario District, No. 10, for the past year. At the outset it is a pleasure to state that in all my official visits I have been most cordially received as the representative of the M.E. the Grand First Principal; that peace and harmony prevail throughout the district, and that the outlook for the future is fairly encouraging. All the presiding officers are reported as able to confer each of the several degrees, and I think all strive to do their work in a manner commensurate with the dignity of the Order. The attendance at Chapter meetings is not up to what it should be in numbers, and I would respectfully suggest an active crusade by the officers of each Chapter along the line of increasing the attendance, and of making our convocations more interesting to the rank and file of the Companions. Let the Chapters open promptly at the hour stated in the notices, and let the business and work be conducted with dispatch. If this were done there would be time left for an hour of social intercourse and enjoyment and still allow the Companions to reach home at an hour that would not encroach upon the time that should to be devoted to sleep, nor impair their fitness for the labors of the following day.

While making suggestions, may I be permitted, for the comfort of succeeding Superintendents of No. 10 district, to call attention to the fact that Ontario district, with its twelve Chapters, lies alongside of Prince Edward district, which has only six, and, to my mind, if three were detached from No. 10 and joined to No. 11, a more equitable division of labor would be imposed upon the district Superintendents of the future.

On the 14th of December a Chapter of Instruction for the Ontario district was held under the auspices of Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, in Peterboro. Although the
attendance of outside Chapters was not as large as anticipated, due in part to the poor train service to the south, yet the convocation was very interesting and we think profitable to the Companions and Chapters with sufficient enterprise to be present.

At 2 p.m. a lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the candidate was advanced to the honorary degree by the officers of Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, with E. Comp. R. P. Watt in the East. At 4 p.m. a lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened, and one candidate was received by the officers of Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay, with E. Comp. Davidson as the presiding officer. At 6.15 p.m. the visiting Companions were guests of Corinthian Chapter at a sumptuous banquet in the refreshment room of the Chapter. Following this was a toast list, to which the Grand Z., the District Superintendent, the First Principals of visiting Chapters and others contributed. At 7.30 p.m. the Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch degree, and two candidates were exalted to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch by the officers of Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford, with E. Comp. Wm. Smith as Z. It goes without saying that the work in the three degrees was of an exceptionally high order and evoked very little adverse criticism, but much that was complimentary. Full discussion followed the conferring of each degree and many doubtful points of procedure were decided.

Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the meeting was the presence of the M.E. the Grand First Principal, Comp. Geo. Moore, who endeared himself to all present by his genial affability and by his beautiful and impressive rendering of the closing charges in the M.M.M. and R.A. degrees.

I desire to thank the Companions of the district for conferring the honor of the Grand Superintendent's office upon me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, and also for the many acts of thoughtfulness and assistance received during my term of office.
Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough.—I have attended nearly every convocation of this, my mother Chapter, during the year, the official visit being paid at the regular meeting on May 27th, when I had the honor of installing the officers-elect for the ensuing term. Corinthian Chapter still maintains its reputation for good work, and is in all respects in a prosperous and satisfactory condition. The meetings are well attended, and the general interest of the Companions, especially the Past First Principals, is a source of strength to the officers. The outlook for the future is excellent. I thank the officers and Companions for their assistance towards making the Chapter of Instruction a success, and for presenting me at my installation with a handsome suit of District Superintendent's regalia.

Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa.—I visited this, the oldest Chapter in the district, on August 19th, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch degree. Owing to the unavoidable absence of some of the officers the work lacked that finish for which Pentalpha is distinguished. This grand old Chapter is slowly increasing its membership with good material. Its officers are enthusiastic, and the prospects are reported excellent. I would suggest that a small working committee be formed to assist the busy Scribe E. in the collection of dues, which show far too large a sum of arrearages.

Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope.—At the regular convocation, Nov. 11th, I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter. The work presented for my inspection was the M.M.M. degree, and was well exemplified, although the officers labored at a disadvantage from being in temporary quarters, and from lack of paraphernalia and the comforts of their late Masonic home. Victoria was unfortunate in having its rooms destroyed by fire in the early part of the year, but I am assured that the new hall now in preparation will be second to none. This Chapter has long been noted for the excellence of its work and the warm-heartedness of its Companions, and from personal experience I can vouch that it is not allowing its reputation to suffer along these lines.
Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.—I visited Colborne on Sept. 6th in obedience to the notice for the regular convocation on that date. Owing to the absence of the Scribe E. from his home, the intimation of my expected visit had not been made known to any of the Companions. No meeting was held, as not more than eight Companions appeared upon the scene at any one time. After an informal discussion on Capitular topics in general, and some of interest to Ontario district in particular, the Companions dispersed. Excelsior has long enjoyed a high reputation for the excellence of its ritualistic work, which I have no doubt my successor will find fully maintained. This Chapter had the misfortune to be burned out early in the year, but will soon be into new and more up-to-date quarters.

St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg.—One of the most enjoyable visits of the year was that paid to St. John's Chapter on the 14th of October. The Companions of Cobourg certainly have the knack of making a Grand officer feel comfortable, and from his arrival in the town until his departure his every wish is anticipated. During the evening the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred in a very acceptable manner by E. Comp. Dr. Irwin and his officers. This Chapter occupies spacious apartments in the town buildings and has altogether perhaps the most "homelike" of Masonic homes in the district. The continued interest of the Past Principals is very gratifying. The S.E. reports prospects as very good.

Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay.—I paid an official visit to Midland Chapter on the evening of October 20th. Attendance rather small, but composed of enthusiastic and intelligent lovers of the Royal Craft. The M.E.M. degree was exemplified in a creditable manner. E. Comp. Davidson and his officers gladly and promptly accepted the invitation to work the same degree at the Chapter of Instruction in Peterboro, and the lack of adverse criticism was the best evidence of the excellence of the work presented. No report on this Chapter would
be complete which did not contain complimentary reference to the excellent condition in which the books are kept by the model Scribe E., Comp. G. S. Patrick.

St. Andrew’s Chapter, No. 139, Havelock.—I was present at this Chapter and assisted with the installation of officers on January 16th, 1911. St. Andrew’s has been presided over as First Principal during the past year by one of the most zealous and untiring Masonic students within the jurisdiction of Grand Chapter, E. Comp. Rev. Geo. A. MacLennan. It is a source of deepest regret that his removal to Montreal has, in a measure, deprived this district of the incentive which his presence always creates, and of the immediate results of his Masonic research. E. Comp. Harper and his officers have fair prospects for a successful year’s work. The books are well kept and dues well collected.

Presqu’Isle Chapter, No. 144, Brighton.—I visited Presqu’Isle at the regular convocation, Jan. 13th, 1911. The only work at this convocation was installation of officers, most of whom were re-elected from last year. The attendance was good and the routine work was carried out in a businesslike manner. This Chapter is to be congratulated on the quality of its membership, and need have no fear for the future if the same careful selection of material is continued. After the Chapter was closed a pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse and discussion of Capitular topics.

Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.—I visited this Chapter at an emergent convocation on February 17th, 1911, and found a goodly number of enthusiastic Companions present. The work of the evening was to confer the R.A. degree, which was done in a very satisfactory manner. E. Comp. Hamilton is fortunate in having an admirable staff of officers, and all degree work will be well conferred. It is pleasing to note the active interest E. Comp. Humphries still takes in the work of the Chapter. At this convocation a fraternal visit was paid by the officers of Ionic Chapter, No. 168, who piloted me from Campbellford, and to whom I am indebted for many kindnesses.
King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington.—This is the only Chapter in the district that I failed to visit during my term of office. I found it impossible to reach King Darius at any of the regular convocations, nor could we arrange an emergent meeting convenient to all. I have received the Chapter notices regularly, and the E. Z. assures me that the prospects are good. The dues are well paid up. No degree work was done during the year. I trust my successor may be able to pay an early visit to this Chapter.

Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford.—I had the pleasure of visiting this, the youngest Chapter in the district, at the regular convocation, April 14th, 1910. The warrant was presented to the Chapter on this occasion. I am convinced that E. Comp. Smith and his officers really received it as a "sacred trust," and will guard well the honor and reputation of the institution conducted under its authority. The R.A. degree was the work of the evening, and was conferred in a manner above criticism. The ready response of the officers of Ionic Chapter to the invitation to confer the R.A. degree at the Chapter of Instruction in Peterboro is fair evidence of the zeal and enthusiasm of the Companions generally, and should be an example to those Chapters which seem to be daily sinking into "the sere and yellow leaf of old age."

Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby.—I visited Keystone Chapter at the regular convocation, December 16th, 1910, and had the honor of installing the officers for 1911, being assisted in the ceremony by R.E. Comp. Huggard, V.E. Comp. Gale and E. Comp. Panton, I.P.Z. This Chapter, one of the oldest in the district, is held together by a small band of enthusiastic officers and Companions, who deserve better support from the members than they appear to be receiving. No degree work has been done during the year, but the E. First Principal assures me that there are prospects of brighter days ahead.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. Walkey,
Grand Supt. Ontario District, No. 10.
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**Ontario District, No. 10**
To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

M. E. Sir and Companions,—I have the honor to submit herewith my report on Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the year 1910. It was my privilege and pleasure to visit every Chapter in the district, and I am pleased to report that the utmost harmony exists in all, and that a steady, healthy growth is taking place throughout. I regret to report that the attendance of the Companions at regular convocations is not what it should be. In many instances throughout the year, in a number of the Chapters, there were barely enough members present to open. This is a state of affairs that should not exist, and I hope and trust that in the incoming year we will see an improvement in this regard.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on the night of their regular convocation, 21st Sept. There was a fair attendance, considering that there was no degree work, and that it was the first meeting after the holiday season. A large percentage of the members of this Chapter are non-resident, which accounts for the small average attendance. The officers are attentive and enthusiastic, and altogether the business of the Chapter is well conducted, the only disturbing feature being the large amount of dues outstanding, a number of the Companions being over two years in arrears.

Madoc Chapter, No. 161, Madoc.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on the night of their regular convocation, Oct. 25th. The R.A. degree was exemplified in a most able manner by E. Comp. Moore and his officers, after which we adjourned to Moon's Hotel, where the annual banquet was held, at which ladies were present, a feature that added grace and charm to the occasion. Music was provided by the Madoc Orchestra, and other artists engaged for the occasion added greatly to the
enjoyment of the evening. E. Comp. Mikel, of Moira Chapter, Belleville, kindly accompanied me on this visit, and replied to the toast, "Our Country," in a very appropriate manner. The officers of Madoc Chapter are able and energetic, and I predict a bright future for this, the youngest Chapter in the district.

St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton.—I visited my mother Chapter on the evening of the regular convocation, November 22nd. It being the night of the election of officers, the Companions turned out in goodly numbers. The M.M.M. degree was exemplified in a very able manner by E. Comp. Richardson. Under his able direction, St. Mark's has maintained her good standing throughout the year. The work of R.E. Comp. Spencer as Scribe E. calls for special mention. His energy lends valuable assistance to the other officers. R.E. Comp. Wilkins was present at this meeting, and gave an interesting address on the history of the Chapter.

Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.—Accompanied by R.E. Comp. Wilkins, I visited Moira Chapter on the 6th December. It was the night of election of officers. E. Comp. Mikel was re-elected First Principal. The R.A. degree was conferred on this occasion. The exemplification by E. Comp. Mikel and his officers was all that could be desired. The Companions made no mistake in re-electing E. Comp. Mikel First Principal. There was a fair attendance on this night. Moira is enjoying a steady, healthy growth, and is in good financial condition. After the Chapter was closed we adjourned to the supper room, where a pleasant hour was spent in speech and song.

Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling.—It was my pleasure to visit Keystone Chapter on the evening of December 15th, and although the weather was stormy there was a good attendance. There was no degree work, but I understand E. Comp. Rose and his officers have exemplified the various degrees in a satisfactory manner. The officers and Companions are attentive to the meetings, and peace, harmony and enthusiasm prevail.
The Chapter is in a healthy condition generally, and I predict a prosperous future for Keystone. After the close of the Chapter a pleasant and profitable hour was spent around the festive board.

Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton.—I had the pleasure of visiting this flourishing Chapter on the evening of December 19th, which was the night of installation of officers, but as all the officers had been re-elected that ceremony was not necessary. Considering the weather conditions, there was a good attendance, and Prince Edward maintains its reputation of being the banner Chapter of the district. The M.M.M. degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner by E. Comp. Hepburn and his officers. Prince Edward Chapter has attained a well-deserved popularity in the district, and continued prosperity may be looked for. After the work of the evening was concluded, a pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Companions of Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the honor conferred upon me at the last convocation of Grand Chapter, as well as for the most cordial welcome extended to me by officers and Companions of the various Chapters which I had the pleasure of visiting.

Yours fraternally,

B. H. Siddall,

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To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

St. Lawrence District, No. 12, with its eight Chapters, depicts all the various stages of health, from the robust, full-blooded vigor of stalwart manhood to the condition of senile gangrene and coma of approaching death. Some of the Chapters have been working in harness throughout the year, while others have been holidaying, but such are the conditions we may expect with all similar institutions. They have their fluctuations, periods of enthusiasm and progress alternate with seasons of depression and relaxation.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston.—Twice during the year have I had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality and good-fellowship of the Companions in Kingston. The first occasion was that of the visit of the M.E. the Grand Z. After a hearty reception by the Companions in the afternoon and sumptuous dinner at the Frontenac Club, we repaired to the Chapter rooms, where we had the pleasure of witnessing a most beautiful exemplification of the Royal Arch degree. When the Chapter closed we showed our appreciation of the fourth degree, and spent a profitable and enjoyable hour listening to M.E. Comps. Geo. Moore, G.Z.; Abraham Shaw and Robert Hendry, Jr., P.G.Z.'s; R.E. Comp. Murch and visiting Companions from Chapters of the surrounding district. All too soon the Grand Trunk time-table called us to leave, sorry to part, hoping to meet again.

The second visit was made Nov. 18th, when the Travelling Triangle was presented by E. Comp. Milne, of The St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, to Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, as the most historical representative of Ontario Capitular Masonry. Our greeting was no whit less enthusiastic than on the former visit. After the exemplification of the M.M.M. degree, E. Comp. Milne presented the triangle and delivered an in-
structive, comprehensive address on the triangle, "which has ever been considered a sacred emblem." E. Comp. Winnett, on behalf of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, fittingly expressed the appreciation of the honor conferred. The evening was brought to a pleasant close by a banquet and well-filled toast list.

I again had the pleasure of meeting a number of the Companions from Kingston when, on Jan. 13th, with ten other Companions from St. John's Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg, we joined eighteen Companions of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui and E. Comp. Milne of The St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, on their way to Carnarvon Chapter, No. 5, Montreal, bearing the Travelling Triangle to the sister jurisdiction. Space will not permit a full description of the trip. Suffice it to say, the beautiful installation ceremony witnessed, performed by Grand Chapter officers, and the hearty reception by the Companions of Carnarvon, will leave a bright spot on memory's page for many a long day.

To a large degree the success of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui during the past year has been due to the indefatigable, painstaking and progressive spirits in the persons of Comp. D. J. Evans, Scribe E., and E. Comp. Dr. A. W. Winnett, Z. With the return of Dr. Winnett for another term, a banner year is in store for the Chapter.

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT.—April 12th I paid my first visit to Grenville Chapter, when the Companions of Sussex and St. Lawrence Chapters, Brockville, came down to exemplify the R.A. degree. Among the Companions visiting were R.E. Comps. Greene, Moore, Dowell and Knapp. It was thought that perhaps a visit of this kind might be a stimulant to the Companions in Prescott, who had been somewhat indifferent lately. The material exists in the Chapter to make it one of the most successful in the district, but the trouble seems to be the difficulty in arousing the enthusiasm. Needless to say, the R.A. degree was exemplified in a most masterly way, as the Companions from Brockville
always do. Officially, I visited Prescott Jan. 11th, and had the pleasure of installing the officers. The meeting was small, but we must admire the faithful few. We hope soon to see Grenville cease its hibernating and show herself in her proper light.

Sussex, No. 59, and St. Lawrence, No. 100, Brockville.—It is difficult to separate these two Chapters, as the members of each scarcely know where they belong themselves. In speaking of the Brockville Companions, I can use nothing but the most commendatory terms. They have been a "godfather" to my mother Chapter and to myself. It seems that nothing too much can be asked of the generous-spirited Companions of Brockville.

In the early part of March, I met a goodly number of the Companions of Sussex and St. Lawrence Chapters. We held a council of war re a Chapter of Instruction, at which I received some valuable advice, and was assured of their hearty support, which I certainly received, and by which I was enabled to bring to a successful issue the first Chapter of Instruction held for several years in St. Lawrence district.

The early part of November was chosen for the meeting in Brockville, and the M.E. the Grand Z. kindly consented to be present. Almost at the last minute I was disappointed by two Chapters in sections of the work they were to put on. Falling back on the loyal Companions of Brockville, they, without the semblance of hesitation, consented, and the gap was filled. According to the original programme, two degrees were to have been exemplified in the afternoon, but the train bearing the M.E. the Grand Z. and the Kingston Companions being late, we had to postpone one degree till evening. In the afternoon a lodge of M.M.M. was opened, the work exemplified, and lodge closed by the Brockville Companions. In the evening, St. John's Chapter, Morrisburg, opened and closed in the M.E.M., while Covenant Chapter, Cornwall, put on the degree work. The Brockville Companions again assumed the gavel, and after receiving the Grand Chapter officers, vacated the chairs
to Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, of Kingston, who exemplified the R.A. degree and finished the business of the evening. The M.E. the Grand Z. took up various points in the work, and answered a goodly number of questions which arose.

After the Chapter of Instruction closed, we repaired to the spacious banquet hall, where we did ample justice to the dainty, well-exemplified fourth degree and enjoyed a social hour. Brockville Capitular Masonry is all right.

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, North Augusta.—This Chapter, I think, must have been Oslerized. I have not received a notice of a meeting during the year, and have been unable to get any reply to my communications. I guess, perhaps, I am not enough of a spiritualist to be able to get in touch with the ghost. Since a Chapter has been formed at Smith's Falls, the Chapter at North Augusta has been unable to flourish, and it would seem to be almost advisable to recall the charter or move it to Kemptville, provided they desire a Chapter there.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg.—My mother Chapter! The town is small and the fellows are good heads, who are mixed up in every aspect of life in the place. Consequently there are many conflicting demands, but the Chapter is alive and shows good symptoms for the coming year. I have visited all the meetings during the year, and officially visited January 20th, when, with the assistance of E. Comp. Harry H. Bradfield and E. Comp. W. K. Farlinger, I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the year. After installation the new officers conferred the M.E.M. degree in a manner that would do credit to old officers. The Chapter has awakened from a lethargy and will make good.

Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.—Accompanied by E. Comps. W. K. Farlinger, J. C. Boyd, C. W. Marsh, Comps. H. Winstanley, E. M. Beckstead and J. D. Dain, I visited Covenant Chapter Nov. 16th. The proceedings of the evening opened promptly at eight
o'clock. The R.A.M. degree was well exemplified. Capitular Masonry in Cornwall is on a good, firm basis. The present and prospective officers are men of good ability, and the chairs will be efficiently filled for the coming year, as they have been during the past. The books of Comp. John Ridley, Scribe E., are models of neatness and exactness. After the Chapter closed, E. Comp. J. had provided entertainment for us, which kept us till nearly train time, and all voted we had spent a very pleasant evening.

Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque.—I visited Leeds Chapter, accompanied by Comp. H. Winstanley, Jan. 4th. The M.M.M. degree was worked very creditably, the E.Z. having his work very accurately. I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year. They seem to be Companions who are enthusiastic in the work, and the prospects are bright for the coming year. The Scribe E. is promptness itself in the performance of his duties. I received his annual report Jan. 2nd. Gananoque has a good number of able Companions who, with diligence, can make any of the Chapters in the district work hard to keep ahead of them.

I have experienced a great deal of pleasure in my supervision of the district during the past year. The worries of a couple of Chapters have almost been eclipsed by the progressiveness of the other Chapters and the warm-hearted way in which I and my suggestions have been received. To all who have accorded me so many courtesies I desire to express my gratitude, and wish my successor even a more successful term of office.

Fraternally yours,

Will C. Davy,

Grand Supt. St. Lawrence District, No. 12.
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**Remarks:** No report received.
To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Companions,—I have the honor to present my report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Ottawa District, No. 13, for the year 1910.

Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the 2nd of May. I was accompanied by E. Comp. J. C. Scott, of Carleton Chapter, Ottawa. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates by the officers of the Chapter, the work being done in an excellent and impressive manner. The books of the Chapter are well kept by the efficient Scribe E., Comp. A. H. Edwards. Shortly after my visit the Chapter had the misfortune to lose most of its paraphernalia by fire. The loss was pretty well covered by insurance, so that the Chapter will not suffer much in consequence.

Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on the 27th May. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on one candidate, the officers of the Chapter doing the work in a creditable manner. The members of the Chapter are largely taken from the surrounding district, and the attendance is not large. The Chapter is in a prosperous condition and the books kept in a proper manner.

Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte.—I visited this Chapter at what should have been their regular meeting, on the 11th of October, but unfortunately there was no quorum and no meeting, the principal officers being absent. In conversation with some of the Companions, I learned that the Chapter had hardly recovered from the effects of last year's fire, but they had procured new paraphernalia and had bright hopes of a prosperous coming year.

Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew.—I visited this Chapter at their regular meeting, on the 17th of
October. There was a good attendance, and the Mark Master degree was exemplified in an excellent manner by the officers of the Chapter. Bonnechere Chapter is in a prosperous condition, the officers are enthusiastic, and the books of the Chapter are admirably kept by R.E. Comp. Hay, the efficient Scribe E.

St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smith’s Falls.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on the 26th of November. This being the night of the election of officers, I did not see any degrees exemplified, but am satisfied that the officers are quite competent and do their work in an exemplary manner. Scribe E., Comp. Fluker, keeps the books in a first-class manner.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 148, Vankleek Hill.—I visited this Chapter at an emergent meeting on the 29th of November. The night was stormy and there was a small attendance. The Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees were conferred on three candidates by the officers of the Chapter, the work being done very impressively. The books are kept in a proper manner.

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa.—This being my mother Chapter, I was present at most of its meetings. A reunion or Chapter of Instruction was held on the 14th of December, at which a large number of Companions were present. The meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. The M.M.M. degree was conferred on three candidates by V.E. Comp. Luke and the officers of the Chapter in an excellent manner. The M.E.M. degree was conferred on four candidates by R.E. Comp. Garrioch in a most impressive way. At 6 o’clock p.m. a most enjoyable banquet was held in the refreshment room; a large number of Companions were present. At 8 o’clock p.m. the Chapter was opened, when I made my official visit. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on ten candidates, the work being done by E. Comp. Scott, the First Principal, and the officers of the Chapter in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Carleton Chapter is in a prosperous condition, its records are kept in a proper manner by Scribe E., and peace and harmony prevail.
Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.—I regret to report that this Chapter seems to be past resuscitation. I have communicated with Scribe E., and in his opinion there is no hope of the Chapter being revived, and in conversation with some of the Companions I learned that no interest was taken in its affairs. They have had no meetings for more than two years, and it looks as if it would be as well for them to surrender their charter.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the officers and Companions of the Chapters I have had the pleasure of visiting for the very cordial welcome extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

John W. Fenton,

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To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I thank you for the honor you conferred on me a year ago, when you elected me Grand Superintendent of this district, and I now beg to submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1910.

Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, Ont.—I visited this Chapter on Jan. 18th, a regular convocation, and was very kindly received. All officers were present and about forty Companions, which included a number of visiting Companions, among whom were a number of Past Grand officers, P.G. Supt. Morgan, of Port Arthur; P.G.S. Hollinshead, P.Z. Symes and Grant, of Fort William; P.M. Quibell, of Dryden; R. E. Comp. Col. Ray, of Port Arthur, and others.

The Chapter was opened in R.A. degree, and after routine business was disposed of a lodge of Mark Masters was opened and a candidate advanced. The work was put on very creditably, more especially, considering that this was the first meeting since new officers had been installed, the work of E. Comp. Wood, First Principal, being especially good. The showing made by this Chapter is most favorable, considering the difficulties which they have been laboring under during the past two years, having to hold their convocations in confined quarters. Their new Temple, in which they now have their Chapter quarters, is a very elegant and complete building, and is a credit to the Masonic fraternity and also to the architect who designed same. After the conclusion of the evening's business the Companions were entertained to a very enjoyable banquet. A number of interesting speeches were given by various Companions. The books of this Chapter were also found to be kept in good order, Scribe E. Franks being a very efficient officer and a source of great strength to the Chapter.

Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora, Ont.—I visited this, my own Chapter, on their regular convocation, Dec.
16th, and was very cordially received. The Chapter room was well filled, all the officers being in their respective chairs, and Companions to the number of thirty-five being present, amongst whom were R.E. Comp. Chapple, P.G.S., P.Z.'s Carmichael, Brydon and Bronchley.

The Chapter was opened in all degrees, and four candidates were exalted to the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a manner beyond criticism. The officers deserve much credit for their very efficient work.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was also held, and the selection augurs well for Golden Chapter's future. E. Comp. Schnarr, who has filled the First Principal's chair during the past year, waived his right to a second term (according to custom in this Chapter) and unselfishly made way for the advancement of E. Comp. Second Principal McColl to the First Principal's chair. The books are exceedingly well kept by retiring Scribe E. Macdonald, who has been advanced to the Third Principal's chair. After the work of the evening had been finished the fourth degree was exemplified in the usual manner for which Golden Chapter is noted, and a very sociable and instructive evening was spent, many interesting and inspiring addresses being given. I think there is a great future for this Chapter, there being three lodges in the immediate vicinity, besides one at Dryden, from which to draw good material, and it surely must go forward.

Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William, Ont.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on January 17th, an emergent having been called for the occasion. My reception by the Companions was very generous and friendly, having been met at the station and escorted to the Avenue Hotel, where they had specially engaged an elegant room for my disposal during my visit in the city.

All the officers were present, and Companions turned out in goodly numbers, there being between thirty and forty in attendance, which included a number of past
officers. The Chapter was opened in R.A. degree, and after routine work a lodge of Mark Masters was opened and a candidate duly advanced. It is unnecessary to offer any comments on work put on by the officers, it being perfect. The qualifications of R.E. Comp. Hollinshead, P.G.S., are too well and favorably known to admit of any doubt as to work being well put on. He was ably assisted by E. Comp. Symes and other officers. The books also are well kept, everything being in good order and up to date, and kept so by Scribe E., Comp. North. Fort William Chapter has very comfortable and commodious quarters, and is a strong and growing Chapter for one such a short time established. There is no doubt as to the growth of Capitular Masonry in this city.

One thing especially deserving of worthy mention is the friendly feeling existing between the Chapters of Port Arthur and Fort William, as is also general throughout the whole district.

After Chapter closed all adjourned to the banquet room, where an elegant repast had been prepared, and passed a pleasant hour in friendly and social intercourse.

Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River, Ont.—I regret not being able to visit this Chapter, but circumstances were such that it could not be arranged.

Their report for the year is not as favorable as I could wish, owing, no doubt, to the serious fires in and near their town during the summer, and their loss by death of a very energetic member, Comp. Walsh.

I trust there will be a marked improvement in the progress of this Chapter during the ensuing year. I would urge a strong effort in gathering in the outstanding dues, and would also recommend that all Chapter property be insured.

Alberton Chapter, No. 152.—Owing to shortage of time and inconvenience of train service I was unable to visit this Chapter, much to my regret. Their report shows that though they were under much misfortune by
in 1909, they have made fair progress in this year, and although not having as many meetings as the stronger Chapters in this district, they have initiated nearly as many members. They are also in very good financial standing, considering that this is the youngest Chapter in the district.

I trust to see a still greater improvement for the coming year, would recommend a reduction in outstanding dues, and that they insure the property of the Chapter.

In closing my reports on the different Chapters, I would observe that there are good prospects for the advancement of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14, and believe it will compare well and favorably with Eastern districts of longer standing.

According to request of M.E. Grand Z., I communicated with all Chapters re instruction in work by the Grand Lecturer. Rainy River and Kenora Chapters responded favorably, and there was a meeting held at the former Chapter, but owing to some misunderstanding as to dates no meeting was held at Kenora.

In conclusion, I wish to thank R.E. Comp. Bennett, G.S.E., for his assistance during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

F. A. Campbell,

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To the M.E. the Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Attached you will please find complete list of returns from the different Chapters in this district. I am sorry to have to say that illness prevented me from paying official visits to them all, but I did the best I could by writing them and keeping in touch with them. You will notice by the returns that the last year was a banner year for Royal Arch Masonry throughout Manitoba, Prince Rupert, King Edward, Avondale and Rabboni Chapters did exceptionally well, and while Keystone, of Brandon, and Keystone, of Portage la Prairie, and Corinthian, of Boissevain, did not do quite so well, they are very much alive and assured me that they look forward to better things next year. I am confident that the visit of R. E. Comp. Nixon, Grand Lecturer, did a lot of good, and hope it will not be long before we have another visit from him.

I will have the pleasure of installing the officers of Rabboni Chapter, Dauphin, and also our own King Edward Chapter, next week. Speaking of our own Chapter, I have been present at nearly every meeting, and they are doing good work. We passed a motion at our last regular convocation to send our First Principal, J. L. McKay, to Toronto, for Grand Chapter meeting next month.

Fraternally yours,

W. Young,

Grand Supt. Manitoba District, No. 15.
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| King Edward | 136  | Neepawa       | 10             | 4        | 14    | 21                          | 43                         | 0.00                     | 148                     | 44               | 29                | 1            | 4            | 174         | 29       | 29              | 37        | 3769.00   | 2850.00 | 400.00   | 419.00  | 400.00 | 25.00  | Good | Yes            |
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| Rabboni    | 171  | Dauphin        | 10             | 3        | 13    | 16                          | 54                         | 0.00                     | 34                      | 27               | 23                | 20           | 75           | 57          | 23       | 24              | 25        | 75.00     | 900.00  | 150.00  | 750.00  | 164.00 | 500.00 | ...... | Ex. Yes        |

**REMARKS—* Non-resident.**

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BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

To the M.E. the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to present herewith my report as Grand Superintendent of British Columbia District, No. 16.

Vancouver Chapter, No. 98, Vancouver.—It is scarcely right of me to either criticize or to praise the work done in this Chapter during the past year. My position as immediate Past Principal has obliged me to take the First Principal's chair during the latter half of this year, owing to the absence of E. Comp. J. H. Roaf from the city on account of ill-health, and the Third Principal's chair has been filled by other E. Companions on account of the absence of E. Comp. J. R. Seymour. Still, it is fair to report that the officers in regular attendance have performed their duties in an efficient manner. E. Comp. Whitehead has conferred the M.M.M. degree on 23 candidates, and the M.E.M. and R.A. degrees have been conferred on 25 candidates by the First Principal and acting First Principal. For the benefit of this Chapter, it is to be hoped that the officers elected for the ensuing year will be able to give full attention to the duties of their respective offices. It is a matter of regret that this Chapter will lose the services of R.E. Comp. F. M. Cowperthwaite as Scribe E., to whose care and close attention to the duties of his office the Chapter is greatly indebted for its success.

On Sept. 21st the famous "Travelling Triangle," which started on its journey from Toronto on January 29th, 1909, reached Vancouver. It was presented by Companions F. W. Jacobi and D. Brown on behalf of Alberta Chapter, No. 106. Owing to there having been short notice given, our attendance was not as great as it would otherwise have been. Still, we were able to give a warm welcome to the "Golden Triangle," and to speed it on its return journey from the most westerly Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

On December 7th, 1910, this Chapter had the honor of a visit from the Grand Lecturer, R.E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, but as short notice was received of the exact date of his arrival, it was found impossible to arrange for any work; but the Companions had the pleasure and the profit of two lectures from the R.E. Comp., both of which were highly appreciated.

No. 98 is now occupying its new and handsomely furnished quarters in the Masonic Temple, and we are looking forward to a prosperous and useful career in years to come. A comparison of the returns will show the progress made in all respects by this Chapter.

Westminster Chapter, No. 124, New Westminster.—This Chapter has been visited twice: On April 22nd, in order to pay a fraternal visit rather than one of inspection, and on October 28th, officially. On both occasions I had the pleasure of being accompanied by twenty or more Companions of No. 98, and it is needless to say we received ample evidences of the hospitality for which No. 124 is noted. On October 28th, the R.A. degree was conferred by the First Principal and his officers in an excellent manner on three candidates. This Chapter is also making good progress, and has excellent prospects of success during the ensuing year.

Keystone Chapter, No. 127, Nanaimo.—This Chapter was visited November 25th, when the M.M.M. degree was exemplified in the presence of twenty Companions of the Chapter. After many years of difficulty this Chapter seems to be now firmly established, and a prosperous year is looked forward to by its members.

Cyrus Chapter, No. 142, Cumberland.—It has been, I regret to say, quite impossible for me to visit this Chapter, but from information which I have received I am able to say that it is maintaining its reputation for good work.

Kaien Chapter, U.D., Prince Rupert.—On August 3rd, having received a telegram stating that a dispensation had been granted to this Chapter, I communicated
with the acting secretary, informing him of this fact. In November it was arranged with the Third Principal-elect, Comp. Moore, that the ceremony of instituting the Chapter should take place in December, but at that time I received notice from the same Companion that it was desired to postpone the ceremony until next year, owing to the absence of several of the officers-elect. The dispensation and other documents are therefore still in my possession, and I trust that my successor will have the pleasure, denied to me, of using this dispensation early next year.

In the three Chapters visited the books were carefully inspected, and in each case were found to be kept in a most businesslike manner.

It was a matter of sincere regret to the Companions of the Chapters at New Westminster, Nanaimo and Cumberland that neither the “Travelling Triangle” nor the Grand Lecturer was able to visit them. As such visits as these from the headquarters of Capitular Masonry in Canada can of necessity be but few, I would suggest that in future arrangements be made by which the visiting Companions commence their official duties at the farthest West, as in this case, if any Chapters have to be omitted, from the delays incident to so long a journey, such Chapters would be those nearer to the point of departure, rather than those farthest distant therefrom.

In all Chapters visited the books have been carefully looked over and in each case have been found to be kept in a most businesslike manner.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

William Burns,

Grand Supt. British Columbia District, No. 16.

Vancouver, B.C., January 2nd, 1911.
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**REMARKS**—† In Country. $ In City.
ALBERTA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honor to present my report for Alberta District, No. 17, for the year ending December 31st, 1910. I have been able to visit all the Chapters in this jurisdiction, and, speaking generally, Capitular Masonry is in a very satisfactory condition.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 172, Wetaskiwin.—On the first day of December I visited this Chapter and had a very pleasant meeting, although no exemplification of any of the degrees. The utmost harmony prevails among the Companions. The books have been well and neatly kept. This Chapter has been unfortunate in having five withdrawals, some of them being officers, and has not been able to make much progress during the year. I have great confidence in the future of this Chapter.

North Star Chapter, No. 118, Edmonton.—On the second day of December I visited this Chapter and had a very pleasant meeting with the Companions. This Chapter has not made the progress this year that I expected, as there are something like six hundred Masons belonging to the blue lodges and only eighty in the Chapter; but from the assurances I received from the newly elected officers I have every confidence that North Star will make 1911 a record year for their Chapter. The books are well kept and the officers, I believe, can put on all the degrees.

Alberta Chapter, No. 106, Calgary.—On the 6th of December I visited this Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in a fairly creditable manner. The books are well and neatly kept, but I regret to have to say that the Chapter, with its splendid opportunities, should have made a much better showing for the year just ended, but I have great confidence that the newly elected officers will make a good showing for the year 1911.
Golden West Chapter, No. 159, High River.—On the 7th of December I visited this Chapter, and I must say that it was a very great pleasure, as there was a good attendance and everything done to make the visit a pleasant one. The Royal Arch degree was conferred, and I must congratulate the First Principal and his officers on the efficiency with which the work was done. The books I found to be in excellent condition and reflect creditably on the Scribe E. The utmost harmony prevails. The financial condition of this Chapter is exceptionally good, and the enthusiasm displayed by all the members was very refreshing. At the close of the meeting adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where a very pleasant hour was spent.

Bekah Chapter, U.D., Macleod.—On the 12th of December I visited this Chapter and found that they have had some difficulties during the year. Their First Principal resigned shortly after the Chapter was instituted, leaving the Chapter in poor shape. However, they have elected officers now, and I have confidence that 1911 will see considerable progress. The books are fairly well kept and the harmony of the Chapter well maintained. I would recommend that they be granted a charter.

Kether Chapter, U.D., Pincher Creek.—I visited this Chapter on the 13th of December, and through the candidate being called away from town the Companions were unable to confer any degrees, as had been intended. I found them most enthusiastic, and received a very cordial reception. I am satisfied that the E.Z. and his officers are well up in their work. The books are in excellent condition and the utmost harmony prevails, and I can safely predict a bright future for this Chapter. A number of the Companions drive from 25 to 35 miles to attend the meetings. I have much pleasure in recommending that they be granted a charter.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 158, Lethbridge.—On the 8th of December I went to Lethbridge to visit this Chapter, but found after I got there that the Scribe E. had failed to call a meeting. On the 29th of December I made
a visit to this Chapter and had the pleasure of seeing the Mark degree conferred in a very creditable manner. The books were not in good shape. The accounts had not been written up; not sufficient books. However, after pointing out their requirements in the way of books, and securing the promise of the First Principal for 1911, I have great hopes this Chapter will be in much better condition at the end of 1911.

ASSINIBOIA CHAPTER, No. 126, Medicine Hat.—On the 9th of January I visited this Chapter. The Mark Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch degrees were conferred in a very creditable manner, the officers being thoroughly conversant with the work. The books are in excellent shape and the financial condition of the Chapter is good. This Chapter has about 50 per cent. of the Master Masons in this district. Complete harmony prevails.

I wish to thank R.E. Comp. E. L. Becker for his kindness in accompanying me on most of my visits, and for his kindly assistance in connection with the office of Grand Superintendent.

During the year R.E. Comp. Nixon lectured in a number of the Chapters in this jurisdiction, all of which were conducive of much good and much appreciated, and it is to be hoped that during the year 1911 he will be able to visit all the Chapters in the district. I have endeavored to encourage Chapters to exchange visits in order that uniformity in working the different degrees may be attained.

In closing my report, I wish to bear testimony to the uniform kindness and consideration which I have received at the hands of the Companions on my various visits.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES RAE,

Grand Supt. Alberta District, No. 17.

Medicine Hat, Alta., Feb. 12th, 1911.
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To the M.E. the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Most Excellent Sir,—I have the honor to report on Royal Arch Masonry in Kootenay District, No. 18, during the year 1910.

I was installed as Grand Superintendent by R. E. Comp. Fred Irvine on the 7th of April, and have visited all the Chapters in the district except one. As about half the Chapters are situated on branch railway lines or steamboat lines, there is much loss of time in travelling. By close planning, they can all be visited in twelve days, with one thousand and forty-seven miles of travel. I have lost the memorandum book in which I kept note of my visits and have to compile the following details from memory.

Kootenay Chapter, No. 120, Kaslo, is the oldest in the district and has a very creditable record, but the city of Kaslo and the Chapter are suffering from the fact that the line of railway which connected them with the Sandon mining district has been closed. I was within two hours' travel of Kaslo when I was informed that it was impossible to secure a meeting of the Chapter, nearly every member being absent. Though the Chapter reports its prospects as very poor, I have hopes of a revival before long.

Rossland Chapter, No. 122, Rossland.—I visited this Chapter on September 26th, when the Mark degree was conferred in a most able manner. The ritual is not followed as closely as could be desired, but the Companions promised to omit the innovations in future. This is now the banner Chapter of the district, both in respect of the present number of members and of the work done during the year.

Nelson Chapter, No. 123, Nelson.—I met the Companions on the 7th of April, as mentioned above, and I notified them that I would visit the Chapter on September 28th, but for some reason the meeting was not called, and I found nobody at the Chapter room. The Chapter seems
to have suffered from the illness of one Principal, the serious illness of another and the indifference of its chief officer. I have hopes that the officers elected for 1911 will bring the Chapter to its old-time efficiency.

Rocky Mountain Chapter, No. 125, Cranbrook, has not made as good a record as that of the previous year. I have attended nearly every meeting; the Principals have been regular in their attendance and have performed their work well, but most of the subordinate officers have failed to attend to their duties. The Chapter has joined with the other Masonic bodies of the city in the erection of a Masonic Temple, which gives them a permanent home and a good hall.

Revelstoke Chapter, No. 128, Revelstoke, was visited by me on September 22nd. No work was performed as no candidates were ready, but the opening and closing ceremonies were exemplified, and the work was discussed. The prospects of the Chapter were shown to be good. It is well housed and the books well kept.

Crow's Nest Chapter, No. 137, Fernie, suffered severely in the fire of August, 1909, which practically destroyed the whole city. I met individual Companions many times during the early part of the year, and on November 9th paid the Chapter an official visit. The First Principal had left the city to take up his residence on the Coast, and the work devolved on officers who had not become proficient in their stations, but a determination was shown to get fairly to work. On the 29th of November the officers of Rocky Mountain Chapter journeyed to Fernie and conferred the M.E.M. and Royal Arch degrees on three candidates, E. Comps. Beale, Fenwick and Shanklin being respectively Z., P.S. and J. I am satisfied that this Chapter will now prosper, as it has a very efficient blue lodge from which to draw material.

Okanagan Chapter, No. 157, Vernon, was visited on the 23rd of September. I was most hospitably treated by the Companions, being driven round the famous orchards of the neighborhood in an automobile. There was a fair attendance at the convocation, the work was done in
a creditable manner, and I considered the prospects of the Chapter good, but the Scribe E. has failed to send me any information whatever, and I have to leave a blank line in the statistical table opposite its name.

Boundary Chapter, U.D., Grand Forks, has done remarkably well during its first year. I visited it on September 27th, and the work done was very creditable. It was the first visit of an officer of Grand Chapter they had received, and there were many points on which they desired information. I was able to give them these and we had a very interesting discussion. Great zeal was displayed, and it was evident that the Chapter was prosperous in every way. They are particular in accepting material and are anxious to obey the constitution in every particular. I gladly recommend the granting of a warrant to them.

In all the Chapters visited I have been cordially treated. I have addressed them all on the teachings of the Order and on the influence which these teachings should have on the lives of all Companions. I have not mentioned the banquets or other informal gatherings which have followed our meetings, and which have been very much enjoyed, and have enabled me to become better acquainted with the individual members. At all places I have found a desire for more frequent visits with members and officers of Grand Chapter. It was everywhere recognized that a division of the district was urgently needed. Something must be done to counteract the growing apathy. As a temporary expedient two districts might be formed, one consisting of Kootenay, Nelson, Rocky Mountain and Crow’s Nest Chapters, the other of Rossland, Revelstoke, Okanagan and Boundary. This division is far from ideal, but it would tide over the time until Chapters are organized at Kamloops and Golden.

Craft Masonry throughout the district is prosperous and energetic, and there is no reason why the Royal Craft should not follow its example.

J. F. Armstrong,
Grand Supt. Kootenay District, No. 18.
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KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18

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SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT, NO. 19.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions,—I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Saskatchewan District, No. 19. The district comprises seven Chapters, six of which I have visited, and have been received by every Chapter in a most cordial manner.

Saskatoon Chapter, No. 165, Saskatoon.—I visited this Chapter on November 10th. E. Comp. Wm. Hopkins and officers conferred the M. M. M. degree on a candidate in a very able manner, every officer doing his work well. This Chapter has made great progress during the year. On December 31st, 1909, the membership was 83, and on December 31st, 1910, 106, an increase of 23. On July 14th I granted permission to this Chapter to move from their old rooms in the McLaughlin Block to the commodious quarters in the new Masonic Temple.

The Masonic Temple Company of Saskatoon erected a magnificent building at a cost of about $35,000. This structure is a credit to their city and to the Masonic fraternity. The interior fittings and furnishings are the best that can be procured.

At Saskatoon I met the Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, who was on his tour through the West. He delivered one of his interesting lectures at this Convocation, which was appreciated very much by all. I examined the books of the Scribe E. and the Treasurer and found them well kept and in good order. After the Chapter was closed we adjourned to the banquet hall, where a very pleasant hour was spent. This Chapter has made a gain of 23, the largest in District No. 19.

Prince Albert Chapter, No. 160, Prince Albert.—This, my home Chapter, I visited at nearly all the regular Convocations, and had an opportunity of seeing all the degrees conferred. E. Comp. J. G. M. Christie and his
officers, ably assisted by E. Comp. Thos. Robertson, P.Z.,
do their work in a most efficient manner. In November
I granted permission to this Chapter to move from their
old rooms to the new Masonic Temple Building. The
Masons of Prince Albert formed a joint stock company,
Masons only, and erected their Temple in the most central
part of the city. It is a three and a half storey solid
brick building, the third floor being used exclusively for
Masonic purposes. They have two large lodge rooms, one
of which is used by Kinistino Lodge, No. 1, and Prince
Albert Lodge, No. 63. The other is occupied by Prince
Albert Chapter, No. 160 and Prince Albert Preceptory,
No. 53. They also have a spacious banquet hall and a
large library. This is the finest Masonic quarters in
Western Canada. The cost of the structure is about
$67,000, and it is a credit to the Masonic fraternity. This
Chapter presented me with a Past First Principal’s jewel
and at the same Convocation they presented E. Comp.
Thos. Robertson with a similar jewel. On November
11th this Chapter had the honor of a visit from R. E.
Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer, who delivered one
of his able lectures, which was very much appreciated.
The books of this Chapter are well kept and in good
order, and prospects look very bright for the coming year.

WASCANA CHAPTER, No. 121, REGINA.—I had the
pleasure of visiting this Chapter at their regular Convo-
cation on Monday, November 14th. There was a large
turnout of the Companions. R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon,
Grand Lecturer, was a visitor on this occasion. The
R. A. degree was conferred on three candidates by E.
Comp. D. G. Ramage in an able manner, every officer
performing his part well. This Chapter is fortunate in
having the assistance of R. E. Comps. Meek, Gorrell,
Shaw and McDonald, who attend regularly and give able
assistance. This is the oldest Chapter in the province.
It has a membership of 182, and the prospects are very
promising. It is thirteen years since I had the pleasure
of visiting this, my mother Chapter, and there certainly
is a marked improvement. The books of the Scribe E.
and Treasurer are in excellent shape. After the Chapter
closed supper was served in their large banquet room, where a very pleasant hour was spent.

Moose Jaw Chapter, No. 162, Moose Jaw.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Tuesday, November 15th, when an emergent Convocation was called to receive the visit of R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer, and myself. The R. A. degree was conferred on two candidates by E. Comp. W. E. Seaborn in a very able manner. The officers of this Chapter take great interest in their work. R. E. Comp. Nixon delivered a very able and interesting lecture, and also gave a great deal of valuable information and advice, which was well received, and which will do good. This Chapter, although young, has now a membership of 93, and the prospects are bright. They have a beautiful Chapter room, which is well furnished. The books of the Scribe E. and Treasurer are well kept. After the Chapter was closed we retired to their large banquet hall, where a sumptuous supper was served and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Weyburn Chapter, No. 173, Weyburn.—On the evening of November 16th I made my official visit to this Chapter. An emergent Convocation was called for the purpose of receiving the official visit of R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer, and myself. At this Convocation the R. A. degree was conferred. The First Principal and officers did their work well. This Chapter is situated in the thriving town of Weyburn, and the prospects are very promising. The Scribe E. and Treasurer’s books are well kept and in excellent shape. R. E. Comp. Nixon gave one of his able lectures, also a great deal of information and enlightenment, which was appreciated by all. After the Chapter was closed a very pleasant hour was spent at the Royal Hotel, where supper was served.

Moose Mountain Chapter, No. 166, Arcola.—On the evening of November 17th I visited this Chapter, this being their regular Convocation. There being no candidates I was unable to see any degree work done, but I am satisfied from the stamp of their officers that they can do their work well. I examined the books of the Scribe
E. and Treasurer and found them well kept and in good order. At this Convocation R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Grand Lecturer, paid his welcome visit. The Companions of this Chapter are very interested in their work, great interest being taken in the lectures delivered by the Grand Lecturer, who also imparted a great deal of information and instruction. A most successful and profitable Convocation was closed about midnight, after which all sat down to a banquet, where a very enjoyable hour was spent.

Golden Compass Chapter, No. 170, Sintaluta.—I am very sorry I was unable to visit this Chapter, although an emergent Convocation was called on November 18th to receive me. I left Arcola very early in the morning in order to catch the Regina train at Stoughton, but arrived there too late, so wired the Scribe E., Comp. T. H. Reeve, that I could not reach them that evening. I intended to visit this Chapter at a later date, but through pressure of business and other matters I could not. I learn that this Chapter is doing good work, and from their notices, which I receive regularly, I see they have a membership of 47, an increase of 16 during the year.

I made arrangements with the Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, to make my official visit to all the Chapters in Saskatchewan with him. We met at Saskatoon on November 10th; from there we visited Prince Albert, Regina, Moose Jaw, Weyburn and Arcola. At every Chapter we were received with due honor. This visit from the Grand Lecturer has done a lot of good, and I hope that at least every second year R. E. Comp. Nixon will be able to pay us an official visit. I parted with the Grand Lecturer at Regina on November 19th, he continuing his tour west through Alberta and B.C. Personally I received a great deal of information from him, and I am sure every Companion and every Chapter that he visited received much benefit. Come again, Companion Nixon.

There have been no new Chapters opened in Saskatchewan during my term of office, but application is now being made by the Companions of Carlyle for a dis-
penetration, and in the near future I expect applications will be received from Humboldt, North Battleford and Lloydminster. Capitular Masonry in this district is in a healthy condition and is steadily increasing, with good material.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions of Saskatchewan District No. 19 for the honor conferred upon me by placing me in this high position, and for the kindness and consideration which I received during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE WILL,

Grand Supt. Saskatchewan District, No. 19.
## SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT, No. 19

| Chapter         | Number | Location            | Regular Meetings | Emergent Meetings | Total | Average Attendance Members | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues, per Member | No. Members last Return | Petitions Accepted | Affiliations | Restorations | Withdrawals | Suspensions | Deaths | Present Membership | M.M. M. Conf. | M.E. M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Due Outstanding | Amount Insurance | Amount Expended in Benefic. | Prospects | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees? |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
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| † Prince Albert | 160    | Prince Albert       | 11               | 3 14 15           | 7.00  | 67 11 6                     | 2                        | 71                     | 6 5 5 30             |                   |             |              |             |             |         |                   |             |             |               | 864.52         | 414.62         | 450.00          | 233.50          | 450.00         | Good           | Yes             |
| *Moose Jaw      | 162    | Moose Jaw           | 8                | 4 12 11           | 1.30  | 81 13 13                    | 1                        | 93                     | 13 13 13 43          |                   |             |              |             |             |         |                   |             |             |               | 478.00         | 178.00         | 300.00          | 178.00          | 200.00         | Good           | Yes             |
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| *Moose Mountain | 166    | Arcola              | 7                | 3 10 14           | 3.00  | 43 5 5 6 45                 | 1                        | 53                     | 5 5 5 6 45           | 40.00               |             |              |             |             |         |                   |             |             |               | 680.00         | 74.93          | 400.00          | 206.00          | 300.00         | Good           | Yes             |
| Golden Compass  | 170    | Sintaluta           | 12               | 2 14 15           | 2.40  | 31 2 15 1                   |                          | 47                     | 15 18 19 8           | 8                   |             |              |             |             |         |                   |             |             |               | 691.00         | 291.00         | 400.00          | 57.00           | 300.00         | Good           | Yes             |
| Weyburn         | 173    | Weyburn             | 9                | 18 15             | 3.30  | 29 15 13                    |                          | 42                     | 13 11 10             |                     |             |              |             |             |         |                   |             |             |               | 663.00         | 160.00         | 400.00          | 102.00          | 300.00         | Good           | Yes             |

**Remarks:**
- † Dues $3.00 in country.
- * Dues payable Dec. 31.
- Dues $3.00 non-resident.
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NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 20.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Companions,—I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in New Ontario District, No. 20, for 1910.

This has been a prosperous year for the Royal Craft in this the junior district under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, not only in the numerical increase of members, but there has been a keen interest manifested by many of the officers in the ritualistic work, being anxious to so familiarize themselves with the work as to be able to impart it in such a manner as to leave the greatest possible impression on the candidate. This is indeed commendable.

At the request of the M. E. the Grand Z., I constituted and consecrated Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard, on December the 1st, and I desire to thank those Companions who so kindly assisted me on that occasion.

In obedience to the command of the M. E. the Grand Z. I wrote the First Principals re a Chapter of Instruction enumerating some of the benefits to be derived from such a convocation, but, owing to the great distance between Chapters and for various other causes, was unable to arrange for same.

I am particularly pleased to be able to report a visit from the Grand Lecturer, R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon. He visited four of the Chapters in the district, and in each case delivered one of his able and instructive lectures on Capitular Masonry, which, I can assure you, was much appreciated by the Companions who were fortunate enough to hear him. The results which are sure to follow his visit to the provinces in the West cannot be over-estimated.

Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury.—On November the 29th I made my official visit to this Chapter, and was
given a very warm welcome by the Companions, many of whom are well known to me. There being no degree work, the evening was very profitably spent in a general discussion of matters pertaining to the Craft, with a view of uniformity in the work. E. Comp. Fowler is a capable First Principal and is ably supported by the Past Principals of the Chapter.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa.—On November the 30th I arrived at Mattawa, intending to visit this Chapter officially, but on meeting the First Principal I was informed that there were only six Royal Arch Masons in town at that time, and fearing that they would not have a quorum he had not instructed the Scribe E. to call a meeting. Realizing the past history of this Chapter and the recommendation of my predecessor that the warrant be called in, I determined to get all the information I could as to the prospects for the future. I went carefully over the Chapter books and the register of the blue lodge and came to the conclusion that if the matter was taken up and worked vigorously they could still retain their warrant. After a personal interview with the First Principal, E. Comp. Dinwoodie, I was convinced that he would make a splendid officer if given reasonable support. Being desirous of rendering all assistance possible, I requested the First Principal to arrange for the Companions who were in town, together with any of the resident Master Masons, to meet me in the Chapter rooms at 8 o’clock. All the Companions were there promptly on time, as well as three Master Masons. They prepared a nice little repast in the dining room, which was enjoyed by all, after which I explained the situation as clearly and forcibly as I possibly could. At the conclusion of my remarks the three Master Masons (who are splendid material) signed applications for the Chapter. Since then three other applications have been received and all have been ballotted for and accepted for membership, and will be initiated early in February. This should give the Chapter a new lease of life, and, although their field of operation is limited, I would recommend that they be given another chance, more especially on account of the older members, some of whom still reside in Mattawa.
Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard.—I visited this Chapter officially on December the 1st, and cannot speak too highly of the courteous manner in which I was received and entertained. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by E. Comp. F. W. Haynes, First Principal, and his officers in a very creditable manner. This is certainly a live Chapter, having only received their warrant at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, yet they have all the Chapter regalia. The officers are enthusiastic, and it is their aim to maintain a high standard of excellence.

St. John’s, No. 103, North Bay.—On December the 2nd I made my official visit to this Chapter, it being a regular convocation and election of officers. E. Comp. McVittie conducted the business of the evening in a creditable manner, and the officers selected should give a good account of themselves in 1911. The regular business being disposed of, the M. M. M. degree was exemplified by R. E. Comp. J. S. Lovell, P. G. Supt., and the regular officers in a faultless manner, leaving little room for criticism. This Chapter is doing good work. The books are neat and reflect credit on the Scribe E., Comp. A. H. McMullen.

Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.—This being my mother Chapter, I attended many of the convocations during the year and witnessed the exemplification of the different degrees by the First Principal, E. Comp. A. H. Richardson, and his efficient staff of officers. Algonquin has long maintained a good reputation for degree work, and this year has been no exception to the rule. At the request of the First Principal I visited officially at the regular meeting on December the 15th, when the officers for the ensuing year were installed by V. E. Comp. J. B. Way, Grand Organist, assisted by R. E. Comps. Hearst, Knight, McCrea and E. Comps. Ross and Campbell. Knowing the officers as I do, I can see a prosperous year ahead for Algonquin. A pleasing feature of the year was the introduction of the “Past First Principals’ Night,” when the chairs were all filled
by Past First Principals of Algonquin Chapter and the Royal Arch degree exemplified in a manner which elicited many complimentary remarks from the Companions present. This Chapter is certainly in a flourishing condition, and credit must be given to the efficient and painstaking Scribe E., E. Comp. R. G. Campbell, whose books and records are in splendid shape.

I regret to state that the outstanding dues on the books of each Chapter are larger than they should be. I brought this to the attention of the officers and recommended that an effort be made to keep this down to a minimum, realizing that a Companion whose dues are paid will take a deeper interest in his Chapter than the one who is allowed to get in arrears.

In conclusion, I am pleased to state that peace and harmony prevail throughout the district, and further I desire to thank the Companions of New Ontario district for the honor they have conferred upon me by placing me in this high and responsible position, and also to acknowledge the kind attention and courtesy shown to me during my term of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

T. E. Simpson,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
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KLONDIKE CHAPTER, NO. 154, UNATTACHED.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions,—I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of the above Chapter:

Klondike Chapter is the only one in what might be called the Yukon District of Royal Arch Masonry, and as I am a member in constant attendance on the Chapter, an official visit seemed hardly necessary. My Companions, however, insisted that I visit formally at least once in the year and receive the honors due to the office, which I did, and on that occasion installed the officers-elect for the following year of 1911.

Klondike Chapter still maintains the high standard of efficiency it has always held in the work, all its officers being well up in the degree work, and in addition being particularly zealous that all things needful shall be done to promote the efficiency and harmony of the Chapter.

I am glad to report that no matter creating any disturbance or friction has entered into the Chapter during the past year.

The most marked thing in connection with the Chapter is the fact that in spite of a decreasing population in Dawson City and surrounding country, the Chapter continues to grow, as will be seen by the statistical report hereunto annexed.

1st January, 1910, to 31st December, 1910.—Number of meetings held—regular, 12; emergent, 2; total, 14. Average attendance—Members, 28.7; Visitors, 0.7; annual dues per member, $5.00; non-residents, $3.00; number of members as per last return, 105. Number of petitions accepted, 16. Number of candidates initiated, 15. Number of affiliations, 0. Number of restorations, 0. Number of withdrawals, 4. Number of suspensions, 0. Number of deaths, 1. Present membership, 115. De-
Number of members 12 months in arrears, 25. Liabilities of Chapter, nil. Assets of Chapter, $2,152.75; cash or securities, $926.00; property, $1,050.00. Dues outstanding, $176.75. Amount of insurance carried, $500.00. Amount expended in benevolence, nil. Prospects of Chapter, good. Are copies of Constitution and By-laws given to each candidate on admission?—Yes. Can. Ex. Z. work all degrees?—Yes.

Fraternally submitted.

Jas. Craig,

Acting Grand Supt., Yukon.
COMMUNICATIONS.

Letters conveying greetings or expressing regret at inability to be present were received from the following and read:


FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of that Committee, which, on motion of M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Last year, it will be recalled, was remarkable for the advancement made in a numerical as well as a financial sense. Indeed, it will be difficult to parallel the achievement for at least some years. But it should also be remembered that the record of that period was largely aided by the conditions governing the change effected in the date of the Annual Convocation. Our strength at the close of 1909 was materially increased by the formation of and subsequent working of nearly a dozen new Chapters, while some of the older Chapters displayed a singular activity. Of the latter, a few have fallen away from the revival spirit while still doing profitable work, and as against the considerable additions contributed by the then newly created Chapters it must be remembered that there were but two dispensations granted in this year for the establishment of Chapters, neither of which have yet put
on their working clothes. The difference, however, is more apparent than real, as an examination of the two periods and their results will show. There are one or two decidedly weak spots, but to offset the ill effect produced by their moribund condition, Chapters in other sections that gave occasion for gloomy predictions have, through a little fraternal attention, exhibited a new vitality and promise an active future. That the toilers in the quarries are not unmindful of their responsibility, a net gain of over six hundred as this year's showing, is fair evidence, and, comparatively, with jurisdictions of equal strength, places this Grand Chapter in a favorable light.

DILATORY CHAPTERS.

On the ground of punctuality the roster as a whole may fairly be congratulated. The returns were mostly received on time and finished with a degree of neatness and accuracy meriting commendation. Some there are among the Chapter secretaries whose desire to procrastinate cannot apparently be cured even by frequent pleadings, nor does the outspoken comments of Committee reports printed for their benefit in the Annual Proceedings seem to influence their movements one iota from their own leisurely gait. They are hopelessly incurable. The financial year of the subordinate Chapters closes on the 31st December, that of Grand Chapter on the 31st January. Between the latter date and the Annual Convocation tardy returns were received from the following Chapters, too late to be included in the year's record:

Keystone, No. 35, Whitby; Sussex, No. 59, Brockville; Doric, No. 60, Newmarket; Minnewawa, No. 78, Parkhill; St. John's, No. 112, Morrisburg; North Star, No. 118, Edmonton; Sombra, No. 153, Sombra.

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

The delinquent Chapters, or those which have failed to send returns or fees to date are:

King Hiram, No. 57, Port Colborne; MacNabb, No. 88, Dresden; Assiniboia, No. 126, Medicine Hat; St.
John's, No. 148, Vankleek Hill; Laurentian, No. 151, Pembroke; Alberton, No. 152, Fort Frances; Okanagan, No. 157, Vernon; Shekinah. No. 158, Lethbridge; Bekah U. D., Macleod.

**ACTIVE CHAPTERS.**

Very few of the Chapters can be classed as wholly inactive, the great proportion doing more or less work during the year, but some of these show an unusual number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, which materially discounts their otherwise good record.

In the following list of Chapters which have returned fifteen or more admissions, the absence of some who have for some years maintained a good place in the ranks will be noted:

The St. Patrick, No. 145, Toronto, 33; Prince Rupert, No. 52, Winnipeg, 29; Occident, No. 77, Toronto, 29; King Edward, No. 136, Neepawa, 29; Rabboni, No. 171, Dauphin, 24; Vancouver, No. 98, Vancouver, 23; Saskatoon, No. 165, Saskatoon, 21; The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton, 20; Algonquin, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie, 20; Ark, No. 80, Windsor, 19; Golden Compass, No. 170, Sintaluta, 18; The Hamilton, No. 175, Hamilton, 17; Avondale, No. 156, Hartney, 17; St. Johns, No. 3, London, and St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton, 16 each; King Solomon's, No. 8, Toronto, Prince of Wales, No. 71, Amherstburg, St. John's, No. 103, North Bay, and Klondike, No. 154, Dawson, 15 each.

**NEW CHAPTERS.**

To the Chapters working under dispensation, which were granted charters at last Annual Convocation, warrants were forwarded as soon as possible thereafter.

Two applications for new Chapters, as under, were granted dispensations by the M. E. the Grand Z. That at Prince Rupert is to be instituted to-day, and the new Calgary Chapter at the close of the week.


CHAPTER BY-LAWS.

New codes of by-laws were submitted by the following Chapters and approved: White Oak, No. 104, Temiskaming, No. 169, Kichikewana, No. 167, Saskatoon, No. 165, Rabboni, No. 171, and Wellington, No. 47.

Amendments to by-laws from the following Chapters were likewise approved: Wawanosh, No. 15, The St. Patrick, No. 145, St. Andrew’s, No. 139, Ancaster, No. 155, Orient, No. 79, Ark, No. 80, Vancouver, No. 98, Palestine, No. 54 (2), Pembroke, No. 58, Temiskaming, No. 169, and Mount Sinai, No. 44.

A statement of the amounts received from the Chapters and handed over to the Grand Treasurer is herewith appended:
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

CASH STATEMENT—GRAND SCRIBE E.

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Interest—Industrial School Bonds $680.00
Merchantile Trust Co. 105.68
Oshawa Debentures 119.69
Toronto General Trusts 80.00
Bank of Commerce 28.13
**Total** $1,013.50

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| 1910—Mar. 11—Grand Treasurer     | $ 300.00 |
| Mar. 24— " " Treasurer           | 200.00   |
| Apr. 1— " "                     | 4.43     |
| Apr. 11— " "                    | 200.00   |
| May 17— " "                     | 200.00   |
| June 11— " "                    | 200.00   |
| June 11— " "                    | 25.25    |
| June 30— " "                    | 340.00   |
| June 30— " "                    | 33.75    |
| July 2— " "                     | 150.00   |
| July 4— " "                     | 40.00    |
| July 4— " "                     | 100.00   |
| Sept. 10— " "                   | 250.00   |
| Oct. 5— " "                     | 33.75    |
| Nov. 30— " "                    | 2.88     |
| Dec. 5— " "                     | 200.00   |
| Dec. 7— " "                     | 200.00   |
| Dec. 8— " "                     | 340.00   |
| Dec. 8— " "                     | 119.69   |
| Dec. 14— " "                    | 200.00   |
| Dec. 23— " "                    | 500.00   |
| Dec. 28— " "                    | 500.00   |
| 1911—Jan. 3— " "                | 33.75    |
| Jan. 4— " "                     | 40.00    |
| Jan. 6— " "                     | 1,000.00 |
| Jan. 8— " "                     | 1,000.00 |
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| Feb. 2— " "                     | 815.15   |
| **Total**                       | **$7,528.65** |
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REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

WILLIAM GIBSON, GRAND TREASURER OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONs OF CANADA.

1910.

Dr.

Feb. 4  To Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce...$ 6,117.53
Mar. 11  " G. S. E., No. 1. ......................... 300.00
Mar. 24  " G. S. E., No. 2. ......................... 200.00
Apr. 1  " Mercantile Trust Co., Interest ......... 4.43
Apr. 11  " G. S. E., No. 3......................... 200.00
May 17  " G. S. E., No. 4. ......................... 200.00
June 11  " G. S. E., No. 5. ......................... 200.00
June 11  " Canadian Bank of Commerce, Interest ... 25.25
June 30  " Industrial School Bonds.................. 340.00
June 30  " Mercantile Trust Co., Interest ...... 33.75
July 2  " G. S. E., No. 6 ......................... 150.00
July 4  " Toronto Genl. Trusts Corp., Interest ... 40.00

$6504.15

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. J. BENNETT,

Grand Scribe E.
### ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1911

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**1910**

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Nov. 10 By Order 75, G. S. E., Rent of Office $ 97.85
Nov. 10 By Order 76, Western Assurance Co. 4.00
Dec. 8 77, Atwell Fleming Co. 53.60
Dec. 8 78, G. S. E., salary 500.00
Dec. 10 79, Grand Treasurer, salary, Sept. 25.00
Dec. 10 80, Miller & Sons, wreath 20.00
Dec. 31 81, The Might Directory Co. 7.00
Dec. 31 82, G. S. E., salary 500.00
Dec. 31 83, Grand Treasurer, salary 25.00

1911.
Feb. 2 Balance in Bank of Commerce 4,302.94

Total amount ........................................ $13,653.18

ASSETS OF GRAND CHAPTER.
34 Debentures Industrial School Assn., due Dec. 2, 1915, value $500.00 each $17,000.00
1 Town of Orillia Debenture, due Aug. 4, 1912, value 1,218.13
1 Town of Orillia Debenture, due Aug. 4, 1913, value 1,266.86
1 Toronto Genl. Trust Debenture 2,000.00
3 City of Stratford Debentures, due Jan. 1, 1927 2,521.00
1 Town of Oshawa Debenture, due Dec. 1, 1921 1,300.61
1 Town of Oshawa Debenture, due Dec. 1, 1922 1,359.14
1 Guaranteed Investment, Mercantile Trust Co., due Mar. 19, 1915 3,000.00
Cash Balance in Bank of Commerce, Hamilton 4,302.94

$33,968.68

These securities are held in trust by the Bank of Commerce, Hamilton, for the Grand Chapter. Certified.
(Signed) E. W. PARSON,
Res. Manager.

Fraternally submitted,

Wm. GIBSON,
Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, and

Resolved,—That the statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, for the year 1910, be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit and to report thereon at the present Convocation.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

BENEVOLENT.

To the M. E. the Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

The Committee on Benevolence have examined the applications for relief presented to them, and respectfully recommend that the following grants be made:

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All of which is respectfully submitted,

John E. Harding,
Chairman.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Harding, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.
WARRANTS.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of
the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report as fol-
 lows: That we have examined the papers submitted to us
of the following Chapters under dispensation, viz.:

Boundary Chapter, U. D., Grand Forks, B.C.—We
have examined the papers as submitted at last Grand
Chapter, and the correspondence from them since. Find
they have had a successful year, U.D., making fourteen
additions to membership. The Grand Superintendent re-
ports highly of the Chapter, certifies to the books being
well and accurately kept, and that the prospects are
excellent. We recommend that a warrant be granted.

Kether Chapter, U. D., Pincher Creek, Alta.—We
have also examined the correspondence in connection
with this Chapter, and find that it has been duly or-
ganized. The applicants have since added eleven to their
membership. The Grand Superintendent has visited them
recently, and speaks highly of their condition, and that
the books are neatly and properly kept. The Companions
are enthusiastic workers, and the chapter has bright
prospects. We recommend that a warrant be granted.

Bekah Chapter, U. D., Macleod, Alta.—This
Chapter had some difficulty at the outset of its existence
through the unexpected removal of some of its officers,
but this difficulty has been overcome. The members have
added eleven to the roll. The Grand Superintendent has
examined the books, etc., which he states are all right, and
recommends them for a warrant. We understand that
the annual returns have been delayed through a misun-
derstanding in sending them to the Grand Superintendent,
and the Grand Scribe E. informs us that these returns are
on their way. We recommend that if, on receipt, they
are found to be correct the Grand Scribe E. be hereby
authorized to issue a warrant to them.

Otuskwan Chapter, U. D., Calgary, Alta.—The
application for a warrant contains seventeen names. At
the regular Convocation, November 1st, 1910, of Alberta
Chapter, No. 105, a resolution was passed, recommending the endorsing of the application for a new Chapter, but as their application is only recently dated, with no special report as to any progress since, we recommend that it be laid over until next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and that the dispensation be continued.

KAIEN CHAPTER, PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.—This application contains twenty-five names, but no report of the institution of the Chapter is yet to hand. The preliminary correspondence concerning this Chapter seems very encouraging. We recommend that the dispensation be continued until next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectively submitted.

Wm. Forbes,

Chairman of Com.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, seconded by R. E. Comp. B. H. Siddall, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the M. E. the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report:

That in the month of March, 1910, your Grand Council, having in view that the receipts and disbursements of Grand Chapter were yearly becoming larger as the membership increased, deemed it an opportune time to appoint an Auditor to maintain a running audit during the year, so that they could keep in close touch with the monetary condition of Grand Chapter.

The statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year, certified to by the Auditor, Mr. Harry Vigeon, is submitted as follows:
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SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1911.

Receipts.

Balance in Bank of Commerce, 1st February, 1910......$ 6,117.53

Receipts:
- Certificates .............................................. $ 1,033.00
- Dues ...................................................... 3,712.15
- Fees ..................................................... 1,093.50
- Dispensations .......................................... 175.00
- Warrants .................................................. 140.00
- Constitutions .......................................... 168.50
- Sundries ................................................. 193.00

Interest on Investments .................................... 1,263.35

Total Receipts .............................................. $6,515.15

Interest on Investments .................................... 7,778.50

Total Receipts and Interest ................................ $13,896.03

Disbursements.

Benevolence ................................................. $ 950.00
Salaries ..................................................... 2,100.00
Foreign Correspondence Report .......................... 200.00
Office Rent, Telephone, Insurance and Expenses ...... 387.35
Premium on Guarantee Bonds ............................... 10.00
Inspection of Benevolence .................................. 100.00
Grand Janitor ................................................ 10.00
Printing, Engrossing Warrants, etc ....................... 1,309.29
Funeral Wreaths ............................................ 30.00
Grand Z., Travelling Expenses, 1909 ................. 194.60
Grand Scribe E., Balance, 1909 .......................... 476.00
Grand Scribe E., Balance Incidental Expenses, 1909 ... 83.00
Grand Scribe E., Incidental Expenses:
- Printing and Stationery ................................ $ 40.87
- Postage and Express ..................................... 216.31
- Typewriting .............................................. 113.45
- General Expenses ....................................... 121.82
- Balance in hand ....................................... 7.55

Total Disbursements ....................................... $500.00

Investment, Mercantile Trust Co .......................... $ 3,000.00

Balances, 31st January, 1911:
- In Grand Treasurer's hands ................................ $ 249.85
- Canadian Bank of Commerce ................................ 4,295.94

Total Balances ............................................. $4,545.79

Total Receipts and Disbursements and Balances ......... $13,896.03

I have maintained a running audit during the year and have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of Grand
Scribe E. and of the Grand Treasurer, and certify that I found them in order, and that the above is a correct summary of the accounts of both these officers. I have inspected the certificate of the Manager of the Bank of Commerce, Hamilton, that securities to the value of $29,665.74 are in his possession for safekeeping.

HARRY VIGEON,
Auditor.

15th February, 1911.

Through an oversight when the certificate of the bank was issued the account of Grand Chapter was not credited with certain coupons due on the town of Orillia and the city of Stratford debentures. The amount to be added to the interest on investments of $1,263.35 is $200.24, which makes $1,463.59, thus making the total receipts for the year $7,978.74, instead of $7,778.50 as stated in the Auditor's report.

Your Committee beg to recommend the following appropriations:

Benevolence Grants ........................................ $1,400.00
Foreign Correspondence Committee .......................... 200.00
Incidentals, Advance, 1911 .................................. 250.00
Office Assistance ........................................... 300.00
Auditor's Fee, 1910 .......................................... 100.00

It is with pleasure your Committee note the continued prosperity of the Royal Craft in the jurisdiction, that the cramped condition of the office of Grand Scribe E. has been relieved by the addition of another room, and also that $3,000 has been invested by Grand Council in Mercantile Trust Company securities bearing 4½%.

Your Committee in closing their report are pleased to say that they have found everything pertaining to the offices of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer in a highly satisfactory condition.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY T. SMITH,
Chairman of Committee.

Moved by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.
CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the M. E. the Grand Z. and the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee has had submitted for its perusal and information the reports of the twenty Grand Superintendents who have represented the Grand First Principals in the twenty districts which make up this Grand Jurisdiction. It has also read the report of the V. E. Companion who looks after the outlying Chapter in the Yukon.

Your Committee has risen from the consideration of these reports with mixed feelings of satisfaction and regret. With satisfaction at the good work, loyal obedience, peace and harmony which prevails everywhere, and with regret that the increase in membership is the smallest for a number of years.

GROWTH.

Last year there were on the rolls of this Grand Chapter 149 Chapters, 136 of which were duly warranted and 13 under dispensation. These Chapters had a membership of 14,106 members in good standing. Of that number 1,267 were admitted during the year, and the net gain for the year 1909 was 1,074. At the close of this year there are 151 Chapters on the roll of this Grand Chapter, 146 of which are duly warranted, and 5 under dispensation. The admissions during the year were 1,046, and the net gain for the year is 615, making the present membership to be 14,721.

The manner in which the Grand Superintendents have discharged their duties calls for the highest praise, as well as the gratitude of this Grand Chapter, and their careful study of the circumstances and life of the various Chapters visited have been most valuable in enabling your Committee to report as to the present condition of the Order. The visits of these officers are looked forward to in the Chapters as a pleasurable event and as an opportunity of obtaining information and instruction. The Grand Superintendent, if he does his duty, will not only
see that the work of the Chapter is accurately and intelligently rendered, but will enquire as to the growth, financial standing, peace and happiness of the Chapter, endeavor to smooth away any difficulties existing, restore harmony where it is disturbed, and report fully upon all matters which go to make up the sum total of the standing of the Chapter. Thus the standing of each Chapter is brought closely and truthfully before your Committee and enables it to reflect the condition of the Craft in its report. It is bare justice to say that on the whole the reports of the Grand Superintendents for this year are fully equal to, and in some cases, superior to the reports in past years. The Grand Superintendents in the great West have been particularly active, and it is a surprising pleasure to find that so few Chapters have been left uninspected in that great region of magnificent distances. As an example, one Grand Superintendent has been trying to plan an itinerary by which he could visit every Chapter in his district within a period of two weeks, with a journey of 1,300 miles.

The Grand Superintendents were fortunate in that they were not called upon to give many rulings. Indeed no Grand Superintendent appears to have been even temporarily embarrassed by a demand for rulings or answers to questions. Your Committee would fain believe that the Principals of the Chapters have acquired an acquaintance with the Constitution which enables them to work out all difficulties for themselves without making demands upon the Grand Superintendents. The hospitable treatment meted out to the Grand Superintendents is pleasant reading. The attention and kindness shown them speaks well for the existence of that truly Masonic spirit which endeavors to make everyone at home and happy, especially those who are discharging a labor of love at a considerable sacrifice of time, discomfort, inconvenience and a considerable expenditure of money.

The suggestions made are few in number, and your Committee hardly thinks it necessary to single them out for individual mention. In a few instances withdrawals
of warrants are suggested, as the Chapters affected are not showing the expected activity and progressive life. One Grand Superintendent thinks a further division of his district would be advisable, but your Committee is of opinion that if he is succeeded by an energetic Grand Superintendent, all the Chapters in that district will be visited next year. In respect to the two Chapters whose warrants are recommended to be withdrawn, your Committee is of opinion that another year should be given them, with a warning that if they do not put on life the warrants will be withdrawn.

THE WORK.

The work is what holds the body together, and, therefore, it is highly desirable that it should be rendered in an intelligent manner and correct form. The work, as seen by the Grand Superintendents, is said to have been accurate and well rendered, but your Committee regrets that in a number of instances the Grand Superintendents saw no work except the opening and closing of the Chapter. The Grand Superintendents, in some cases, report from hearsay, and express their opinion from this hearsay evidence that the work is well done. This sort of information is no good, as it conveys nothing to your Committee. Your Committee is of opinion that when a Grand Superintendent is about to visit a Chapter he should give notice of his intention, and say that he will expect to see the Royal Arch degree worked, and if he did so, then he would have some personal knowledge of the work of the Chapter. If the Chapter found it more convenient to work one of the subordinate degrees no Grand Superintendent would object to that, but in the opinion of your Committee a full-dress rehearsal of the Royal Arch degree would be infinitely better to exhibit the accuracy of the work than a mere opening and closing, and then taking the word of someone else as to the character of the ordinary work.

Your Committee notices in some instances that the work was done by the Past Principals of the Chapters. This is not what is expected on the occasion of the visit
of the Grand Superintendent. It is expected, and should be insisted upon, that the officers of the year will do the work, so that their capabilities may be seen. One Grand Superintendent dilates upon this practice at considerable length. The intention and practice of all branches of Masonry in this great jurisdiction is that the officers of the year shall do the work, and this should be rigidly insisted upon.

MATERIAL.

There should not be any difficulty in securing good candidates for the Royal Craft, because the care exercised in the blue lodges gives reasonable hope that all Craft Masons are by character and intelligence good material for the Royal Arch.

Your Committee is greatly exercised at the small numerical growth that has taken place during the year. It is a matter that should be carefully enquired into by the Grand Superintendents, for where there is such an abundance of material to select from, as there is from the Ottawa River to the far Yukon, the numerical growth of the Order should be very much larger than it has been during the past year. The Royal Arch degree is the crowning point of a Master Mason's Masonic life, and if he never goes beyond that degree his Masonic career will be well rounded out. If he lacks the knowledge and training of the Royal Arch degree he is not a fully equipped Master Mason. Every effort is admissible, and should be put forth by Royal Arch Masons to bring within their charmed circle all good and true Master Masons.

Your Committee expresses the opinion that great care should be exercised in granting dispensations for new Chapters. It is a misfortune when a Chapter is established where there is only one lodge or even two lodges for it to draw upon, for unless the Craft is very prosperous and very strong numerically, a weak lodge with a Chapter planted alongside of it is injured, as there are then two weak bodies instead of one, which is not in the
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interests of Masonic progress. While calling attention to this state of things your Committee does not desire to be understood as expressing the opinion that large Chapters are necessarily possessed of all the virtues. The Chapter of moderate membership, making careful selection of its material, whose Companions are closely in touch, which does good work and pursues the even tenor of its way without any adventitious aids, is the Chapter that teaches the best kind of Royal Arch Masonry.

Universal harmony is emphasized in every report that has been read, and if your Committee is to judge by the reports received there is not a ripple of discord on the surface of the Royal Craft.

FINANCIAL.

The financial affairs of the Chapters are all favorably commented upon. No losses or defalcations of any kind. Everything appears to be as it ought to be, except the enormous arrears of dues which, notwithstanding all that has been said from year to year, continue to exist.

SECRETARIAL.

The Grand Superintendents appear to have carefully examined the books and records of the Chapters, and if their reports are correct, as your Committee must assume they are, the work of the Scribes E. appears to be well and intelligently done. Nothing is said about a degree book or a mark book, and it is feared that these important records are either non-existent or not carefully kept. The Grand Superintendents should enquire and endeavor to have these records kept in the various Chapters. There are a few instances noted of Scribes E. being careless in answering letters, even to the extent of neglecting to reply to communications from the Grand Superintendents. If a few Grand Superintendents would deal strenuously with such delinquents such carelessness would soon disappear.

INSURANCE.

During the year four Chapters have lost all their effects by fire, and have been much embarrassed in con-
sequence, and their work retarded, all this because they neglected the plain common-sense duty of putting insurance upon their property. Your Committee again urges that every First Principal shall make it his duty to have the effects of his Chapter properly insured.

INSTRUCTION.

For many years past your Committee has urged the holding of Chapters of Instruction in every district, at least once in each year, but in most cases its recommendations have fallen on dull ears. This year only five Chapters of Instruction were held, and the Grand Superintendents of the following districts are entitled to the credit of having carried out the desire of Grand Chapter: St. Clair, Toronto, Ontario, St. Lawrence and Ottawa.

Last year there were nine Chapters of Instruction held. There has, therefore, been a falling off of four Chapters of Instruction, and of the five that were held, four were in districts where Chapters of Instruction were held last year. It is worthy of comment that where Chapters of Instruction were not held some Grand Superintendents express the opinion that they ought to have been held, and hope that their successors will see that they are held. The only way to make sure that a thing will be done which ought to be done is to do it yourself, not to hope that someone else may be in a position to hope that his successor may be able to do it. If Chapters of Instruction ought to be held and the Grand Chapter and Grand Z. ask that they be held, the Grand Superintendent who fails to hold one, if at all possible to do so, neglects what is his plain and obligated duty. The Grand Z.—busy man as he is—found time to personally attend four out of the five Chapters of Instruction that were held.

In the London District efforts are being made to place the holding of a Chapter of Instruction every year on a sure basis. It is proposed to take up a subscription of $5 from each of the ten Chapters in that district, to be handed to the Chapter where the Chapter of Instruction
is held, so that it shall not be unduly taxed for the expense incident to the instruction, and then to hold a Chapter of Instruction in each Chapter in the district in rotation, commencing with the junior Chapter.

BENEVOLENCE.

Grand Chapter has a spirit of benevolence in the sense that it spends a certain amount each year in aiding the needy and distressed. The spirit of thoughtfulness for those who are sick or in distress is one of the best signs of the existence of love, and we ought not to forget those who are in the grip of sickness or distress.

Last year Grand Chapter spent $980 for benevolence, and the private Chapters spent $1,937, in all, $2,917.

This year Grand Chapter has spent $1,000 for benevolence, and the private Chapters have spent $2,024, or in all, $3,024.

Your Committee is of the opinion that we might even widen out the circle of our benevolence by increasing the small amounts we now spend in this blessed work.

The Grand Lecturer is reported by some of the Grand Superintendents to have visited their districts and delivered lectures. In the opinion of your Committee the Grand Superintendents should be fully instructed in the work by someone appointed by the Grand Z. at the Annual Convocation, and they should be held responsible for the proper rendition of the work in their districts. This is the practice in the blue lodges. It will not conduce to the accuracy of the work in the various Chapters to depend upon the instruction or efforts of the Grand Lecturer, who may never be called upon to visit a Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

AUBREY WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, seconded by R. E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt from the sub-committee of the Executive on Grievances and Appeals, reported that he was pleased to announce the complete absence of anything in the nature of employment for his committee, and congratulated Grand Chapter on the existing condition of harmony in the jurisdiction.

GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS.

To the M. E. the Grand Z. and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee join with the M. E. the Grand Z. in thankfulness to the Most High for His protection and support during the past year.

Your Committee joins with the M. E. Companion in his expressions of sorrow for the death of our M. E. Companion King Edward the Peacemaker and model of what a constitutional Sovereign should be, and commend his action in cabling the sympathy of the Companions of this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee shares the sorrow expressed by the Grand Z. at the death of so many of our excellent Companions since the last meeting of this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee congratulates the M. E. the Grand Z. on the perfect peace existing during the year, and on the cordial relations that prevail with all sister jurisdictions.

Your Committee join with the M. E. the Grand Z. in his observations as to the necessity of uniformity in the work, and also are pleased to note the interest taken in the degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

Your Committee join with the M. E. the Grand Z. in his reference to the necessity for seemly and decorous conduct both in the Chapter and refreshment room.

Your Committee deplores the lack of knowledge of the provisions of the Constitution as noted by the M. E.
Companion, and in the opinion that such is largely the fault of the Examining Board in not fully testing the knowledge of the officers upon the constitutional points bearing upon our Chapter work.

Your Committee approves of the appointments of Grand Representatives by the M. E. the Grand Z.

Your Committee approves of the action taken by the M. E. Companion as to the value of a dimit issued by a subordinate Chapter.

Your Committee congratulates the Grand Chapter on the flourishing condition of the financial affairs of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee congratulates the Grand Z. on his ability to visit the Chapters of Instruction held at Toronto, Peterborough, Brockville and Windsor, and note the zealous desire to perform his duty in visiting the numerous Chapters during the year.

Your Committee concur in the commendation of the services performed by the R. E. Companions Second and Third Grand Principals, Grand Scribe E. and Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. Shaw,
Chairman of Committee.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, and

Resolved.—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s address be received and adopted.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations were submitted to the M. E. the Grand Z.,
who was pleased to approve in each case and the selections were confirmed.

R. E. Comp. H. T. Copus, Windsor   St. Clair   Dist. No. 1
   "   " Thos. H. Baker, London   London   "   2
   "   " W. A. McIntosh, Simcoe   Wilson   "   3
   "   " J. A. V. Preston, Orangeville   Wellington   "   4
   "   " Thos. Pedlar, Hamilton   Hamilton   "   5
   "   " Rev. Jno. Berry, Seaforth   Huron   "   6
   "   " J. E. Cohoe, Welland   Niagara   "   7
   "   " Geo. McLeish, Eglinton   Toronto   "   8
   "   " S. J. Cameron, Wiarton   Georgian   "   9
   "   " A. J. Gould, Cobourg   Ontario   "   10
   "   " Rev. W. L. Armitage, Picton   Prince Edward   "   11
   "   " W. T. Connell, Kingston   St. Lawrence   "   12
   "   " R. C. Craig, Smith's Falls   Ottawa   "   13
   "   " Fred Symes, Fort William   Algoma   "   14
   "   " John C. W. Reid, Hartney   Manitoba   "   15
   "   " F. P. Smith, New Westminster   British Columbia   "   16
   "   " H. E. Bedingfield, High River   Alberta   "   17
   "   " Robt. Gordon, Revelstoke   Kootenay   "   18
   "   " Jas. McCauley, Moose Jaw   Saskatchewan   "   19
   "   " R. L. Dudley, North Bay   New Ontario   "   20

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of Grand officers was then proceeded with. The M. E. the Grand Z. having appointed E. Comp. W. H. Shaw as chairman of the scrutineers of the ballot, the results of the elections were declared as follows:

M. E. Comp. Fred W. Harcourt, Toronto, Grand Z.
R. E.   " Daniel F. MacWatt, Sarnia, Grand H.  }
   "   " Wm. S. R. Murch, Kingston,    Grand Council
      "   " Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto,    Grand J.
      "   " Kenneth J. Dunstan, Toronto, Grand Scribe E
      "   " Wm. Gibson, Beamsville,    Grand Scribe N.
M. E.   " Wm. Gibson, Beamsville,    Grand Treasurer
R. E.   " E. J. Repath, Toronto,    Grand Prin. Sojourner
      "   " John Boyd, Sarnia,    Grand Registrar
      "   " Jas. M. Pritchard, Toronto, Grand Janitor

The following Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

R. E. Comp. Aubrey White  ......................Toronto
   "   " W. T. Toner  ......................Collingwood
   "   " Wm. Forbes  ......................Grimsby
   "   " H. T. Smith  ......................Toronto
   "   " D. H. McIntosh, M.D.  ......................Carleton Place
NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Toronto being the only place nominated for the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, on the fourth Wednesday in February, 1912, that city was declared to be the unanimous choice of Grand Chapter.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, assisted by M. E. Comp. John Leslie, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected officers of Grand Chapter, who were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding, and

Resolved,—That R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon be continued a member of the Committee on Benevolence for the term of three years.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms:

M. E. Comp. J. E. Harding retires in.............1912
M. E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson retires in.............1913
R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon retires in.............1914

GRAND SCRIBE E. AND GRAND TREASURER.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Fred. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, and

Resolved,—That Sections 47, 48 and 55 of the Constitution be repealed, and that the following be substituted therefor:

47. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to keep such books and accounts, and in such a manner, as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Executive Committee. His books shall always be open for inspection by any member of the Grand Council or any Committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by Section 55. He shall be the custodian of the bond of the Grand Scribe E.

48. It shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe E. to record all laws, acts and transactions of Grand Chapter; to receive, file and safely keep all papers, books and documents of Grand Chapter other than those belonging to the Grand Treasurer.
He shall have the custody of the Seal of the Grand Chapter and shall affix the same to all documents issued by authority of Grand Chapter or the Grand First Principal. He shall sign and certify all instruments issued by Grand Chapter under seal or otherwise. He shall issue summonses for all Convocations of Grand Chapter, of the Executive Committee, or of any Committee, as he shall be directed by the Grand First Principal or Grand Chapter, and shall attend and take minutes of all their proceedings. He shall receive returns from the several Chapters and enter them in the books of Grand Chapter and duly report the same to each annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. He shall send to all Chapters copies of the proceedings of Grand Chapter and of all such other papers as may be ordered, either by the Grand First Principal, Grand Second Principal or the Executive Committee. He shall, on or before the thirty-first day of December in each year, send to each Chapter and to every officer of Grand Chapter copies of all Notices of Motion. He shall notify all Chapters annually of all expelled, suspended and restored members for the year. He shall furnish the Executive Committee with all documents and information as they may require. He shall receive all Petitions, Memorials and other papers and lay them before the Grand First Principal or other proper authority. He shall attend the Grand First Principal or the Executive Committee and take to him or the Committee the books and papers he or they may direct. He shall conduct the correspondence of Grand Chapter. He shall receive and dispose of all moneys of Grand Chapter and keep all the accounts thereof in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Executive Committee. His books and accounts shall always be open for inspection by the Grand First Principal or the Chairman of the Executive Committee, or any Committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by Section 55. He shall perform all other duties pertaining to his office. He shall give a bond to be approved by the Executive Committee to the Grand First Principal and the Grand Second Principal in some guarantee company in the sum of $2,500.00 for the faithful performance of his duties. This bond shall be placed in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. The fee for such bond shall be paid by Grand Chapter.

All moneys payable to Grand Chapter shall be received by the Grand Scribe E., who shall forthwith deposit same in sums of one hundred dollars and upwards, in the bank in which the Grand Chapter keeps its account, to the credit of Grand Chapter, and shall forthwith send a duplicate of the deposit slip, certified by the bank, to the Grand Treasurer, who shall keep an account of all moneys so received and deposited. All cheques issued on behalf of Grand Chapter shall bear the signatures of the Grand Scribe E., the Grand Treasurer and the President of the Executive Committee.
The accounts of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer shall be kept in such manner and form and subject to such rules and regulations as the Executive Committee may from time to time prescribe.

The accounts shall be closed on the 31st day of January in each year. They shall be audited during the year by a professional accountant to be named by the Executive Committee, and an abstract thereof, certified by the Auditor as correct, shall be prepared and sent to the Chairman of the Executive Committee not later than the 15th day of February in each year.

A full statement of the accounts shall be prepared for the information of Grand Chapter, shall be certified as correct by the official Auditor, and shall be submitted to the Executive Committee and a final statement for the year preceding on the first day of its meeting prior to the Convocation of Grand Chapter. This statement shall be referred for examination and audit to a sub-committee, who shall forthwith report to the Executive Committee thereon.

The Grand Council shall prescribe the mode in which payments, authorized by Grand Chapter, shall be made out of the funds of Grand Chapter, and shall have power to authorize any necessary expenditure for the administration of its affairs.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

55. The Grand Second Principal shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and in his absence the Third Grand Principal, who shall possess all powers of the Chairman. Should the Second and Third Grand Principals be absent, the Committee shall elect a Chairman pro tempore.

The Committee shall meet the day before the annual Convocation of Grand Chapter at the place appointed for holding the same, and at other times on the call of the Grand First Principal or the Chairman of the Committee.

Seven members shall constitute a quorum. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes. The presiding officer in case of a tie shall have a second vote.

The Committee shall have authority to hear and determine all Masonic complaints not being Masonic offences respecting Chapters or individual Companions when regularly brought before it.

The Committee may summon any of the officers of a Chapter or any Companion to appear before it for the purpose of any inquiry, and may order the custodian thereof to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Chapter. If such order be disobeyed and sufficient reason for non-compliance be not given, the offending Chapter or Companion may be suspended by the Committee and the proceedings shall be reported to Grand Chapter.
A full report of the proceedings of the Committee in all cases of complaint investigated by it shall be preserved in a book to be kept for the purpose. The judgment of the Committee shall be reported to Grand Chapter.

In case of any complaint affecting a member of the Committee or the Chapter to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Committee considers its decision.

The Committee shall have charge of the finances of Grand Chapter, and it shall submit to Grand Chapter an estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

The Committee shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of Grand Chapter, and may by rules and regulations prescribe the manner in which the moneys and accounts thereof shall be kept. Such rules and regulations shall be reported to Grand Chapter.

The Committee shall annually appoint an Auditor, who shall be a Chartered Accountant. His duties shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Scribe E. and the books of the Grand Treasurer and report to the Grand First Principal. He shall perform the duties prescribed by Sections 47 and 48. He shall receive such remuneration as Grand Chapter shall determine.

The Committee may summon any officer or Companion having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to Grand Chapter to appear before it, and may give such directions as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

The Committee shall have the direction of everything relating to the furniture and regalia of Grand Chapter.

The Committee shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the meetings of Grand Chapter.

The Committee shall have the general care and investment of all funds of Grand Chapter.

No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the Committee unless it be in writing and signed by the person or persons addressing the Committee.

All communications from the Committee to the Grand First Principal, to Grand Chapter or other Committees, or any Chapter or Companion, shall be made in writing.

The Committee shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand First Principal or Grand Chapter in preference to other business.

The Committee may appoint sub-committees for specific purposes, who must report to the Committee.

All transactions and resolutions of the Committee shall be entered in the Minute Book of the Grand-Scribe E.
At each annual Convocation of Grand Chapter the Committee shall report all its proceedings.

BAR TO VOTING REMOVED.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, seconded by R. E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt, and

Resolved,—That Sec. 113 of the Constitution be amended by striking out all after the word "Companions" in the third line.

The words eliminated were: "and if the Chapter so decides by by-law, no Companion who is over twelve months in arrears for dues shall be entitled to vote at the annual election of officers."

UNANIMOUS CONSENT PROVIDED FOR.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, seconded by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, and

Resolved,—That Sec. 116 be amended by adding the words "A Chapter may, however, by by-law require the unanimous consent of the members present."

THE GRAND LECTURER.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, and seconded by R. E. Comp. W. Panton,

That Sec. 4 of the Constitution be amended by expunging the words "The Grand Lecturer," and that Sec. 53 be expunged and that the office of Grand Lecturer be abolished.

The motion having been discussed, was put to the vote, and, failing to receive the necessary majority, was declared lost.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE JEWEL.

R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, with reference to his motion submitted at last Annual Convocation, "that the M. E. the Grand Z. appoint a Committee to consider the advisability of providing a jewel for our Grand Representatives in other jurisdictions," stated that, such practice having fallen into disuse elsewhere, with apparently a general reluctance to revive it, he had refrained from convening the Committee in consequence.

CHAPTER PROXIES.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, and
Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to enquire into the manner in which proxies are issued, to prepare amendments to the Constitution in that respect, if any such be thought necessary, and to report to this Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation with such information and recommendations as the Committee may deem it advisable to make.

TESTIMONIAL COMMITTEE.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. T. Freed, and

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. E. Comp. George Moore, Past Grand Z., in token of Grand Chapter’s appreciation of the zealous work done by him during the last two years.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Toronto Masonic Hall Trust for the use of the rooms, and to the Companions of the Toronto Chapters, for their kindly attention and fraternal reception to the officers and members of Grand Chapter, as well as for the arrangements made for the Fifty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand body.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

The following appointments by the M. E. the Grand Z. were subsequently announced:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. E. Comp. R. H. Spencer ......................................... Trenton
  " " A. T. Freed ......................................................... Hamilton
  " " W. N. Ponton ...................................................... Belleville
  " " O. Ellwood ......................................................... London
  " " C. W. Haentschel ............................................... Haileybury

ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. James Glanville, Toronto, Grand Senior Sojourner
  " " Geo. Britton, Hamilton, " Junior Sojourner
  R. E. " Jas. B. Nixon, Toronto, " Lecturer
  V. E. " W. C. Mickel, Belleville, " Sword Bearer
  " " M. A. Secord, Galt, " Master 1st Veil
  " " Jno. H. Roaf, Vancouver, " Master 2nd Veil
  " " D. D. Campbell, Listowel, " Master 3rd Veil
  " " A. W. Winnett, M.D., Kingston, " Master 4th Veil
V. E. Comp. A. Carman, St. Mary's, 
   " Joseph Doust, Toronto. 
   " John Black, Dawson. 
   " Harry Wright, Jr. 
         Owen Sound, 
   " G. S. Samis, Sarnia, 
   " J. G. M. Wilson, Peterborough, 
   " N. Schnarr, M.D., Kenora, 
   " C. W. Harrison, Grimsby, 
   " J. N. Munro, Maxville, 
   " A. R. Dickson, Wetaskiwin, 
   " D. W. Green, S. S. Marie. 
   " R. E. Plowman, Rossland, 
   " J. R. Anderson, Arcola, 
         Jas. A. Fuller, West Lorne.

Grand Standard Bearer 
   " D. of Ceremonies 
   " Organist 
   " Pursuivant 
   " Steward 
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APPENDIX
REPORT ON

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

COMPANIONS:

From hasty glances through the jurisdictions as their records were received and fyled, it cannot be safely promised that the following pages of review will afford much of the spice of variety to the expectant reader, especially he of the voracious appetite for the succulently fresh with sauce piquante. To those who annually turn to this end of the volume, in the keen desire for a half hour of refreshment after labor, we fancy satisfaction will be tinged with disappointment. The monotonous sameness of the many contributions to the Correspondence arena, though eminently satisfactory from the viewpoint of peace and harmony, cannot fail to shock the combatant instincts of the "gentle" reader who likes to see even a fraternal discussion conducted in the way the fiddler at an Irish country fair extracted his music, "with main strength." To him the militant cries that accompany the tilting in the controversial lists, or the tinkling of the opposing foils in argument, are sweeter to the ear than the languorous murmurings of the placid stream or soft summer zephyrs among the pine tops. The inflexible attitude of the leading figure adds zest to his enjoyment of the encounter. His champion's motto is "no surrender," and to admit defeat would be a palpable breach of the code. In a spirit of admirable confidence he ventures opinions which he holds to with abiding tenacity, and cherishes a belief that the echoes are unanimously in accord.

"What did the Puritans come from England to this continent for?" asked a teacher of a class in American history. "To worship in their own way, and make other people do the same," was the reply.
Yet, "peace hath its victories no less renowned than war," and in the secluded retreats where the Companions of the Royal Arch foregather, shaded from the heat of strife and pursuing their labours of love undisturbed by disputatious eruptions, much may be garnered of pleasur-able and lasting profit and value. Let us see what an inspection of the Capitular world will reveal.

**Alabama**

Chapters ... 62. Members ... 3,189.

A short two months prior to the Eighty-third Annual Convocation, this Grand Chapter was shocked and saddened by the death of its Grand High Priest, Robert W. Southerland. The M. E. Companion, "a true man in all the relations of life," was called in the prime of a useful career, and under the shadow of this great bereavement the Companions assembled at Montgomery on the 6th December, 1909, and with fitting expression deplored their loss.

The Deputy Grand High Priest related the story of the official year. Two new Chapters were instituted and one restored.

A reprint of the Proceedings continued from 1853 to 1865 was recommended and agreed to, a copy of which is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

Among the decisions was one against a "cork foot," on the ground that a candidate so furnished could not meet the requirements.

Grand Chapter was appealed to on behalf of the "Widows and Orphans' Home," for which it was desired to raise $50,000 before commencing building. A sum of $37,000 was already in hand. It does not appear that Grand Chapter as a body considered the matter.

Reports recommending the recognition of the Grand Chapters of Idaho and Western Australia were submitted and adopted. In the latter case Scotland's antagonistic attitude was censured, and her claim to sovereignty described as "flimsy and disingenuous."
The application for a dimit from a "Reverend" Companion who was s.n.p.d. in his Chapter in 1870 was granted on the ground that he was "a minister of the Gospel, old and infirm." Apparently the Chapter which owned him as member forty years ago had given up the ghost, hence the appeal to Grand Chapter.

It was resolved to purchase the customary jewel and present it to the widow of the late Grand High Priest. The thought was a nice one, but are there not some who might prefer to see the gift take another shape and be equally acceptable?

"Age cannot wither nor custom stale" the infinite variety of that well-loved Companion and worthy Alabama gentleman, William Y. Titcomb, the lineal descendant of the William of that ilk who came over from old London in the good ship Hercules in 1634. So the revered Correspondence Chairman tells us incidentally, and now in his 84th year he enlightens and instructs his Companions with old-time vigor, and which it is hoped may be his duty, as we know it is his pleasure, for many years to come.

A just and impartial review of Canada for 1909 is included in his admirable report. He quotes the writer occasionally, but from his comments thereon appears to take us rather too seriously. We had noticed the peculiar incident of the mover of a resolution asking, after an interval, that the same be rescinded, and Comp. Titcomb rejoins:

"All this with no more foundation than the fact that when exemplification of the work was about to be entered upon, in the Grand Chapter of Alabama, a Companion moved to dispense with the report of the Committee on Work, and the motion prevailed. Later, the same day, the mover yielded to the wishes of Companions who were anxious to see the exemplification, and generously moved reconsideration of his own previous motion. And this motion also prevailed. That's all."

We noted but the bald facts of the printed record. There was no word there of a yielding to the wishes of the anxious Companions from a sentiment of generosity. It is learned now for the first time. Our reference to a
prime "mover" was only directed to the frequency with which one individual was on his feet with a "motion," not with any idea that there existed an element of "bossism"—far from it. Similarly, a jesting reference to an abbreviation used by the worthy Companion is solemnly construed into an attempt to impute profanity. Heaven forbid. And yet he interprets us aright when, possibly, he reads apart from Alabama.

"... whose pen has the polish of the Saladin's blade, and at times, its keenness, too, 'cutting to the raw.' But, were Companion Bennett condemned to total abstinence from facetiousness, we should be robbed of one distinct charm of his discourse."

Notwithstanding his latter-day assertion of belief in dependent membership, some remains of the true spirit of what membership in the Craft was once regarded and generally recognized, are doubtless concealed and cherished underneath the comfortable Alabama vest that covers the beating of his true fraternal heart. He had remarked on the law that shuts the door on a delinquent—

"Hard, isn't it? Such action classes non-payment of dues with theft, arson, rape and murder."

Companion Foster, of Colorado, commenting on the above, said:

"Not knowing the circumstances, it is hard to comment, but as a general proposition, expulsion for non-payment of dues is too severe a punishment, though in case one is amply able to pay and refuses, it comes pretty nearly under the classification of theft, as he is taking the rights and benefits of Masonry without giving anything in exchange for them."

If our Colorado Companion had used the words "lodge membership" instead of "Masonry" he would have come nearer to hitting the nail on the vital spot. It is the confusion of the two that leads to much misunderstanding. Companion Titcomb crystalizes the matter thus:

"We do not think the majority of the delinquents are of the class which embraces those who are able to pay, and refuse to do so. Some, while poor, are also proud, and shrink from going before the Lodge or Chapter to plead poverty. If such men are dropped from the rolls or suspended, how are they in such case,
‘taking the rights and benefits of Masonry without giving any-
thing in exchange for them?’”

John B. Christian, Uniontown, Grand High Priest.
Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Arizona

Chapters . . 8.
Members . . 670.

“I am sorry to inform you that I will be unable to
attend the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at
Tucson. I am compelled to go to Chicago unexpectedly.
Trust that you will have a good meeting and with kind
regards to all the Companions, etc.”

And that was all there was of Selim Julius Michelson,
M. E. Grand High Priest, at the Twentieth Annual Con-
vocation in Tucson’s Masonic Temple, on the 9th Febru-
ary, 1910. There was no address, nor is it recorded that
the absent ruler prepared one. If he did it must have
accompanied him on that hurried trip to the Windy City.

The rest of the official roster was on hand, and the
Deputy Grand High Priest took charge. He did not say
anything, because he brought nothing with him in the
way of a speech, and if the Companions were disap-
pointed at the absence of the customary literary feast,
yevidently did not express themselves to that effect.

Grand Secretary Roskrufe, whose services were sub-
stantially recognized by his Companions, contributed his
report, which was of the usual variety.

A Chapter working under dispensation since 1907
appealed for a charter and got it.

The Correspondence Committee expressed satisfaction
at the addition of the two new Grand Chapters of Idaho
and Wyoming, and “for reasons of economy” were
unable to prepare a review of other Grand Chapter pro-
ceedings.

The Grand Secretary stated that he had in his pos-
session the Jewel prepared for presentation to the retiring
Grand High Priest, whereupon it was resolved by vote of Grand Chapter "that it be not presented, but remain in the custody of the Grand Secretary until further orders," —and thereby hangs a tale.

Henry Morgan Woods, Bisbee, Grand High Priest.
Geo. J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas

Chapters . . 83. Members . . 3,921.

Death deprived Grand Chapter of its most exalted and also its humblest officer during the year, in the persons of M. E. Comp. R. B. Hogins, Grand High Priest, and Companion J. W. Null, Grand Sentinel, both eminently worthy in their respective stations. W. W. Garland, who ruled Grand Chapter in 1886, was also among those for whom the Companions mourned at Little Rock on the occasion of the Sixtieth Annual Convocation, November 18th, 1909.

The acting Grand High Priest. Comp. J. L. Davis, who represents Canada in his Grand Chapter, ably discharged the duties thus unexpectedly thrust upon him, Notwithstanding a drought which visited the State, unexampled in its duration and effects, he was enabled to congratulate the body upon a period of progress.

One of the Chapters had, in a spasm of doubtful enthusiasm, ignored the regulation minimum entrance fee and established a "bargain day" cut rate, taking in about thirty candidates at its own figure, some at five dollars and some as low as four dollars. The practice was to accept the regulation fee and refund as much as was agreed upon. Investigation was followed by the prompt arrest of the charter and property.

The report was submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee, which, "in the light of facts presented," recommended the restoration of the charter, at the same time offering a resolution to the effect that "hereafter" such
conduct should be met with discipline. To our mind a palpable encouragement to wrongdoing.

Another Chapter, which had been a bit tardy and was notified to explain or suffer the penalty of forfeiture of charter, whereupon the Companions “held a meeting, forwarded their dues to the Grand Secretary, turned over their property to the Blue Lodge, and mutually agreed to disband, having lost their Charter.”

This interpretation of the appeal for more punctual attention to official duty seems to have come like a bolt from the blue upon the powers that be.

“However, the Secretary of this Chapter informed me that peace, harmony and brotherly love prevailed among the membership. I endeavored, with all the persuasive powers at my command, to induce them to reconsider their action, but all of no avail, and being somewhat handicapped with such irregular procedure, I yield to the wisdom of this Grand Body.’

Although it does not appear that the merciful Committee took this case into consideration, it is recorded that the Grand Lecturer made a full statement of facts in his possession in regard to the action of the Chapter, the sum of which was that the members of said Chapter had divided the funds privately among themselves and disbanded as an organized body. The Grand High Priest by resolution was ordered to appoint a Committee to make a full investigation, and to report to the next Convocation of Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. Chas. N. Rix, General Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Chapter, and M. E. Comp. Fay Hempstead, “Poet Laureate of Freemasonry,” were escorted to the altar and presented in a manner and with words befitting the honors due the distinguished Companions.

We are told that the distinguished Companions acknowledged the honor in “appropriate speeches.” Well, it is just possible that the first named was not in a position to “tune the lyre,” but what “an opportunity lost” it was for the “Poet Laureate of Freemasonry for the
United States and Canada." To respond in dull prose was an ill-fitting tribute to the inspiration of buoyant sponsors in the Windy City. Canada, of course, must share in the melancholy gloom created by the receipt of tidings so unexpected. Even the laureate "of the one Masonic ode" could have done better than that.

"Poets lose half the praise they should have got
Could it be known what they discreetly blot."

The gifted Companion prepared and presented the report on Memorials, but the temptation which that field invariably offers to exercise the mental resurrection of appropriate lines, failed to elicit anything bearing the hall mark of the P. L.

Comp. Schoonover, whose effort of the previous year unfortunately did not see the light, furnishes a report on Correspondence this year, which is embraced in sixty pages. He doesn't like lengthy reports. They render the printed proceedings too cumbersome. So he told Grand Chapter. Well, he cannot be accused of sinning in that regard. He had the assistance of a zealous Companion, and between them they reviewed fifty Grand jurisdictions, some of which apparently arrived late. Canada for 1909 was among the tardy ones, and receives brief but kindly notice.

He has very little to say from himself, an omission which we trust will be repaired in future reports, but it rejoices his soul when he finds words of congratulation on the "appointment" of his well-loved Arkansas Companion as Poet Laureate.

"A worthy successor of such able and famous men as Companions Robert Burns, the 'Bard of Avon,' and Robert Morris, the scholarly Masonic writer from our own neighbor just across the Father of Waters, Kentucky."

Now, whether we are to gather from the above that Burns was the "Bard of Avon" or that the "Bard of Avon" once wore the Masonic laureate's wreath, is a problem that we are still wrestling with. Probably the
punctuation is defective. It is hoped that the matter may be settled satisfactorily ere long, as the prospect of more poetic Richmonds in the field is simply appalling.

J. L. Davis, Fayetteville, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

**California**

Chapters .. 95. Members .. 11,471.

All of the Grand Officers except the Grand Scribe and Grand Royal Arch Captain, fifteen Grand Past High Priests, thirty Grand Representatives, and the duly accredited representatives of 84 chartered Chapters were on hand when the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation was opened in San Francisco on April 19th, 1910, at 10 a.m., M. E. Comp. George Hays Monroe, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States being in waiting, an escort was formed of Past Grand High Priests, and M. E. Comp. Nathan Kingsley was conducted to the East, introduced, and cordially welcomed.

The distinguished visitor, who admitted that it was the first time that he had found himself west of the Rockies, made a neat response to the words of greeting.

The Grand High Priest congratulated the Companions upon a year of peace and plenty, but regretted the loss of two valued Companions. Adolphus Hewel, of Modesto, answered the last summons in August, 1909. He was Grand High Priest in 1895-96. "He was one of the most able and learned Masons of this State; author of our present Constitution."

Franklin Henry Day, Grand Treasurer of Grand Chapter and a Past Grand High Priest, was on a May day in 1909 discovered prostrate on the floor of his office in an unconscious, paralyzed condition, from which he never recovered, finally passing away March 16, 1910.
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Three new Chapters were commissioned during the year, and existing Chapters reported as flourishing.

Closing an address which was confined mainly to his official acts, the Grand High Priest submitted a little preachment that might well be taken home and pondered.

"I do not believe any fault can be found with the material assistance and charity rendered by this Order, but in many, many cases Companions need and require moral assistance, support and charity more than silver or gold. Words of encouragement, advice, admonition and reproof are in many cases absolutely invaluable. We are not frank enough with one another in telling of faults and actions which need correction. Let us consider each other's welfare as our own, as near as possible, and be ever ready to offer a helping hand and give words of encouragement and hope to an erring Companion, ever remembering that we all have faults. 'Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.'"

A report from Grand Lecturer Ashcroft contained, among other interesting data, a question put to him as to whether two or more candidates in the same Chapter could be "permitted to select similar Marks, and, if not, why not?" He replied "Legally they are not," and explained:

"Masonic tradition informs us that each Brother was required to select for himself a private Mark, to designate his Work; the lesson inculcated in the selection of a Mark is lost, unless the purpose for which it was originally intended is adhered to as far as it is practicable to do so; therefore, in Speculative Masonry we should endeavor to carry out the same principle, to distinguish our work among our fellow-men; and while it would be impracticable for each Chapter to keep advised of the character of the Marks selected throughout the jurisdiction, and more so throughout the United States; each particular Chapter can and should see to it that no two or more of their members select similar Marks; exception having to be made, however, in the case of a Companion affiliating with a Chapter, and having his Mark re-recorded."

A committee of three was named to confer with a like committee which had been appointed by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, for the purpose of advancing the interests of Cryptic Masonry in the jurisdiction, and to formulate a plan similar to that adopted by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Texas,
whereby a petition for the Chapter degrees must be accompanied by a petition for the Council. This committee will report at next Annual.

The committee on the new Temple reported that the work was progressing and recommended that the balance voted by Grand Chapter, viz., $25,000, be paid over. A motion to that effect was carried.

The survivors of the "earthquake and fire" in attendance at the Fifty-second Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, April 18th, 1906, were called to the west of the altar, facing the east, received with the Grand Honors, and welcomed and eulogized by the Grand High Priest. Eloquent response was made by Comp. Charles Fayette Lott.

Past Grand High Priest W. Frank Pierce, on behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, presented M. E. Comp. Kingsley, General Grand High Priest, with a loving cup, in token of warm personal regard and as a memento of his sojourn with Grand Chapter.

M. E. Comp. Kingsley, in accepting the testimonial, expressed his appreciation, with the assurance that the memory of his visit to Grand Chapter and his associations with the Royal Arch Masons of California would remain with him always.

The well-loved octogenarian, Grand Secretary M. E. Comp. William A. Davies, prepared, as usual, the review of the Grand Chapters, and, of course, does it well.

"The Report on Correspondence for the Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of California was supposed to have been delivered to and locked up by the printer on the last of March, but knocks come to our door at the close of the first week in April from Arkansas and from Canada that we are in duty bound to heed, and accordingly arrange with the printer to hold the copy and sandwich in."

"The information of value concerning the progress and prosperity of Capitular Masonry in Canada will be found in the reports of the several Grand Superintendents of Districts. We
cannot comment as we would in this report on the admirable system that represents beyond a doubt the real condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada."

Notwithstanding that, he furnishes a report of nearly 170 pages, his own personality is rarely exposed to the limelight. He refers to the present writer as "a veteran correspondent," a shocking reminder that we may have overstayed our limit, and leads to serious reflection and speculation as to where we are at. Having only arrived at the bald head stage, it would be presumption to regard the application other than as a misfit. There are a few, like Comp. Davies, who have toiled in this particular field when most of us were in long clothes. Those Companions we venerate for what they have done and are still doing. May they be spared in health to continue their life's unselfish work.

James R. Tapscott, Yreka, Grand High Priest.

William A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

**Colorado**

Chapters . . 41.  
Members . . 4,103.

The reception to the representatives of sister Grand Chapters was made a special and pleasing feature of the opening ceremonies of the Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation at Denver on the 22nd September, 1910. In appropriate words Grand High Priest John B. Hershey voiced the greeting of Colorado, and M. E. Comp. Henry T. West, representing Louisiana, responded with equal felicity.

"In the early days of my Masonic life I do not remember that there were any Grand Representatives, and for years after it became the custom to appoint them there was not particular courtesy shown them, except that their names were published in the yearly report of the Proceedings of each Grand Convocation, while now the kindly courtesy of the Grand High Priest in welcoming us warms our hearts and adds brightness and satisfaction to the opening ceremonies of the Grand Chapter."

The zealous M. E. Comp. Nathan Kingsley, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, was announced as in waiting, and the Grand High Priest
appointed a committee to escort him into the Grand Chapter, where he was received and fittingly welcomed. His reply was eloquent and pointed.

"One of the most important events in the history of the ancient world is celebrated and perpetuated in the Degree of Royal Arch. There has been but two or three other events in the history of the world that were so important and had such a tremendous influence on the future of mankind as the return of the Jews from their Babylonish captivity with the permission which was given them to rebuild the House of the Lord of Jerusalem."

"Take the Royal Arch Degree; study it in the Chapter and out of the Chapter; study its historical status and its esoterical groundwork, if you please, and you cannot point to any event in civilization, represented or reproduced in Masonry, that has had such a wonderful influence as the groundwork and basis upon which the Royal Arch Degree is founded, unless it be the birth of Christianity a few hundred years later."

"We, as Royal Arch Masons, do not understand these things altogether unless we stop to think about them. We do not comprehend what we are receiving when we receive the Royal Arch Degree unless we study it, and, when we do that, we have that feeling of brotherhood which is taught in the Blue Lodge almost to the point of sublimity, and we have the idea and sense of brotherhood more firmly cemented in us."

When elected the Grand High Priest fully intended to make a large number of official visits, but private affairs demanded so much attention that he found it impossible to devote much time to these official duties without neglecting business. He nevertheless covered much ground and did good to the Chapters visited as well as receiving benefit himself.

Grand Lecturer Williams, however, seems to have been everywhere, or nearly so.

An interchange of representatives with Scotland was recommended and agreed to.

The General Grand High Priest installed the officers and afterwards addressed Grand Chapter, the twelfth he had visited, in words of congratulation and farewell.

The Grand High Priest appointed a committee of five to report at next Annual Convocation what means, if
any, Grand Chapter shall adopt to assist in entertaining the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, which meets in Denver in the year 1913.

The venerable M. E. Comp. Henry T. West, who was about to leave the State, was appealed to for a few parting words.

"The snows have been heaped upon my head, but now I am beginning to know I have numerous friends. I did not suppose for a moment that I had so many, but when I take them by the hand every day, my neighbors and Companions, and they say: 'We are sorry you are going away, and we hope you will come back and see us whenever you can,' it is a consolation to me. Companions, it is hard to break the ties of forty years. I am now eighty-six years old. It is a long while to live. My wife and I are of the same age, and why we have been allowed to live this long time I cannot say, but maybe for some good purpose. We feel that we have done our work in life and are now entitled to rest; but we must go."

"I intend to continue my membership in the Lodge which I helped to constitute forty years ago, and thereby hold my membership in the Grand Lodge and in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado. And now I bid you all goodbye."

Past Grand High Priest Ernest LeNeve Foster again regales his Companions with one of his bright, chatty reports on Correspondence. The Californian idea of joint installations he agrees with, but demurs at the addition of the family friends and the fair twinklers, thus making the ceremony a public affair, saying "it is an innovation from the original plan of which we do not approve." Yet "compulsory membership," which is a distinct departure from the original plan, has his unqualified support. It all depends on how your glasses are colored.

He had Canada for 1910 under his optic and gave it a generous examination. As a sample of his absolute fairness, we quote him in reply to our comments on Colorado's exception to recognition of the Mark degree other than that conferred under the aegis of the Chapter.

"The Correspondence Report by George J. Bennett, as has been customary for many years, is full of wise and sound
counsel. He covers 56 Jurisdictions in 162 pages, which we recommend to our readers who are searching after light. But we must not pass over what he says about our own Jurisdiction, for he devoted four pages to it; he makes good comment on our action regarding Mark Masters not made in Lodges subordinate to a Chapter, indicating that we are wrong, and it looks as though he was right. Personally we had not considered the matter till it was brought to our attention in this and other reports. We shall try to get this adjusted at our Annual in September next.”

Under District of Columbia he tackles the reviewer who ventures a defence of the Mystic Shrine, assuming that Comp. Foster knew of that festive organization by repute only.

“We are sorry to disappoint him, but we have been a Shriner for twenty-one years, and still pay our dues, and occasionally, when the smoke is not too thick, attend a meeting, but the organization has not enlisted our sympathy, nor have we seen any special good it has ever done; we have been amused many times, but honestly believe that to sober-minded people it has been a detriment to Masonry. We wish it no harm, but would rather see it the tail of some other kite.”

Companion Parshall of Wyoming, having let himself loose on the subject of compulsory membership, in which he said: “Our only conclusion has been that it is the result of American commercialism pure and simple. The theory of enforced membership has no attractions for us.” Companion Foster rejoins:

“As we have many times before said that is not the light we see it in. A persistent non-affiliate is almost invariably a Mason not in good standing, hence we have no right to associate with him Masonically. One who wishes to pose as a so-called ‘High Mason’ by refusing to bear the burdens of the Mason, whom he considers of less importance than himself because he has only received the three Symbolic degrees, is not worthy of any Masonic honor, not even the degree he virtually despises. As far as we are concerned, we have no use for the so-called ‘High degree Mason,’ who wants to be in the top notch and nowhere else.”

Just so, then why not let him go? He has no use for us. We have no use for him. Yet Companion Foster supports the law that would retain such an undesirable. His retention in Lodge or Chapter membership can be
of no benefit to either, according to the above contention, except, of course, the periodical exaction of "so much per." The hackneyed phrase about assisting to "bear the burden" is becoming a trifle wearisome. We are so in agreement with the Companion's estimate of the "top notcher and nowhere else" that we regard the latter's riddance as a godsend. If a moiety of the critical attention that is devoted to the "top notcher" after he is in had been exercised before his original application was submitted to the ballot there would be little necessity for an enactment that is to-day regarded by not a few as a distinct blot on Masonry's otherwise fair escutcheon.

Chas. H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Connecticut

Chapters .. 40.  Members .. 8,277.

Chas. A. Farnham, M. E. Grand High Priest, had put through a peaceful and uneventful year when he met his Companions in the One hundred and twelfth Annual Convocation in Hartford on May 10th, 1910, and from his address to the Assembly there is practically nothing to glean.

He visited a dozen Chapters, and came out of the ordeal expressing pride in what he witnessed therein.

It is observed that the statistical figures in the Grand Secretary's report show 1 expulsion, 3 suspensions and 38 "struck from the roll"—N.P.D. The suspensions, of course, apply to the convictions for un-Masonic conduct. The distinction, we believe, is correct and is in line with old-time procedure. A non-paying member's name "stricken from the roll" implies that he is no longer on the roll of membership, hence it is not a case of suspension. The delinquent member makes himself good on payment of his indebtedness. Non-payment of dues, per se, is not a Masonic offence. The latter is punished by suspension for a definite period or indefinitely, or the full penalty of expulsion. The word suspension, to our view, should not be applied to those who lose the privi-
legs of lodge membership by reason of their inability to pay dues and to whom those privileges are at once restored when the amount owing is handed over.

The Rev. Charles W. Boylston, Grand Chaplain, was presented with a gold Chaplain's jewel as a token of the appreciation of his faithful service as Grand Chaplain for ten consecutive years. To which Comp. Boylston replied in a fitting manner.

The amended Constitution was ordered printed with the Proceedings, and will be submitted for approval at next Annual Convocation.

Comp. Geo. A. Kies prefaces his Correspondence Report with an apologetic explanation on behalf of P. G. H. F. Geo. N. Delap for the figures 32\° being appended to the latter's autograph underneath his portrait in the Proceedings for 1907. Printers and proofreaders, who had borrowed from the documents of another organization, shared the blame, and the tempest in a tea-pot which resulted is thus appeased.

Canada does not appear for Comp. Kies' sprightly inspection until all the "home" guards have passed in review. The "foreign" contingents bring up the rear, Canada for 1910 leading. His is a kindly and more than superficial examination of the records, and establishes the estimate formed of the Companion's eminent fitness for the position. He is, of course, an advocate of the compulsory membership doctrine of American origin, and combats our argument that the Grand Encampment when it altered its law providing for qualifications of those seeking admission to the Templar order, went beyond its legitimate bounds. To doubt its power to do so would naturally imperil the frail fabric which supports the dependent membership doctrine, therefore he, like others, is prepared with very plausible testimony to show that the Grand Encampment was right and that Grand Chapters were equally correct in following the lead thus set them.

"Although we firmly believe in the justice and propriety of dependent membership, we do not 'know it all,' and are ready
to change our opinions when proven to us to be erroneous. So, bring on your further light.”

Light, eh? There is an old-fashioned way of reaching that desideratum, familiar to those who have been for any considerable time withheld from its blessings. Remove the hoodwink.

The action of the Grand Encampment, an organization, self allied to, but distinct from, ancient Craft Masonry, cannot well be accounted for to this day. The pre-requisite for entrance to the order which it controls was, prior to that period, the simple possession of the Royal Arch degree. When it enacted that the Royal Arch Mason, in order to qualify, should, in addition, be a dues-contributing member of a Royal Arch Chapter, it simply committed a breach of its own established custom and exhibited an unwarrantable interference in matters beyond its sphere. Grand Chapters, one after another, followed suit, unmindful of their violation of ancient usage. If they have been right in so acting for the past thirty or forty years, it must logically be assumed that in the old time before this enlightened era, they were wrong. Moreover, if the United States bodies, in this regard, are acting in accordance with Masonic usage as intended by the founders of the Craft, how is it that this most beneficent feature is unknown outside its confines?

Companion Kies further remarks, as do others:

“If a Companion is able to contribute his share towards the support of his Lodge, but refuses to do so, is he guilty of any Masonic offense, and should he be suspended, or should we continue to resort to that miserable pettifogging technical subterfuge known as ‘striking from the roll’?”

To our view the Companion is not guilty of an offence against Masonry, but he is guilty of violation of contract with the lodge, membership privileges in which, he solicited and engaged to pay for. Failure to pay periodical dues may, by usual course, be punished by forfeiture of those lodge privileges, but not his standing in the fraternity, which, so long as he maintains the character which insured his admission originally, no man, or body of men,
has the right to deprive him of. To punish non-payment of dues with deprivation of all Masonic rights is, to use the words of the late Companion Drummond of Maine, "a comparatively recent product of the inventive genius of the American mind." In this view he had the support of a host of his contemporaries. "Keep in mind," says one, "that there is a distinction between Masonic rights and Lodge rights, between Masonic crime and Lodge offence, or delinquency for non-payment of dues. ... Non-payment of dues is not a Masonic crime, according to ancient Masonic usage."

To the meretricious allurements of latter-day organizations of the Jonah's gourd type, and the modern spirit of commercialism which provides the necessity, are to be attributed this and other introductions which have created such a fog of gloom and confusion that we are not only losing sight of the way from which we came, but our goal is enveloped in the growing mists of perplexity and doubt. Little wonder that out of the gathering darkness is heard an occasional appeal for light.

Comp. Kies does not like the phrase "struck from the roll" as the penalty for non-payment of dues, although it happens to be Connecticut's "miserable subterfuge." But, despite the weight of her patriarchal years, there are jurisdictions who could go her a few decades better and still do even as she does, not daring to encroach one hair's breadth upon ancient usage and established custom. May not Comp. Kies' "miserable subterfuge" be, after all, a misapplication?

Eugene A. Hall, Meriden, Grand High Priest.
Jas. McCormick, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

**Delaware**

Chapters ... 4. Members ... 1,012.

The address of M. E. Comp. A. H. Berlin to the Forty-second Annual Convocation at Wilmington on 19th January, 1910, was made singularly impressive by musical punctuations. The Grand High Priest had pre-
faced his remarks with some original thoughts, when a Companion sang “A Dream of Paradise” and the Grand Chaplain expressed gratitude for a year’s blessings, in prayer.

The G. H. P. resumed, and had just paid a tribute to the worth of a departed dignitary of the General Grand Chapter, when the Companions were once more deeply impressed by a beautiful solo, “Face to Face.”

The rest of the address was permitted to proceed to a finish, unaccompanied. Nor shall it be interfered with here, inasmuch as he talked to and for his own Companions.

Reports generally were satisfactory and indicated health. This is one of the few jurisdictions in which there is rarely an application for a new Chapter.

The veteran Grand Sentinel, George K. Yates, had passed away in the previous May, and the Memorials Committee reported touchingly as to his merits as an officer and a friend.

. Portraits of Past Grand High Priests, as well as purchase of aprons for those exalted Companions to enable them to visit with becoming dignity, were subjects referred to a committee.

Grand Chapter felt honored by having such a distinguished Mason as “M. E. Comp. Henry De Witt Hamilton, General Grand Master of the First Veil of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America,” with them and asked him for a “spiel.”

Cheerfully he responded and was listened to attentively, “his remarks going to the hearts of all the Companions, inspiring them to renewed vigor for the work of Capitular Masonry.”

Comp. V. V. Harrison, as of yore, is the reviewer, but his report is not as complete as usual and is unusually
concise with the material that reached him. Canada, we regret to announce, was "not one of which."

Stuart J. Horn, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

Jas. H. Price, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

**District of Columbia**


Jose Maria Yznaga, a well-loved Companion, who served his Grand Chapter as chief ruler just twenty-five years previously, was called from labor on the 11th April, 1909. Two days later a special Convocation summoned to do honor to the departed Past Grand High Priest assisted Grand Lodge in the final ceremonies, which were most impressive.

At the Forty-third Annual Convocation on 9th February, 1910, M. E. Comp. Woodman, Grand High Priest, referred feelingly to the loss Grand Chapter had sustained by his death, and to an old-time fellow-student in law and dear friend, M. E. Comp. Geo. E. Corson, was entrusted the sadly pleasant duty of preparing a memorial.

From a perusal of same it is learned that the late Comp. Yznaga was of Cuban origin, but was brought up and educated in Louisville, Ky. He served with distinction in the army of the South until the close of the war, and then settled to study and practice law in Washington. As a citizen and a Mason he earned the respect and the affection of all who were privileged to know him.

M. E. Comp. George E. Corson, General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter, was received as the representative of the General Grand High Priest, and cordially welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

M. W. Bro. George C. Ober, Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, who was also present in his capacity of P. G. H. P., was likewise welcomed.
The Grand High Priest congratulated the Companions upon a year of "great activity" and unbroken harmony. The Chapters did not bother him for "decisions," and he issued but one dispensation.

The two-year-old "High Priests' Association," organized for mutual improvement among the council officers of the several Chapters, he commended highly for its successful work, and predicted that it would prove a blessing to Capitular Masonry in the jurisdiction.

Washington has now a magnificent and costly Temple, stock in which was subscribed by Lodges, Chapters and other bodies, as well as individuals. The Grand Lodge had agreed to assume sole control and management, and thereupon the subscribers proceeded to transfer their interests to it unconditionally.

"I recommend that this Grand Chapter show its loyalty to symbolic Masonry by transferring its entire stock of $1,000 in like manner to the Grand Lodge. A new home owned by the craft and controlled by the Grand Lodge is in sight. Let us, my Companions, who, as Royal Arch Masons, have come up to rebuild the House of the Lord without the hope of fee or reward, make good our professions to-night."

And they did. The advent of a new Council of Royal and Select Masters in Washington gave the G. H. P. an opportunity to advocate an alliance of the Royal Arch with the Cryptic degrees. He is apparently an enthusiast for the latter, and his experiences at the triennial conclaves of both "General" bodies in Savannah proved an incentive to missionary work. He argued that

"The General Grand Council and the General Grand Chapter are so closely affiliated, and naturally so, that but a moment's notice suffices for the conclusion that oneness of aim and effort between their constituent bodies in the various jurisdictions would not be amiss, and that where a petition to a Chapter means also a petition to a Council, there is mutual dependence and support."

He is as good an arguer along other lines. The per capita tax in the jurisdiction is one dollar. This, some objector alleged, was more than necessary. By analysis and statistics, he proceeded to demonstrate that any reduction in the fee would lead to embarrassment. The
Committee agreed with him, but subsequently an amendment to the Constitution was offered to reduce the per capita to seventy-five cents, and this will lie over until the next Annual.

Among his recommendations was one urging a standing resolution enjoining a full compliance with the ritual in opening and closing the Chapter. From which it was inferred that even our Washington Companions are not averse to taking advantage of "the short cut."

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer looks in on the twelve Chapters about half a dozen times each during the year, and how the latter can evade any of the requirements under such close inspection is difficult to realize, as the working in each, according to his report, was "carefully observed." For this pleasant duty the Grand Visitor and Lecturer receives a salary equal to the Grand Secretary.

"Neat gold jewels for each officer to be worn on a ribbon and suspended round the neck" were authorized at an outlay of five hundred dollars. Much more distinctive, one would fancy, than the customary coat hanger.

A Companion, on behalf of the constituent Chapters, presented to the Grand High Priest a handsome gold ring, emblematical of his rank as a thirty-third degree Scottish Rite Mason and of the many Masonic honors he had received, "which was accepted by M. E. Comp. Woodman."

In a similar receptive mood was M. E. Comp. Woodman when M. E. Comp. William Barnum, in behalf of the Grand Chapter, presented the junior Past Grand High Priest with a jewel of his rank. The closing exercises followed these very pleasing incidents.

A practically new departure in the preparation of Correspondence reports has been adopted by Companion Roe Fulkerson, who succeeds the worthy Grand Secretary, Arvine W. Johnston, in that role. To those unacquainted with the methods and characteristics peculiar
to Comp. Fulkerson and who regard levity in the treatment of Capitular subjects with as much horror as the introduction of a pirouetting corps de ballet into the cloisters of the sacred fane of Westminster would excite in the devout bosom of His Grace of Canterbury, the report will come in the nature of a shock. There are not a few, however, who are familiar with the Companion through the medium of his "At Refreshment" talks in the Masonic press, and probably are all the better for the acquaintance. Underneath that light and caustic exterior, with its leaven of sporty slang, there is a substratum of hard common-sense which perhaps could reach its object with the same directness through no other channel. The methods of the genial, accommodating "Reddy" to bring home to the unthinking, inexperienced recruit the vital truths of the Craft have undoubtedly proved convincing to more than his immediate disciples. He is writing for his Companions of that very compact jurisdiction, which boasts considerable intellect and at the same time bares his manly bosom to the shafts of a host of critics, who, let us hope, are as just as they are analytical. Here is how he introduces himself:

"In presenting to you this 'helping' of capitular goulash, we do it without apology, but with the reminder that we broke into the Grand Chapter only about twenty minutes before this burden was laid on our shoulders. We took it up with the cheerful idiocy of inexperience, only to inherit the shoes of Comp. Arvine W. Johnston, which we are unable to fill. He was one of the premier reviewers of the English writing world, noted in some jurisdictions and notorious in others. We are too weak to keep up his quarrels and too stupid to maintain his fame. If in our inexperience we have ridden our war horse over the cucumber vines of any capitular horticulturist, kindly remember that the animal is not yet bridle-wise, and forgive us."

In giving some extracts from his review of Canada for 1909 it may be said they fairly represent his work upon others, although his scintillating humor must be read to be appreciated.

"M. E. Comp. John Leslie opened the Annual Convocation in Toronto on the 27th of January with exactly forty grand officers, substitutes and superintendents present. In print it
looks like the cast of a musical comedy, but they did not act like one at all. Out of the 136 warranted and 2 U. D. Chapters in Canada, an even hundred were represented, and when the vast territory covered by this jurisdiction is considered, it was a remarkable showing."

"He reports the Canadian craft in good working order which opinion is ably backed by every bit of evidence offered by his officers throughout the meeting."

"He ruled that Chapters had no right to wear their regalia at Masonic funerals, as funerals, in his opinion, were strictly Blue Lodge functions, and opined that the symbolism of the level is sadly interfered with by exhibiting the frills and fur-below of capitular masonry at funerals. Unless Royal Arch Masons in Canada wear some regalia entirely different from that worn here, we fail to see his point. Never having seen a Canadian in his Royal Arch 'glad rags,' we are not competent judges, but we have seen some toboggan and snow shoe costumes there that were so loud in color that you could hear them coming long before they came into sight, and it may be that the capitular clothes partake of this characteristic."

"The totaling of these reports shows 1,295 exaltations for the year and a net gain of almost a thousand, which is more than a ten per cent. gain, and in our opinion is as high as it can be carried without letting down the bars and scattering toll around."

"The biggest thing in the book both in point of interest and size is the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which is edited and no doubt written by Geo. J. Bennett. He says things! More power to him. In his work on the District of Columbia he clips the head and tail from the then Grand High Priest's biography and tosses it into the review as though birth and death constituted life. He says the usual nice things about Grand Secretary Arvine W. Johnston that are no doubt so pleasing to every man in this jurisdiction, but which are constantly reminding us, as his successor, that we will rattle around in his shoes like a solitary small bean in a can of vast proportion. The other reviewers love him so much that we are getting to be of the opinion that in the vernacular of the street he 'beat it while his shoes were good.' Comp. Bennett may expect us in our weak way to maintain our predecessor's position on the subjects of dependent membership and letting the individual body decide if it will take in a dispenser of the cup that cheers."

"On the Illinois subject, he gets a half-Nelson on Comp. Warvelle over some rash statements he makes, and as self-constituted referee we award the bout to Canada. The tempest in a tea-pot certainly does make interesting reading, and it is too bad that we must wait a year to hear the rest."
Having disposed of Canada, he romps along through the rest, always merry, sometimes pungent, occasionally affectionate, after the manner of the playful bear, and always trite and welcome. He pays his respects to one ruler who devoted much of his address to denunciation of all and sundry engaged directly or indirectly in the liquor traffic.

"A Chapter should be allowed the opportunity to decide these matters at the ballot-box, but the temperance lecture which occurs later in the address shows him to be one of those extremely intemperate people, a temperance man. We agree with him in the statement that liquors should not be served at masonic banquets, not because we think it does any particular harm, but because of the looks of the thing. We can, however, understand a man drinking a bottle of beer without dragging his wife around the kitchen by the hair of the head."

Like his predecessor, he enjoys a passing joke with England. Unhappily the latter is deaf to it all and has no opportunity of appreciating his hilarity, nor is it given an off chance to improve upon his keen suggestions.

"It seems in England a Chapter is a sort of an appendage to a Blue Lodge and swings on behind, clinging to it like a cockle-burr to a colt's tail. Seven Chapters were granted permission to move, and it was a poor time to move at that!"

"Why this restlessness, Companions? There is an Americanism which says that 'it is cheaper to move—' But that would be unkind, and we don't mean to be."

"Right Honorable Lord Ampthill, G. C. S. I., G. C I. E., Pro-Grand Z.

"What do the letters mean? You can search us!"

To the Texas man he presents the following picture of himself, which may well excuse us for stopping right here:

"He comments favorably on all our acts, and said nice things about Johnston even after that worthy hit him and ran. He also charitably speaks of the writer's good humor, and we should like to tell him that his is our life's tragedy. We are a serious-minded cuss into whose hands the cap, bells and bladder fell accidentally, and if we wield them mightily and pretend we think the bladder a scepter we enjoy it none the more and wish most heartily that we could lay back our ears,
wag our head up and down, look profound, and say nothing. But, after all, what's a fool without his bladder—or a wise man either, for that matter?"

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

**Florida**

Chapters .. 31. Members .. 1,938.

The political pot boiled in Florida on the day constitutionally fixed for the Annual Convocation, and as Grand High Priest Samuel Pasco was of the conviction that "all Masons should discharge their obligations as citizens," he decided that the Grand Chapter should give way, and thus the Sixty-fourth Annual was opened in Jacksonville on the 11th May, 1910, a day later than that made and provided.

The Grand High Priest had many things to say to the Companions, and he was no way shy in expressing himself; indeed his address takes up over forty pages, or nearly half of the entire pamphlet of Proceedings. By way of an introduction he enjoyed a retrospective glance over troublous early years, when Chapters were few and conditions gloomy. His own experience was unique:

"My home Chapter was not revived until 1905, and there were but four of our old membership left to assist in the work of re-organization. Our number had been given to another Chapter, but by the authority of the Grand Chapter, the Chapter was rehabilitated and resumed work under the old name and with the old charter. It has given me great pleasure to resume my place as an active worker in my own Chapter since then, as well as in the Grand Chapter, and it was a very pleasant surprise when my companions honored me, two years ago, by again placing me in the position of Deputy Grand High Priest, which I had filled thirty-five years before."

Past Grand High Priest John Hugh Stephens and Harry T. Westcott, Grand R.A.C., were among the deaths he chronicled. Two new Chapters received their birth certificates at his hands.
At the previous Convocation a jewel for the G. H. P. and his successors was authorized. The order was given and the job finished in time for the M. E. to sport it at the Savannah pow-wow. He also was properly decorated on his visits to the Chapters. The bauble was of gold, with all the symbolic jaspers, beryls, etc., and cost $125.

He thought Grand Chapter should have its own quarters and not be dependent on any other body and recommended a consideration of the suggestion.

The story of Chapter visitation as told by himself and his colleagues of the Grand Council quite justified his optimism with regard to the future of Capitular Masonry in Florida. The whole made interesting reading.

The revised constitution printed with the proceedings provides for the "free pass" to "Ministers of the Gospel" at the discretion of the Chapter. Why not to the Rabbi as well?

A report on Correspondence is lacking.

T. Picton Warlow, Orlando, Grand High Priest.

Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

**Georgia**

Chapters .. 132.  
Members .. 6,257

An apparent decrease in the total membership is plainly due to the procrastinating Chapter Secretary, nearly thirty of them being behind with returns. That Georgia is moving onwards nevertheless is indicated in the addition of six Chapters to the roll.

On April 27, 1910, the Eighty-eighth Annual was held at Macon with Grand High Priest J. A. Walton presiding. When the Grand Representatives line up for review, the M. E. Companion plants himself under Canada's banner and, to judge from his portrait published with the Proceedings, Canada need not to be ashamed of her ambassador.
The narration of his official acts was embraced in a concise address which found favor with the Companions. One of the Chapters submitted a question:

"There has applied to our Chapter for membership, a minister of the Gospel, who is an object of charity. The fee has been paid by a friend and brother. The question now arises: Have we the right under the ruling of the Grand Chapter to remit the fee?"

He quoted the Constitution which was clear on the matter and returned a response in the negative. Later, his good heart did violence to his good sense, when he recommended an amendment to the law giving Chapters discretionary power in such cases. This was echoed by the Committee on the address, and, strange to say, was approved. A doubtful move.

His year was honored with the triennial Convocation of General Grand Chapter, which did some "marching through Georgia" in the November previous, and he rejoiced in the success of the preparations made for the visitors. Savannah was the objective, and there was a good time generally. Auto carnivals, banquets, brilliant oratory, dancing and a barbecue. The latter was held "under the oaks at Colraine," and was such a glorious feast as to inspire "the Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, for the United States and Canada" to break into rapturous song. Words and music all his own:

Gray and ghostly hang thy branches by the river,  
O Colraine;  
Where the spreading groves of live-oak stately grow;  
And the Autumn winds are sighing through thy mosses,  
O Colraine;  
Like a note of tenderest music, breathing soft and low.

Refrain:  
Soft and low; soft and low,  
Note of tenderest music, breathing soft and low.  
The Autumn winds are sighing through thy mosses,  
O Colraine;  
Like a note of tenderest music, breathing soft and low.

There were two more charming verses of similar pattern, with "refrains" to match, which doubtless made
the welkin ring, that is if they had such a tintinabulating commodity in O Colraine. He refrained, too, from introducing "Kitty" of that ilk, but probably that susceptible maiden was engaged with the buttermilk at the moment. And under the "gray and ghostly" branches they washed down "Devilled eggs, fresh from Hades" (vide menu) with "silvery spray water," from goodness knows where, and warbled with the sweet singer from Arkansas:

"Right hearty hath been thy royal cheer, O olden city that gathereth here."

The poetic spirit again soared at the winding up banquet, when Comp. Fay Hempstead gave the Company a farewell effusion in five stanzas, which he called "Adios,"—Arkansas for "so long." It was a kind of "happy to meet sorry to part" outburst in the laureate's inimitable style. Here are the concluding lines, brimming over with pathos:

"So out of the joy of the passing day, Let each one unto his neighbor say, With a grasp of the hand, and a mist in the eye; Adieu. Adios. Good-bye. Good-bye."

And echo answers "Adios, Adoo."

"The ghostly branches by the river" are portrayed in a picture representing under their awesome shade the white jacketed waiters engaged at the deserted tables in eager quest for "silver spray water," or any other palate tickler that may have been overlooked. The evidences of a well furnished repast precludes the possibility of confusing the al fresco festivity with a "camp meetin'." It will prove a cherished souvenir of a happy day "down by the river side." Wish we'd been one of the merry guests at O Colraine.

Although Canada is not included in the review of Grand Chapter submitted by Comp. A. Q. Moody, its perusal was nevertheless enjoyed. The compiler succeeds an esteemed and gifted brother, whose passing touched with sorrow others than his Companions of Georgia. M. E. Comp. Lambdin was always sympathetic and cour-
teous, and his opinions on current topics under discussion were valued. Comp. Moody’s initial effort gives promise of a rich future and we gladly join in welcome to the circle.

William F. Bowe, Augusta, Grand High Priest.

W. A. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

**Indiana**

Chapters .. 115. Members .. 14,128.

A net increase of 921 with other gratifying evidences of progress enabled Grand High Priest Chas. M. Worden to declare to the Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation at Indianapolis on the 19th October, 1910, that his had been a period of success. "We are justly proud of our year’s work, and are filled with thankfulness and rejoicing over our achievements."

Comp. Elmer E. Reeves, Grand Captain of the Host, obeyed the inevitable summons in the previous July. Grand Chapter thus "lost a most excellent officer, the State an honest, fearless citizen, and his family a husband and father unexcelled."

Dispensation was issued to institute a Chapter at Greenwood, but similar application from Companions at West Indianapolis was held over because one of the two existing Chapters in the City declined its recommendation. The Committee which considered the matter reported in favor of the applicants, and Grand Chapter concurred.

The circumstances, as set forth by the Committee, exhibited a decidedly dog-in-the-manger attitude on the part of the objecting Chapter, which, be it whispered, boasts a membership of over a thousand.

A Chapter visited by the Grand Inspector was reported as giving the degrees for less than the statutory fee. The minimum fee is $20 and the books of the Chapter showed that candidates were being admitted for $5 and $10. The record indicated that the $20 had been
paid, and then a portion had been remitted to the candidate to cover his alleged expense in attending the convocations. The Inspector was told that if the whole amount of the fee was charged and retained that no members could be obtained.

It appears, too, that the same Chapter had six years previously been reported for a similar offence and had been "warned." The Grand High Priest suspended the Chapter's activity, and ordered the responsible officers to appear before Grand Chapter and show cause why the charter should not be revoked. Subsequently the Grand High Priest was requested to receive a committee of the Chapter, which he did. The Companions claimed that they had the right to use their money as they pleased, and insisted that the Grand Chapter had nothing to do with it. During the discussion one of the committee admitted that in all cases the $20 was not all actually paid in, but that there was a standing order on the books to remit a portion of each candidate's fee. The error of such action was pointed out to them, and most of the committee were brought to see that it was wrong to do indirectly what the law forbids them to do directly.

They promised amendment, and pleaded to be allowed to resume labor. The Grand High Priest lifted the suspension, but held to their appearing before Grand Chapter.

Their plea must have been as eloquently successful with the Committee for the quintette of wise, but very gentle Companions who comprised it believing that the Chapter had been "sufficiently punished."

"Recommended that they be permitted to continue their work as such, but should this or any other Chapter ever be detected in like unlawful proceedings, the charter of such offending Chapter be promptly arrested by the M. E. Grand High Priest, and that the said charter be then not restored except by special orders of the Grand Chapter."

This palpable premium on lawlessness, strange to say, received the approval of Grand Chapter.

As showing how the non-payment of dues is regarded elsewhere, and that full compliance with demands does
not remove the heinousness of the shocking offence, the following deliverance of the Grand High Priest is interesting:

"The fact that a suspended Companion pays the dues for which he was suspended does not alone remove the penalty. He is still a suspended member, and will remain so until that penalty has been removed by reinstatement to membership."

Which it is presumed, means re-petitioning and a ballot. He was then asked:

"If the Companion is not reinstated, must the Chapter return the money paid for the delinquent dues?"

He replied:

"No; the Chapter should not return the money, because that money rightfully belongs to the Chapter for dues on that Companion while he was a member in good standing and receiving the benefits of such membership."

The more we live the more we realize the appalling enormity of the offence of being poor, as seen by the "fraternal" eye. Notwithstanding that circumstances bring about a happier condition of affairs and enables the sinner to make atonement, he bears the indelible stigma. Such was not old time fraternity. What do we not owe to the "reformer?"

"Ah, sir, we do enjoy your sermons," remarked an old lady to a new curate. "They are so instructive. We never knew what sin was until you came to the parish."

The report of Grand Secretary Prather was pardonably optimistic, and we congratulate him on the fact that we are reviewing Indiana's proceedings in less than a month after the Convocation, which it records.

The Grand Inspector's second annual report would indicate that the office was necessary, and that in Companion Glendenning's hands it is doing effective work.

"I have been much gratified to find a marked improvement in the manner of conferring the degrees this year, by most of the Chapters, as compared with last year."

"The rough practices which have been indulged in by many of the Chapters in the past, in conferring the R. A.
Degree, have been almost entirely eliminated in the work given for inspection."

"There is still, however, in some Chapters a disposition on the part of some of the Companions to subject the candidates to such treatment as ought not to be tolerated."

But the candidate has to "tolerate" it. Those Chapters should be "warned" against practising Hoosier hilarity on non-inspected occasions, and admonished gently "not to do it again." Yet the Grand Inspector is of the opinion that the Chapters of his Grand Jurisdiction will compare favorably in all respects with any other, and is "convinced that in a very few years we shall have attained such a standard of perfection as will not be excelled by any other Grand Jurisdiction." Amen.

Companion Britton's second, and apparently his final report on Correspondence, is modelled on the Arkansas idea of brevity, at least he quotes Companion Schoonover of that ilk, and "then goes and does likewise." We hope his Companions have emerged from the perusal duly edified.

Elias J. Jacoby, Indianapolis, Grand High Priest.
Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Iowa

Chapters .. 128. Members .. 11,242.

Most fraternally Grand High Priest George W. Ball greeted his Companions and welcomed them to the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation at Boone on the 13th October, 1910. The town opened wide its doors to the visitors, and the welcome of the local Chapter might well give the strangers material for a profound think. The spokesman of the Boone Craftsmen, among other suggestions of weight, said:

"The Roosevelt doctrines that are meeting with such general and popular acclaim of selecting only honest men, square dealers, for public office, of putting rich and poor on a common level before the law, and of giving a square deal to everybody, is pure
and simple Freemasonry. The Rooseveltism of to-day, in politics, would not be possible except for the work that Freemasonry has been doing for hundreds of years."

And of Masonry's mission he remarked, sapiently:

"It grew out of and largely answers the want of man for a ritualistic religion. Its great revival in England in the seventeenth century took place at a time when the ritualism in the church met with opposition from the government; and as there was a craving in the nature of man for a ritual of religious character, it grew up and took shape in secret lodges and gave us practically the Freemasonry of to-day."

Such gems from an enlightened corner of Iowa forcibly remind one of the "pen" poet,

"They come as a Boon(e) and a blessing to men."

M. E. Comp. Bell referred at some length to the passing of Past Grand High Priest C. Stewart Ells, who presided over Grand Chapter in 1861, when many of us were yet in swaddling clothes. For the last fifteen years the veteran Companion had lived retired in the South, waiting the call.

The Grand High Priest compared the stability and growth of the Masonic fraternity with those of its imitators.

"The descent of many of them has been almost as rapid as their ascent. The moderate, continuous, substantial growth of Capitular Masonry indicates a more healthy and prosperous condition than the mushroom growth of the bodies referred to above."

His official acts were mainly in line with the regulations, and he gave due praise to the excellence of the Chapter working generally.

Grand Secretary Wingate's report was, as usual, carefully and accurately prepared, and with prompt action from the private Chapters he was enabled to submit a complete statement of work done.

M. E. Comp. W. F. Cleveland again undertakes the Correspondence report with his customary ability. As a
reviewer he completely covers the ground, and culls what he regards as particularly applicable or interesting to his own Companions. His notice of Canada for 1910 is kindly and unstinted. We have thoroughly enjoyed his well written report, despite the paucity of subjects, and would have been inclined to talk with him to a more extended length, but that we received Iowa’s Proceedings just before relinquishing the quill.

John M. Thompson, Marion, Grand High Priest.
Alf. Wingate, DesMoines, Grand Secretary.

Ireland

A six page circular contains all the information that the Grand Chapter authorities consider should be known outside their own tabernacle. Of the proceedings of that august body, nothing whatever is disclosed, and its subordinates, from Ballymacarrett to New Zealand, are left in happy ignorance as to whether their legislators by the odorous Liffey conduct business on the Hague tribunal lines or according to Queensberry rules. A few good objects are thus happily achieved. Among others, the bill for printing is reduced to satisfactorily attenuated proportions, the Companions abroad are continued in that condition of bliss which, we are told, lack of wisdom invariably insures, and the eager and occasionally too inquisitive reporter of “foreign” brand is placed in the unenviably elevated position ascribed to the historic “coon.”

“The Grand Officers for 1910,” with His Grace the Duke of Abercorn as M. E. King, lead off the informative procession, small as it is. The other officers, with the exception of the Janitor and two “Joint Registrars of the Grand Chapter of Instruction,” whose names are unadorned with a prefix, are likewise “Most Excellent.” Even the Provincial Superintendents are so styled, all but he for South Africa, and as he is furnished with a knightly appellation in front, as well as the affix C. B., it was probably considered that it would be gilding refined gold to add anything further.
In addition to this “Most Excellent” array, the dates for meetings of Grand Chapter, Board of General Purposes, the Grand Royal Arch Committee of Inspection and the Grand Chapter of Instruction are included in page number one, as well as a footnote informing all interested that communications should be addressed to “Companion” the Grand Registrar at Freemason’s Hall. Why the Grand Registrar should be reduced from a “Most Excellent” to the humble status of a plain Companion before one has time even to turn over a new leaf, is unexplained.

Page number two is devoted to the Grand Treasurer’s statement which shows a balance in bank of £350-17-10, and a sum of £50-9-6 due to Grand Chapter, while there is a nest egg of £2,400 secured in India three and a half per cent. stock.

The next three pages give a list of the Chapters, 197 in all, and the amounts paid in by each during 1909, the highest, £11-19-0, coming from a South Australian Chapter.

The final page reveals that four warrants have been restored during the year, and that thirty-four Companions had been “struck off the roll” for non-payment of dues. Belfast contributed just half of the delinquents.

An amendment to the laws was effected during the period, and as the question has frequently been asked even in our own non-contentious circles, “How are we to abolish the kicker?” the method suggested by Ireland may have some interest:

“A Chapter shall have power to exclude from membership any Companion whose continuance as a member may be considered objectionable, or injurious to the Chapter, providing that four-fifths of the subscribing members present shall so decide at a Convocation specially called to consider the matter. The decision of the Chapter shall be by ballot (with beans). Every subscribing member, if present when the ballot has been declared open, shall vote, and the decision shall be subject to an appeal to the Grand Chapter by the Companion so excluded. The M. E. K. shall have power to order a second ballot if he has reason to believe that a mistake has been made in the first, but shall report to the Grand Chapter the circumstances which justified such procedure.”
Ireland's bean crop is never a failure. The bean in that blessed land has always been favored for the purpose of balloting, and the term "blackbeaned," as used when an applicant for club or otherwise is rejected, is as familiarly understood there as is the expression "blackballed" at this side. If, however, the "kicker" is disposed of, as provided for above, he will be apt to disagree with the gifted Artemus Ward, when he apostrophized the ovule dear to New England palates:

"Blessin's onto the man that invented beans."

The Duke of Abercorn, Grand King.

Henry E. Flavelle, Dublin, Grand Registrar.

**Kansas**

Chapters . . 90. Members . . 8,320.

Resplendent in new jewels, worn for the first time, the officers of Grand Chapter took their places in the afternoon of the 14th February in the city of Hutchinson, and M. E. Thos. G. Fitch, Grand High Priest, opened the Forty-fifth Annual Convocation with a large attendance of delegates, 61 of the Chapters being represented.

M. E. Comp. W. F. Kuhn, General Grand Captain of the Host, was a visitor, who was warmly greeted. Although he had attained his capitular honors as a Missourian, it was in Kansas he spent his early Masonic years. His response was eloquent:

"Every Mason should be enthusiastic to the Royal Arch Degree, for the reason that no man is a complete Master Mason without the Royal Arch. I believe that we are beginning to realize that fact more and more every day. It is the duty of every Master Mason to be a Royal Arch Mason, and no man should preside in the East unless he is a Royal Arch Mason, because he is not in the possession of the attributes of a Master Mason. The Royal Arch is the complement of the Master's Degree; without the Royal Arch the Master Mason's Degree is but a song half sung, a story half told, a hope unrealized, a promise unfulfilled, because he, as a Master Mason, has not come in the possession or realization of the Great Truth that must come to every man. It is only in the Royal
Arch that he discovers his lost estate, in a recognition of that Word that embodies loving kindness, justice and righteousness —the Deity himself."

The Grand High Priest reported a prosperous year, even with a slight falling away from the record of the preceding term. Two new Chapters were added.

Among his dispensations were several to enable Chapters to undertake "pilgrimages" to adjacent towns to confer degrees on candidates. He remarked that "Capitular Masonry" had been materially advanced by reason of these "pilgrimages," and submitted in support an extract from a letter written by an enthusiastic "pilgrim," who averred that his Chapter membership had been increased by fifty, by reason of fitting wheels to the charter. One is disinclined to throw a damper on such ardor, and the hope is expressed that the benefit will be substantial. But why borrow a word adopted by another Order to distinguish these outings? The dignity of the Royal Arch is not enhanced by such departures. In Canada the charter stipulates that the work of the Chapter is to be conducted at a specified place, and that place only, and brethren desirous of its benefits must, if accepted, go to that place or do without the degrees.

Grand Chapter had decided to honor the seventieth birthday of its senior Past Grand High Priest, Thomas J. Anderson, and the appointed Committee journeyed to Topeka for the happy occasion, and at Companion Anderson's residence, which was en fete and crowded, presented him with a jewel and a gold dollar for each year of his life "with ten added for good measure." The other natal day presents were "numerous and costly," including a cut glass outfit from the Grand Commandery. Testifying to the extraordinary wealth of humanity possessed by M. E. Comp. Anderson's home city, the Grand High Priest furnishes this remarkable statement:

"The people came in myriads and droves, and fairly overran the home as well as the spacious grounds, which had been brilliantly illuminated for the occasion. Music and mirth were everywhere."
The "district" experiment was tried during the year and proved beneficial, although, as he states, the system has not yet had a fair trial.

Grand Secretary Wilson submitted an exhaustive report, which indicated close attention to a duty well performed. Indeed a careful inspection of the working of the several Committees must lead to the conclusion that the jurisdiction's affairs are in excellent hands.

M. E. Comp. Matthew W. Miller prepared, for the second time, the report on Correspondence, and the product is worthy of him.

"We believe it to be, as it has been, an accepted fact, that a Masonic jurisdiction receives its rating and degree of consideration to a large extent from the character of the work displayed in its Correspondence Reports."

"Subscribing to these views," we are of the opinion that if the Grand Chapters of the United States and elsewhere ever attain for the Capitular rite the standing it is entitled to have as a Masonic organization, it will be when a systematic effort is made by them to raise the standard of their Correspondence Reports, so that the Craft will be induced to read and study them for their excellence and worth."

This is placing a weighty responsibility on the individual, and if it is "an accepted fact" that his Grand Chapter's standing in the eyes of the Capitular world is to be estimated by the efforts of the reviewer, then it must be admitted that it is time for the latter to have a heart to heart talk with himself and discover if he weighs up to the required standard. Personally the conviction that we are on the elevated side of the balance leads to the hope that discerning Companions will effect such reform that there can be no risk of a drop in the Capitular thermometer so far as this jurisdiction is concerned.

He has a kindly notice of Canada for 1909 and advertsing to our views touching public installations.

"Such a criticism could only come from countries where everything is liable to be subjected to the 'booing' of the 'hoi polloi,' or the 'rabble,' as we would call such levitous objectors in this country. We doubt if an American assemblage, com-
posed of the wives and adult members of the families of the Companions of the Chapter, together with Master Masons of the community, sufficiently interested to attend, should call for any such expression of disapproval in the performance publicly of a ritual which any one can read or obtain if so disposed."

In Canada we confine our Royal Arch ceremonies to Royal Arch spectators, being conservative enough to adhere to ancient custom. We have no objection to an assemblage of friends in their proper place, and a purely Masonic function cannot be the place for outsiders. It is as much a breach of the conventionalities as the usurpation of the word American to distinguish an assemblage of people of the United States to the exclusion of others who make this continent of America their abiding place. At the same time we beg to reassure our good Companion of the fact that, so far as this greater section of America is concerned, there are none who would seriously enter a counter claim to the appropriation of that descriptive "phrase."

That "there are others" who agree with the "countries where everything is liable to be subjected to the "boosing" of the hoi polloi," and who criticize just as freely despite the exalted respectability of "an American assemblage," the following from a Masonic journal just published is given without extra charge:

"The Grand Secretary of Wisconsin submitted a letter to his Grand Master from a certain Lodge in that jurisdiction, in which it was stated that the Lodge desired to hold an entertainment for the members of the Lodge, their wives and families, at which it was proposed to give a portion of the monitorial lectures, which the Master considered not secret, using lantern slides illustrating the same."

To this request the Grand Master replied:

"Not only everything connected with the conferring of the degrees, but all transactions in a Masonic Lodge are secret. Publicity of matters pertaining to the Craft is one of the things we must continuously guard against, as I believe there is too much of this already."
Comp. Miller has many good things to say, and it is a matter for regret that they cannot all be reproduced. Under Massachusetts he paused to comment on a "perfect youth" discussion:

"Kansas had a case last year that would have kept the Pennsylvania High Priest guessing during his whole term. An able-bodied Master Mason with a fine head of hair, in about six weeks' time, became as bald as the surface of a billiard ball. That, we presume from the decision referred to, would have disqualified him from consideration as a perfect youth. After a few months' interval a white down appeared on his cranium, developing a few months later into a snow-white hair; which changed in less than a year into a fine brown head of hair. Here was a perfect youth that in about a year's time went through the three stages of physical existence as far as appearances go, viz.: Youth, manhood, and old age, and how gravitated by a natural process again into perfect youth. The various conundrums that might have been propounded during the various transformations from perfect youth to old age, and back again, each can conjure up for himself. Of course, it is an accepted fact, or truth, that when one qualifies as a member of the bald-headed row, he is unquestionably not a perfect youth."

Fred. Washbon, Anthony, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

Kentucky

Chapters .. 101. Members .. 7,943.

The ponderous volume which furnishes the story of the proceedings of the Ninety-third Annual Convocation is in point of material a disappointment for the seeker after something new, being in the major part a reproduction of the revised Constitution, regulations and code, a compilation that will prove of more interest to our Kentucky Companions than to the inquisitive outsider.

The Companions assembled in Louisville on the 18th October, 1910, with a full roster of officers, and but three of the twenty Past Grand High Priests absent.

M. E. Comp. G. Allison Holland delivered a most acceptable address. Speaking from experience, he could not recall a single year in which the enthusiasm shown
was comparable with that indicated from October, 1909, to October, 1910. "From every section of Kentucky the news of resuscitation, rehabilitation and exaltation comes as upon the wings of the morning."

He laid particular stress upon the necessity and benefit of visits of inspection, and deduced from reluctance of Chapters to invite same an admission that they required them more than others. His official acts presented nothing out of the common.

The Grand Secretary reported something like uniformity in the matter of ritual. Nearly all the Chapters have obtained their full quota, which exhausted the supply, and he felt constrained to recommend that more be printed—a recommendation that will sadden certain bosoms.

Three new Chapters were applied for and will be heard from in due course.

The revised Constitution was presented and numerous emendations suggested. The printer was declared responsible for nearly all the errors quoted. That’s what he’s there for.

The Jurisprudence Committee on the question of the standing of a Companion dropped from the Chapter on account of suspension n.p.d. in his Blue Lodge, delivered itself thus:

"If he has committed no offense other than non-affiliation, there is no reason why he should not be restored to good standing when he has become re-affiliated. In fact, non-affiliation with the “Blue Lodge” is not, strictly speaking, an offense at all; it is a disability, and when the disability is removed there is no reason for further action."

Which, as our colleague of the Federal “hub” would say, is “horse sense.”

The action of the Grand High Priest in issuing a warrant for $5,000.00, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter, in favour of the Old Masons’ Home, was approved. The building
at that time was under roof, and now is nearly completed, and all of the rooms are to be furnished by Masonic bodies and individual Masons of the jurisdiction.

Comp. W. W. Clarke's Correspondence Report, while it has neither head nor tail, seems to be of robust body. Where he comments on current topics, it is with discretion and good sense. Under Canada, he declares against the physical perfection theory and argues, with some show of reason:

"If it be true that at one time only Past Masters were eligible to the Royal Arch degree, and if all Past Masters were eligible, the requirement of physical perfection to eligibility does violence to the history of the Order. We know of no law requiring the Master of a lodge to have all his fingers, or even his hands. If a Master of a lodge had been so unfortunate as to be maimed after becoming a Mason, were, in that early period of the Order's history, eligible to receive the Royal Arch degree, why would he not be eligible now?"

He generously quotes the writer, but hands him down to fame as "Burnett." This, of course, will be laid on the broad shoulders of the printer. It's a way they have in Kentucky.

Under Illinois, he quotes the reporter's reference to Western Australia's lapse to relative membership, and approvingly. He added, by way of a pat on the back, "It is to be regretted that there is, now and then, a drift away from the original Masonic idea."

That is so. Western Australia, with an eye probably on the "reforming" Occident, did allow itself to drift, but ere too late saw the error of its way and returned to the straight path, or, to use the words of the Deputy Grand Principal in his address to Grand Chapter at Perth:

"Hitherto the rule was that if a Companion was excluded from his Chapter for the non-payment of dues or for any other reason the exclusion was also effective in his Blue Lodge and vice versa. But now the Lodge and Chapter have been made distinct and an exclusion in one cannot carry over into the other."
Young Grand Chapters, like individuals, are creatures of imitation and may be pardoned for lapses of this nature, so many erring examples are set them, but they recover from their stumbling like the silly fledgeling whose sure dependence at the last is in the maternal guidance.

Companion Clarke's esteem for ancient Masonic usage and his reverence for Craft traditions must be regarded as of distinctly doubtful brand if we are to accept the following as a portion of his creed:

"A continuation of legislation following the trend of some years past will make of the Order the most thoroughly modern institution in existence, its claim to antiquity resting not in the possession of inherited traits, but solely on the fact of evolution from a remote ancestry whose peculiarities have been lost in transition. Modern Masonry will leave to the Masonry even of 1717, about the same relation that man does to the anthropoid ape, with conditions, as to improvement, reversed."

"Angels and ministers of grace defend us!" Can this be from hoary-headed old Kentucky? Now, welcome chaos.

Harry Bailey, Cynthiana, Grand High Priest.

Henry B. Grant, Louisville, Grand Secretary.

**Louisiana**

Chapters .. 32. Members .. 2,904.

In New Orleans, on the 15th February, 1910, the Sixty-third Annual Convocation was called to order by M. E. Comp. Gus D. Levy, Grand High Priest, and after an invocation by Rev. Comp. Herman C. Duncan, Grand Chaplain, was declared open in ample and solemn form.

In the previous May the Grand Scribe, R. E. Comp. John Puleston, "an indefatigable worker in Capitular Masonry," was called from this life, leaving a gap in Grand Chapter that was keenly apparent.

Among the Grand High Priest's dispensations was one to waive time in the case of a brother, a young naval officer, whose "shore leave" was limited.
"I am happy to say that our worthy Brother was marked, passed, received and acknowledged and exalted by his estimable father, the High Priest of the Chapter on February 16th, enabling him to attend to his duties as an officer in the United States Navy, he having had but a short furlough to visit his parents in the city of Alexandria."

And that father is the Grand Chaplain and able writer of the report on Foreign Correspondence. Our congratulations are tendered to the Rev. and M. E. Comp. Duncan on the happy incident.

He urged the appointment of a salaried Grand Lecturer, but the motion did not take, and expressed himself as in favor of the adoption of the General Grand's ritual. Grand Chapter agreed with him in this.

Two new Chapters were organized, and their appeals for charters successful.

Louisiana is happy in having Chapters whose discerning Companions know how to select the right man for secretary. The Grand Secretary testifies that they are:

"Without exception Companions of ability, who take an especial pride in their work, as evidenced by their writings that have come to me from time to time, and from their annual reports just presented, and are just such men as should be selected to fill this all important and responsible position. A competent and faithful officer in charge of the desk is as much a prerequisite to success as the presiding and directing official."

Comp. Duncan's review of Grand Chapters is always interesting. In his inspection of Canada he refers to the writer's views with regard to the legendary history of the R. A. degree on this continent, and sums it all up thus briefly and accurately:

"Comp. Bennett goes on to show us, however, that the American Royal Arch Degree is one with the English, and not with the Irish, and that hence the American manufacturer drew his materials from more than one source and 'mixed the legends.'

"Comp. Bennett tells us that the Irish Degree is founded upon the finding of the Book of the Law in the reign of King Josiah."
"The legend of the Royal Arch Degree, as we have it, as also that of the Builder, is not found in our Scripture."

Under Illinois he again reveals his grasp of the situation, and is apparently in agreement with English writers, who claim that the tabernacle of the Royal Arch is the legendary tabernacle of Zerubbabel and not that set apart for the purpose of Divine worship.

"If there was a tabernacle erected during the rebuilding of the Temple at Jerusalem, and only one such Tabernacle, we should presume that it was for the purposes of worship, and that Zerubbabel and Haggai did not ever enter its 'most holy place.' But there is nothing to prevent our imagining that the Grand Council caused to be provided for the purposes of their assembly for administrative purposes another Tabernacle. It is not at all impossible that there was a Tabernacle erected near the ruins of the Temple that was not used for worship."

H. A. King, New Iberia, Grand High Priest.

Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

**Maine**

Chapters .. 61. Members .. 9,461.

Twelve of the fifteen living Past Grand High Priests, thirty-two Grand Representatives and representatives of fifty-four of the sixty Chapters were present at the Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Hall, Portland, on 3rd May, 1910. Grand Chapter has lost two Past Grand High Priests during the year, M. E. Comp. James E. Blanchard, died October 23, 1909, and M. E. Joseph M. Hayes, died March 22, 1910.

Grand High Priest Franklin R. Redlon expressed the opinion that the Royal Craft in Maine was holding its own and compared favorably with other jurisdictions. Statistics giving the number as R. A. Masons in each State, compared with the number of Master Masons, showed that the average of all jurisdictions was about 28 per cent. Maine percentage was given as 30.5 per cent above the average, whereat he rejoiced.
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As is customary in Maine much attention was devoted to Schools of Instruction and visitation of officers. Of the latter he said:

“These unselfish companions are men, not of leisure, but devoted to business which occupies their whole time, and, with the exception of the Grand Secretary, without compensation, yet they, through storm and sunshine, find time to instruct and encourage the companions of the different Chapters, and to them is due the credit of the high standard of Capitular Masonry in Maine; and we should be ready to acknowledge our indebtedness to them while they live, that they may enjoy the esteem in which they are held and not wait until it falls upon the Committee of Memorials to show their friends what we thought of them.”

The Committee, to whom the subject of “Traveling Cards” was referred at the previous Convocation, requested that the matter be continued in their hands another year, and the request was granted.

Companion Harris, who was enjoying a trip to Bermuda when Grand Chapter met, as usual furnishes a most acceptable review of the several jurisdictions. Being an advocate of the universal language he regrets the wasted opportunities in that respect of his colleague of the “Nutmeg State” and sighs over the belief that even the banana growers of the Bermudas are ignorant of Esperanto, at least the dusky element in that “balmy” atmosphere.

He is more than usually generous with Canada for 1910, culling to the extent of nearly four pages, and where he does comment is most appreciative.

The Vermont reporter’s remarks on the Washington law, which exacts payment from a foreign Companion for communicating to him one of the preliminary degrees, appealed to him.

“It will be remembered that Canadian R. A. Chapters do not confer the P. M. degree, and also that the Grand Chapter of Washington permits its subordinates to charge half-price for that degree when conferred upon Canadian Companions who wish to visit Chapters in Washington. Comp. Perkins thus very well voices the criticism which that Washington practice has encountered all over our country.”
To another correspondent who queried the penalty of non-payment of dues, ejaculating in tones of astonishment, "not suspended from Masonry! Pray what is he suspended from, the United Workmen?" Companion Harris hands him Maine's view of the matter, and we are disposed to add that Maine's attitude is that accepted by the Craft before the "reformer" was permitted to exist.

"He is suspended from the benefits which arise from membership; he cannot vote, neither can he join another Lodge or Chapter, as the case may be. He is not entitled to masonic relief for himself or his family, to masonic burial, or to the right to visit a lodge or to participate in masonic ceremonies; though a lodge or a brother may voluntarily grant any of these privileges."

In his review of Michigan it is noticed that himself and Comp. Conover are beginning to hob-nob in Esperanto. All we can say is that if this thing is permitted to develop we will be compelled to retort in Erse, and then let Babel defend the new "lingvo."

Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta, Grand High Priest.

Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

**Maryland**

Chapters .. 25. Members .. 3,273.

A well executed half tone of the very handsome Chapter room in Baltimore's new Masonic Temple is presented as the frontispiece to the proceedings of a special Convocation on November 18, 1909, and called for the purpose of dedicating the Capitular apartments. Representatives from other jurisdictions, in addition to a large Maryland attendance, assisted in the imposing ceremonies. Past Grand High Priest, J. F. Allen, delivered a fine address. After brief references to the Temple of Solomon, its destruction consequent on the sins of the people, the captivity of the latter and their return after a certain period to rebuild their city and temple, he said:
The history of Royal Arch Masonry in Maryland and the several Masonic Temples in Baltimore is in some respects parallel with, and in others in contrast to, the history of the Jewish people and their temple.

The origin and early history of the capitular degrees are involved in some obscurity. Dr. Oliver says (I quote from Companion Schultz's History of Freemasonry in Maryland.): 'The earliest mention he could find of the Royal Arch degree in England was in the year 1740, just two years after the commencement of the schism which subsequently resulted in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Ancients (or as sometimes styled, Athol Grand Lodge), previously to which time its essential parts were worked as the completion of the Masters' degree.' Bro. Mackey says: 'In America the history of the degree follows that of the English system. As most of the lodges derived their warrants from the Athol (Ancients) Grand Lodge, the Royal Arch must have been introduced at the time of their constitution. The government of the degree was for a long time under the Masters' Lodges, and many years elapsed before it was taken thence and placed under the control of distinct bodies called Grand Chapters.'

Companion Schultz says: (Vol. 1, p. 312), that the earliest record of the Royal Arch degree in this country is that of Royal Arch Lodge No. 3 in Philadelphia, under date of 1767, but the Chapter (Jerusalem No. 3) celebrated its 125th anniversary, February 7, 1883, thus claiming an existence nine years earlier. Companion Schultz's history was published in 1884. Thirteen years later, in his address before the Grand Chapter at its centennial, he said: 'In the minutes of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, Virginia, the Lodge in which our illustrious Brother George Washington was made a mason, under date of December 22nd, 1753, it is recorded that three brethren, the Master, Senior Warden, and Secretary, were raised to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, the ceremony having been performed by a visiting Brother, with the assistance of two members of the Lodge, who were Royal Arch Masons. This record antedates by nine years the earliest mention of the actual conferment of the degree in Great Britain, viz.—the minutes of the York Lodge, February 9th, 1762.'

Following the English custom, still prevailing in that country, the early Chapters in Maryland were also attached to, or, as it is often expressed, 'under the wing of a Lodge.' Of these the earliest known was attached to Lodge No. 7 at Chestertown, Kent County, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1766; and from it was issued a charter or warrant April 9th, 1787, for a chapter to be attached to Washington Lodge No. 15 in Baltimore, now Concordia Chapter No. 1.

Companion Schultz says: (Vol. 1, p. 313) that none of the records of the Grand Chapter of Maryland earlier than the year
1814 (except 1807) is known to be in existence, but that there are numerous documents and records existing to show that it was organized as early as 1797. It was active in 1804, but by the year 1806 it had become dormant. In 1807, delegates from three Chapters in Baltimore and three in the District of Columbia met and formed the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, but, says Companion Schultz, we know absolutely nothing of the history of this Grand Chapter, other than is disclosed in a printed copy of the proceedings of the convention which organized it, until the year 1814.

“Adhering to another English custom still prevailing, the Grand Master, Virtute officii, acted as Grand High Priest from the formation of the Grand Chapter in 1797 until November 9, 1814, when the constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was revised and amended, and Philip P. Eckel was elected Grand High Priest. Since then, conforming to the American practice, the Grand Chapter has maintained a separate and independent existence for itself and its subordinates.”

The One hundred and twelfth Annual Convocation was held in the Temple in the evening of the day of the dedication. Grand Secretary Miller, with scrupulous caution, reminds readers in a foot note:

“This should be one hundred and twelfth year and not ‘Annual’ Convocation, as several Annual Convocations were not held during the early part of the nineteenth century. (See Schultz’s History of Freemasonry in Maryland).”

Grand High Priests as a rule open their addresses with some reference to the flight of time and with a remarkable sameness. M. E. Comp. John W. Linthicum hit on something original by way of illustration.

“The bird of time has but a little way to flutter, and the bird is on the wing.”

The bird is in danger of being stolen if the M. E. Companion has failed to register it with a copyright mark. He did some visiting and was sorry he could not do more.

A Chapter had written him asking that the necessary authority be procured to enable it to confer the degrees upon a brother whose legal residence was in Delaware, but, being a master mariner plying between Boston and other ports, found it impossible to go to his home place to receive the degrees. Communication with Delaware
disclosed the fact that the Delaware Chapter refused to sanction waiver of jurisdiction. A life on the ocean wave has its disadvantages sometimes.

The “traveling card” question came before him in a letter from a Chapter asking if Grand Chapter issued a receipt for dues similar to one issued by another jurisdiction, which was enclosed, and, if not, could they use the Chapter seal on their present form of receipt for dues? He declined to countenance the proposal and advised against using the seal. The Committee approved his action.

“The practice of affixing the seal of a Chapter to a Companion’s receipt for payment of dues, to the end that the receipt may be used as a certificate of good standing in visiting away from home, is in our judgment reprehensible and should be at once prohibited.

“Attached to so unimportant a paper as a receipted bill for dues, the seal of the Chapter loses its character and value. As these receipts are renewed from year to year or oftener, and not carefully guarded by the owner, it would be easy to use them improperly by any one so inclined, and bogus applicants for relief might readily and effectively profit by them.

“If a visiting Companion is unable to prove himself worthy by the usual means known to the Craft, any number of receipted bills for dues ought not to aid him, whether impressed with the genuine seal of the Chapter or with a simulated device employed by an imposter.

“It is to be regretted if such a practice obtains in other jurisdictions, but we recommend that it receive the ‘seal’ of condemnation in our own.”

Companion Graham Dukehart, the hard-working Grand Lecturer, visited every Chapter in the State and reported all in a healthy condition and doing good work.

The allowance to the veteran Chairman of Correspondence was doubled and fifty dollars voted for his amanuensis.

The death in the previous May of Companion William Nash Young, Past Grand High Priest, removed from annual gatherings a most highly esteemed and love-
able Companion, who rendered yeoman service in the cause of Masonry in Maryland.

A letter being read from the High Priest of Joppa Chapter No. 37, in which he stated his Chapter was practically dormant, and expressing a desire to surrender its charter, it was resolved that the fees and dues be remitted and that the condition of the Chapter be referred to the incoming Council of Grand Officers for consideration and final action.

Recognizing that it was largely through the personal effort, energy and zeal of M. W. Bro. Thos. J. Shryock, Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, that Grand Chapter had been provided with beautiful and appropriate quarters, it was agreed that a committee of five be appointed by the Grand High Priest for the purpose of procuring suitable engrossed resolutions expressing appreciation of his invaluable services.

Four of the Grand Past High Priests were called to the East, and presented with handsome jewels of gold, with the coat of arms of Maryland in enamel and the breast plate in jewels, and to avert any suspicion of individual distinction it was moved and carried, “That all the remaining Past Grand High Priests be presented with the regulation jewel of Maryland.”

Again we welcome the labors of the veteran reviewer, Companion Schultz, the more remarkable in being achieved under the veil of darkness and at an advanced age. It is a capital report and covers the field with rare accuracy.

“With total blindness, however, we have learned how to make others help in the work which is so dear to us. Memory also comes to the rescue and aids to a remarkable degree.”

Under Canada, to which he devotes much appreciated attention, he makes special reference to the conferring of the exalted rank upon an esteemed Companion in recognition of long and valued services, and adds:
"We beg to congratulate Companion Watson upon receiving a rank which we ourself hold and esteem highly."

That the latter announcement is pleasing goes without saying, and that the honor was rightly placed must be admitted when one recalls the many years he has unselfishly devoted to the cause in his much-favored State. If not regarded as a sample of inquisitiveness, a request for the nature and occasion of the distinction is humbly submitted and the information will be gladly welcomed if only to add to the already large measure of appreciation and respect we entertain for Maryland's "grand old man."

He is, as previously noted, an uncompromising foe to innovation of any kind, and especially to the dependent membership doctrine which of late years has been found so "handy" in a majority of the American jurisdictions.

The late Companion Cunningham of Ohio had declared adherence to the new faith, and to Companion Schultz the lapse gave some concern.

"The arguments used by Companion Cunningham are similar to those used by all favoring dependent membership doctrine, but whether that doctrine is right and proper is not the question at issue, at the present time, between him and ourselves.

"We stated that there is a contradiction between his belief that it was unjust and unmasonic to deprive a Brother or Companion of all his Masonic rights and privileges because of non-payment of dues or non-affiliation, holding as we do that deprivation from certain Lodge privileges in the one case, and dropping from the roll in the other, is an all sufficient punishment for such delinquency,' and in his belief in the justice and prosperity of 'dependent membership.'

"Now what is this dependent membership doctrine? Is it not that if a Companion dinit from his Lodge and remains unaffiliated for the space of six months he shall be deprived of all his Capitular rights? We ask our dear Companion, is not this punishment inflicted wholly and solely because of non-affiliation, to do which he believes is unjust and un-masonic. Is not our accusation therefore correct?

"Now come, my dear friend, and own up like a good old conservative that you are, and confess that you have been lead unthinkingly into belief into this what we still call a modern
As we have heretofore stated, it was the invention of the late Companion Bowen, of Nebraska, some twenty-five years ago.

Companion Schultz had told us in a former report that the innovation was the doubtful achievement of the Nebraskan Grand Secretary, but it is noticed that Nebraska's reviewer is quoted by him with some satisfaction in the matter of a proposition which came before the former's Grand Chapter, and to which Companion Schultz had entered a protest. The Nebraska Companion's pronouncement reproduced by him reads:

"We are likewise gratified to say that that particular proposition met with defeat; that it is the steady purpose of Masons in Nebraska not to permit such an innovation 'in the body of Masonry.'"

Their steady purpose, eh? Well, probably when something new is introduced into the body of Masonry and is called a "doctrine" it ceases to be an "innovation." There are many methods of killing a dog beside choking him with butter.

We take leave of Companion Schultz in the earnest hope that he will be heard from as usual with the proceedings of Maryland's One hundred and thirteenth.

1910.

Two new Chapters marked the One hundred and thirteenth Annual over which M. E. Wm. B. King presided with grace and dignity. There was a fine attendance of delegates in the Baltimore Temple on November 17th, when that officer called the Convocation to order. His address indicated a very harmonious term.

The non-attendance of a number of Grand Representatives near Grand Chapter engaged his attention, and it was deemed advisable for the good of the Royal Craft to replace those Companions with others who will grace the Annual Convocations with their presence. A circular letter was sent each Grand Representative, directing his attention to the obligations appertaining to his position as such.
The Grand Lecturer reported that the Royal Craft is healthful in condition and encouraging in growth, a decided gain in numbers during the Masonic year now closing being shown.

To the watchful care of this esteemed Companion, augmented by fidelity to his trust and zeal in his labours, is due in a great measure the success and advancement of our subordinate Chapters. One of them he reported in a condition of somnolency and advised transplanting. The charter was subsequently declared forfeited.

Comp. Thos. J. Shryock, P.G.T., Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, was announced in waiting, escorted into the Grand Chapter, and suitably received.

Past Grand High Priest Jno. M. Carter, Canada's worthy ambassador, then presented Comp. Shryock with a beautiful testimonial of the esteem in which the Grand Master is held by the Royal Craft—it is a solid silver keystone, with the resolutions engraved upon it, and with the seal in silver attached, the whole placed upon an ornate bronze scroll, 15 by 20 inches. A handsome photo engraving of the unique design accompanies the record.

Cheerful under sore affliction, the veteran Companion Schultz is again found at the reportorial desk, where he, among the many others, reviewed Canada for 1910, and with his customary thoroughness and unfailing courtesy. As with ourselves, he cherishes no countenance for the compulsory membership doctrine, a fungus growth of recent years, and fails not to commend those who condemn it as a lamentable innovation. Indeed, it would appear that there are not a few who accept it because their neighbour adopted it, and without troubling to study its genesis, approve on the follow-my-leader principle, and, having approved, feel bound to defend their ill-chosen position.

"Take things aisy, me bhoy," said the philosophic Hibernian, "and if you can’t take things aisy, take them as aisy as you can."
APPENDIX

That there is something of the same easy-going disposition in the ready acceptance of questionable legislation is made manifest occasionally. The Texan reviewer favored the dependent membership doctrine, but having given a thought to the matter, delivers himself thus. Companion Schultz quotes:

"But we recognize the force of, and the consideration that should be given to, the opposition of such Masonic scholars and jurists as Schultz and Bennett."

He might have spared our blushes. We cannot claim to be in that class. The association is exceedingly flattering to the writer, but the remark serves to illustrate the point aimed at. Comp. Schultz' reference in a former review to his being honoured with past rank and which it was taken to mean that it was conferred by a foreign jurisdiction, is thus explained in reply to a query by Comp. Terrell:

"Under Canada he explains how he got the impression from our 1906 report that we were present at the formation of that Grand Chapter, and that we were honored with the rank of Honorary Past Grand Z. of that jurisdiction, when we sought to imply that we were Honorary Past Grand High Priest of our own. Well, Companion Terrell, we learned in our algebraic equations that things which are equal to the same thing are equal to each other. That fixes it."

The veteran Companion closes with an interesting bit of autobiography, in which he states that he was exalted in Baltimore in 1855, was elected High Priest in 1864, and in 1869, was Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. In 1904, having completed forty years in the Royal Craft, he was honoured by having conferred upon him the rank of Honorary Past Grand High Priest. In 1876 he wrote his first report on Correspondence for Grand Chapter, the last being his thirty-fourth, and he has written twenty-four for Grand Lodge. For many years he has only been enabled to do the work by the aid of an amanuensis and a keen memory.

"It is known to most, if not all, the brethren who read these Reports that for the past thirteen years this work was only rendered possible by the aid of others, and my grateful acknowledg-
edgments are due to those who have thus helped me in my blindness."

That he may long be spared to his Companions is the fervent prayer of his host of admirers.

Daniel E. Emich, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.
John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

**Michigan**

Chapters .. 149. Members .. 19,897.

The city of Lansing saw the Sixty-second Annual Convocation on the 17th May, 1910, and a cordial welcome was tendered by the citizens.

An attendance of over two hundred testified to the zeal of the Chapters, 141 of which were represented.

M. E. Comp. Benjamin Porter, who was Grand High Priest in 1862, was an addition to the "Roll of Honor," he having passed away in the previous March. He was the last of those who had assisted at the organization of Grand Chapter.

Grand High Priest Geo. W. Armstrong added three new Chapters to the roll and did much visitation. He praised what he witnessed and declared that he returned in the belief that the Chapter holds a place of influence in the community and that its members represent the best citizenship.

He, of course, was a pilgrim to Savannah, and enjoyed his trip even though the General Grand's business was conducted "in the usual manner, nothing of importance coming up for consideration."

"The question has arisen in my mind, what disposition is to be made of the accumulated funds of the General Grand Chapter? Our Grand Chapter pays each year about two hundred dollars into its treasury, and I cannot see that we derive any real benefit from our connection with it."

Among his recommendations was one urging that the petition for a new Chapter be signed by at least twenty
R. A. Masons, instead of the traditional "nine." He also paid high tribute to the services of the Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer, and recommended their substantial recognition, and wound up with an appeal for increased support to the Masonic Home.

Grand Secretary Conover's report embraced everything that came within his ken, the "traveling triangle" among others.

"It was my privilege to be present at the notable visit of McKinley Chapter No. 181, of Cleveland, to King Cyrus Chapter No. 133, on September 11 last, at which time the 'Traveling Triangle' was delivered. This was a very beautiful ceremony and greatly enjoyed by a large gathering of Royal Arch Masons. Two teams were exalted, one by each Chapter, thus giving Michigan Companions a rare opportunity to witness one of the most enthusiastic Chapters of Ohio give the Royal Arch work. The purpose of the traveling triangle is to promote visits among Chapters of different jurisdictions. St. Patrick's Chapter, of Toronto, was the originator of the idea. The triangle is to travel around the Capitular world and at each stop a chapter of history is added to the book which accompanies it. When it returns eventually to St. Patrick's Chapter it will have united into warm friendship the hearts of thousands of Companions who otherwise might have remained strangers for life."

He too went to Savannah, at his own expense, to acquire knowledge and to increase his wealth of friendships. The Grand Secretaries were there in force and, recognizing a good thing when they saw it, made him the scribe of their organization, and which he regards as a distinguished honor.

One of the Detroit Chapters instructed its representative to propose an amendment to the existing law governing territorial jurisdiction to the effect that Capitular Michigan should be free to the qualified Master Mason, or, in other words, that he might be at liberty to petition any Chapter he pleased. This proposition was apparently favored by the Grand Lecturer, who argued in his report:

"Very few applications will ever be made outside the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the candidate resides any way. Sometimes a brother may have business interests which prevent his ever attending his own Chapter when he could attend to receive
the degrees and otherwise some other Chapter. Sometimes a brother removes from his lodge home and feels as if he would like to return and get the degrees among his old friends. We ought always to permit these natural desires to be gratified.

The Committee, however, had no sympathy with "natural desires," and briefly but respectfully reported adversely and the report was approved.

A rather remarkable decision of the Grand High Priest to the effect that a dimit from another Grand Jurisdiction should bear the signature of the Grand Secretary and seal of same, attached. This extraordinary pronouncement, while not specifically dealt with by the Committee, is taken to have had its smiling sanction under the blanket recommendation "that all the other decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest be approved."

We cannot conceive for a moment that the matter was given its due consideration by the G. H. P. or the Committee. Did either marshal the possibilities or try to estimate what was involved? There are many Grand Chapter jurisdictions on the habitable globe, every one of which recognizes in the "dimit" or certificate of withdrawal, a document that is an instrument of the Lodge, or Chapter, alone, and with which the Grand body has no concern. The Companion did not require the sanction of the Grand body when he made application to the Chapter, nor is its endorsement necessary when he applies to leave it. It is a matter between the Chapter and the individual pure and simple, and as it was in the beginning, it is now and ever shall be, the Michigan decision notwithstanding.

Apropos—it was a Michigan brother of no mean ability and research who recently declared that there were five evils injuring American Masonry, and enumerated them as follows:

1. The evil of over legislation.
2. The opinion general in Grand Lodges, that Lodges cannot be trusted, but must be coerced to do right.
3. The disposition to get an undeserved and cheap reputation for superior virtue at the expense of the "innocent bystander."
4. The evil of law-making by "decisions," and
5. The nuisance of Masonic Jurisprudence as a whole.
If any doubt be entertained as to the legitimacy or otherwise of the particular Lodge or Chapter issuing the dimit, there are other and simpler methods to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion than proposing legislation that can only excite an irritant ridicule. The Grand body authorizes its subordinate to issue a certificate of withdrawal, but the Grand Secretary’s autograph under the seal of that Grand body was never intended to be attached to documents emanating from any other source than itself. Michigan may by “decision” or by a Committee’s “report” enact that the Grand Secretary of other Grand Chapters must do a certain thing in order to comply with what the Grand High Priest of Michigan “holds” to be correct, but it is extremely doubtful if the numerous Grand Chapters, outside of Michigan, are accelerating their movements to any wearying extent in order to comply with Michigan’s demand. If it is Michigan’s desire to bar the way to affiliates hailing from recognized jurisdictions beyond its borders it has hit upon a capital way to attain its end, but we do not think, however, that such is the aim, and believe that good sense will prevail when the situation comes to be re-surveyed.

Grand Secretary Conover is responsible for a very able and entertaining report on Correspondence, and is most generous in his views of Canada 1910, as well as the time he devotes to his near neighbor.

Arthur E. Stevens, Detroit, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

**Minnesota**

Chapters .. 71.       Members .. 8,080.

The Forty-ninth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter was opened by M. E. Comp. James Ridler, Grand High Priest, at St. Paul on 11th October, 1910. All the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Treasurer, who was ill.

M. E. Comp. Nathan Kingsley, G. G. High Priest of the G. G. Chapter of the United States, being present,
was escorted to the East by all the Past Grand High Priests present, received with Grand Honors, and addressed the Companions. Canada's punctual representative, M. E. Comp. A. P. Swanstrom, was an active worker during the Convocation.

During the year was announced the deaths of Past Grand High Priests William G. Ten Brook, who died February 14th; Blinn Converse, who died March 11th, and Charles Whippo Nash, who died August 18th, 1910.

Grand High Priest Ridler reported that nearly all the Chapters had been visited by inspecting officers. A large majority, he said, were in most satisfactory condition in every respect—a few doing nothing, and a still smaller number not even trying. From personal observation of the cases where no effort was being made, he reasoned that the High Priest, and in some cases the Secretary, had been in office too long.

About twenty years ago a brother took his dimit from the Blue Lodge and Chapter. Recently he made petition to the Blue Lodge for affiliation and was not elected; now his petition for affiliation is before the Chapter, and under those circumstances he was asked whether the petition to come before the Chapter was in order. He replied "yes." Which goes to show that Minnesota is not under the influence of the "doctrine."

"For the benefit of the Companions in this Jurisdiction, I would state that there are no Mark Master Lodges in Scotland. The degree is sometimes conferred there in Master Mason Lodges. It will, of course, be necessary for any Brother who has received the Mark Master degree in that manner to petition a Chapter in regular form and pay the full fee and receive all the degrees."

But if the Grand Lodge of Scotland certifies that he has received the Mark degree under its authority, one fails to see how recognition of that Grand body can be reconciled with repudiation of any of its official actions. There are many who reason that the Mark degree is in its proper place with the blue degrees and that its legitimacy is the better established by associating it with
occurrences of its own period rather than placing it with events of several hundred years later.

Grand Secretary Fishel, who is now quartered in luxuriously furnished offices, presented a pleasing report, only marred by the oft-recurring complaint of dilatory secretaries.

"These delays prevent the tabulation of the returns until the last moment and it is only by working practically day and night for the last few days that I am able to get my report ready. I do not object to work, but I do object, and I think with reason, to being compelled to do in two or three days that for which, according to the law, I should have as many weeks."

It was resolved that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated from the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, to be used in relieving the distress consequent to the disastrous fires in the northern portion of the State.

The propriety of opening the Chapter before proceeding with the work of the preparatory degrees was discussed by the Jurisprudence Committee on a decision of the G. H. P. that such course was not necessary. The Committee disagreed with the ruling on constitutional grounds, but on request the question was laid over for a year.

In the evening, after close of Grand Chapter, the Mark Master's degree was conferred on the Mayor of the city of St. Paul, "Hon." Herbert P. Keller, by a corps of officers composed of Past High Priests of twin city Chapters.

In a report of fifty-eight pages Comp. Irving Todd comprises his review of the Grand Chapters and does it well, Canada for 1910 receiving a page of notice.

John T. Johnson, Fergus Falls, Grand High Priest.
John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

**Mississippi**

Chapters .. 73.
Members .. 4,035.

The address of M. E. Comp. Edwin J. Martin to the Sixty-second Annual Convocation at Columbus on 17th
February, 1910, consisted of a dozen pages of the printed proceedings, and was considered important enough to be carved into just eleven portions, one each to as many Committees, mainly comprised of the mystic three.

Charles T. Chamberlain and J. A. B. Jones, Grand High Priests in 1887 and 1898 respectively, were among those beckoned away during the year.

The Grand High Priest was pardonably proud of the condition of the Royal Craft in his jurisdiction. He added two new Chapters and an increase of 190 was reported in the membership.

While he is an advocate of the Grand Representative system, he thought it might be improved by more attention. "But we are in too great a rush; we cannot stop long enough to hear or take much interest in what others are doing. I find it the case in our subordinate Chapters. We give little time to social features or to the cultivation of individual acquaintances."

"When I was elected Grand High Priest I determined to nominate only such Companions for Grand Representatives as are regular attendants on the meetings of the Grand Chapter. I examined our list, and was surprised to find names of those who were non-affiliates, and in one case the name of a Companion who had been dead quite a number of years. The service is worthy of a better attention than it has received."

Little wonder that he considered an improvement necessary. A Chapter whose warrant was declared forfeited in the previous year on account of non-payment of the claim of a regalia house, appealed for a re-hearing, which the G. H. P. granted. The Committee gave the membership until next Convocation to pay up the £500 owing, which was, pro rata, $12.50 each—and if the creditor expressed satisfaction the application for dimits would then be considered. Marvelously like unto assuming a collection agency phase was this whole procedure, at least what is reported of the matter in the proceedings would lead to that impression.

Grand Lecturer Sadler's report indicated a busy year, in which he incidentally collected nearly a thousand dollars for the Masonic Home.
A telegram of greeting from the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in pow-wow at Boonville and signed "Mollie Allen" created a whirr of excitement among the sympathizers with the fair "twinklers," and the Grand Secretary was "unanimously" directed to send a reply "expressing the heartiest good wishes and fraternal greetings of the Grand Chapter to the Ladies of the Eastern Star collectively and individually," and "which was done at once."

"Mollie asthore" and her sisters must have been exceedingly gratified at the receipt of so superlative a reply to their simple message.

"World wide apart, and yet akin
As showing that the human heart
Beats on forever as of old."

Past Grand High Priest O. L. McKay takes up the quill abandoned by the facetious and evangelical DeLap and turns out over a hundred and twenty pages of good reading for his companions. Three of them are devoted to Canada for 1909. Quoting the Grand Lecturer, he observes that Grand Chapter "provided the ammunition without providing the means of transportation to the scene of action."

The sinews of war would have to be of abnormal strength to provide for calls in a jurisdiction embracing territory nearly as extensive as the whole United States. Possibly that phase of the difficulty did not occur to the good Companion's analytical "think tank." The contributions of the individual Chapters to the war chest are too insignificant to stand the strain of covering a field of such dimensions, and the district system of inspection by Superintendents has proved admirably successful hitherto in maintaining a standard of efficiency and securing uniformity. The Grand Lecturer is provided to enable Chapters so disposed to secure him for a special course of instruction at their own expense, and that the report referred to has achieved the desired end in that direction a perusal of his current official acts will testify.
Our query as to where the "bother and expense" of the Grand Representative system came in was too much for him, so he lets Grand Secretary Speed "butt in" with a characteristic exposition:

"I do not know when this racket about the 'bother and expense of the Grand Representative system started, or with whom, for I do not recall that I ever said a word upon the subject, although I have sometimes wondered whether 'the pork was worth the shilling,' as for instance I have given two hours out of this blessed New Year's holiday on which I am writing, when I might have been frolicking, to making out new commissions to fill vacancies in the office of Grand Representative, and that's a part of the 'bother' of the thing. The expense is insignificant, but amounts to something in the way of postage. printing commissions, copies of proceedings and other items, to say nothing of time, which is needed for more important matters. But neither the 'bother' nor the 'expense,' or both, is the nubbin of the thing. These commissions are mostly held by those who do not appreciate the honor at least enough to make a sacrifice to attend the bodies to which they are accredited. Fifteen out of forty-five of them attended at Hattiesburg, every one of whom would have been there if they never had been commissioned. Does it pay? If the Representatives as a rule appreciated the compliment and were gratified thereby, I would be the last to say anything about the 'bother and expense.' Doubtless it is all right, but! but!"

And doubtless he will continue to "but," as he claims that "butting in" is his privilege. We are glad of it too, as "variety," even in a Correspondence report, is charming.

We have thoroughly enjoyed Companion McKay's initial effort, and extend our meed of welcome in the hope that he has come to stay.

Wiley H. Clifton, Aberdeen, Grand High Priest.

Frederic Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Missouri

Chapters .. 107. Members .. 11,905.

There were a number of visitors to the Sixty-fourth Annual Convocation held at St. Louis on the 26th April, 1910, and the Missouri Companions received them with fraternal honor. They included the head of the General
Grand Chapter, M. E. Comp. Nathan Kingsley, to whom Grand High Priest Boor "acknowledged allegiance" by extending to him the courtesy of the gavel. There were also the General Grand Captain of the Host and Past Grand High Priests Graff M. Acklin of Ohio and Henry W. Mordhurst of Indiana.

In his address the G. H. P. recalled that

"In St. Louis 64 years ago, this Grand Chapter was organized. Missouri then had a population of nearly 400,000. Now her population is 3,600,000, and she holds sixth place in the sisterhood of States.

"St. Louis then had a population of 80,000, while now she has over 750,000 and ranks fourth among the cities of the nation.

"This Grand Body was then composed of four subordinate Chapters with a membership of 140, while now we boast of a membership of 11,905, the average per chapter being 112 and our rank among the States being the tenth."

He lamented the passing away of Companion Rufus E. Anderson, who presided over Grand Chapter in 1879. "Companion Anderson was of genial, sympathetic nature, a close observer, and very much averse to gaudy show with shallow pretense."

He decided that a Companion who was elected to the office of High Priest of his Chapter and installed therein, but who did not serve as such owing to being called from the State to take charge of a church, being a clergyman, was entitled to his rank of Past High Priest. "Any other decision," he explained, "would have deprived his Chapter of the honor of having a Past High Priest for 1909."

The Jurisprudence Committee was emphatic in its disapproval of the decision, pointing out that it was expressly provided "that one who has been elected and installed High Priest of a Chapter is not entitled to the rank of Past High Priest unless he shall have actually served as High Priest for one year."

"The Companion having permanently removed from the State, by that act his office became vacant, and, not
having actually served as High Priest for one year, he is not entitled to the rank of Past High Priest."

When it came to Grand Chapter there was a "hot time," and after a free discussion pro and con the Grand Chapter turned down the construction put upon the law by the Committee and voted to sustain the decision of the Grand High Priest.

The High Priest of a Chapter reported that one of the members was operating a drug store in a "dry" town, and that he had been repeatedly accused and tried by the local authorities for selling liquor illegally, but that he had been cleared on technicalities in every instance except one. Some time ago he was convicted in Justice Court, the Circuit Court, and the Court of Appeals, and the case was still pending—it now having reached the Supreme Court.

This might well be regarded as an affair sub judice, but the Grand High Priest replied:

"While in some cases we might, with fairness to all parties concerned, wait for a decision by a court of last resort before instituting proceedings, we did not think this was that kind of a case, and accordingly ordered the High Priest to at once prefer charges in his Chapter against the Companion for un-Masonic conduct and to give him a fair and impartial trial permitting him, however, to defer action if the Lodge already had the case in hand and he was satisfied that all reasonable efforts were being made to reach a conclusion."

He recommended the procuring of a supply of specially prepared "scrolls" for the use of the Chapters—"For a High Priest to read from the Monitor, or a Bible printed in the twentieth century, is not in keeping with the historical settings of the degrees. Such paradoxical situations often render our work ridiculous in the eyes of alert and thinking candidates."

At the 1908 Annual Convocation a resolution was adopted directing the incoming G. H. P. to appoint a committee of three to consider and suggest methods towards instituting some method of disseminating knowledge under the auspices of Grand Chapter, and the
report of that Committee, it will be remembered, suggested the starting of a Masonic periodical, which, properly edited and managed, would not only fill the hiatus, but be a possible source of revenue as well. The report was referred back for further consideration, and the Grand High Priest heralded the latest report in terms of enthusiastic commendation:

"The desire for 'More Light' is, we believe, an abiding one and the time has now come when we can safely launch a Masonic periodical of our own. I can already hear the ultra-conservatives saying 'We can't afford it;' 'It will break us up,' etc. Anticipating such a rebuff, I desire to emphatically declare that I believe we can afford it, and it will pay from the start."

The Committee's further report was along similar lines and cited the proposed law relating to fraternal publications and its relation to the post office, which would insure to the enlightening project the privileges and benefits of "second class matter." But there are Committees and Committees, and that on the address, which comprised fourteen of the probably "ultra-conservatives," delivered itself of the following succinct opinion, which Grand Chapter adopted, and thus "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley."

"Regarding the matter of proposed Masonic Publication mentioned and recommended in the Address of the Grand High Priest, and also the subject matter of the Report of the Special Committee referred to, we desire to report that we deem it inexpedient for the Grand Chapter to enter upon any such business enterprise."

The Grand High Priest pleaded too for more elbow room for the reviewer, who was "cribbed, cabined and confined" within the limit of a hundred pages, but the same adamantine Committee considered any change in the existing arrangement inadvisable.

"Companion John H. Miller presented his report on Correspondence, preceding it with a summary and general remarks on the subject, evidently designed to attract the attention of the Companions to a work being annually published, but seldom read by those for whom it is prepared."
“Considerable enthusiasm was manifested, followed by a request that it be incorporated with the report, which was declined by Companion Miller on his judgment that it was matter not intended for publication and its purpose had been accomplished.”

That discretion was the valorous part there, is evidenced in the fact that the report presented by the reviewer comprised exactly one hundred pages. Yet we sympathize with the Companions that those “general remarks” are lost to posterity.

Companion Miller, who succeeds the scholarly Grand Secretary, R. F. Stevenson, as reviewer, claims to be a novice at the work. As in the case of his “general remarks,” we are convinced that his Companions will enjoy the result of his novitiate and profit by the reading. One can easily discern, however, the effect of his circumscribed position and may express the hope that the imprisoned longing to “spread himself” in their behalf will be given its joyous freedom ere long. His “supplemental remarks” to most of the reviews plainly indicated what he might do were he given the opportunity. His notice of Canada for 1909 is kindly and just. Observing the first stage of the traveling triangle’s journey, he remarks:

“This is worthy of attention as a novel way of exciting interest. It will be received with the attention it merits as a symbol of fraternity when it arrives in Missouri.”

Francis H. Trimble, Liberty, Grand High Priest.
Robert F. Stevenson, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

**Montana**

Chapters .. 17. Members .. 1,508.

Edward Cason Day, whose portrait indicates, as his biography endorses, a highly intellectual gentleman, ably bore the honors of Grand High Priest when the Twentieth Annual Convocation assembled in the city of Butte on the 14th September, 1909. There was a very creditable attendance, including ten Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of fifteen of the seventeen Chapters.
The Grand High Priest "requested the members of Grand Chapter to abstain from smoking in the Chapter room and confine it to the ante-rooms." And this request was made after prayer by the acting Grand Chaplain.

We are partial to the weed ourselves, but in the atmosphere and surroundings of a Chapter room we doubt if a Canadian Companion would so far forget himself. Such a breach would subject the offender to prompt admonition.

The Grand High Priest blessed his stars that his "two distinguished predecessors were so active and so able in the discharge of their duties," as the exactions of his profession interfered with a noble resolve to follow in their footsteps. He found consolation in the reflection that, owing to the high state of efficiency to which they had brought the Craft he wouldn't be much missed anyway.

"Pa," queried an aspiring youngster, "what are sins of omission?"

"Those we have forgotten to commit, but which we promptly attend to as soon as we are reminded of the oversight," responded the pater, complacently.

He decided, with a mental reservation, that an applicant whose right arm had been amputated below the elbow was ineligible for the Chapter degrees. He quoted the Nebraska writer, who maintained that rejection because of physical disability should not be applied to one who had reached the Master Mason's degree, and the Massachusetts reporter, who claimed that moral unfitness only should bar the advancement of one who was already an acknowledged brother.

The Jurisprudence Committee was divided on the matter; the majority favored the decision, but recommended its further consideration by next year's committee of jurists. The minority also agreed with the G. H. P.'s ruling, but objected to any further reference, and the Grand Chapter agreed with the latter. Score another for physical perfection.
The Grand High Priest concluded his address by an expression of pleasure in the peace and progress that characterized the year just closed, and although he was unable to visit the Chapters, he thought his failure to accomplish that duty did no injury to any.

"The Chapter is not a playground or a theatrical show. It is the depository of sacred truths, invaluable for the human race, which should be imparted in such manner as will secure their safe lodgment in the minds and hearts of our members."

With such a conviction one is not surprised that he detected an incongruity in the introduction and accompaniment of tobacco.

The Grand High Priest, who is also President of the Board of the Grand Lodge Trustees of the Masonic Home, made a verbal statement with regard to the Home. It was his great pleasure to report the building completed and furnished, the latter work being done by the Order of the Eastern Star. It was stated to be the purpose of the Board to open the institution for the reception of guests before cold weather sets in.

After installation Past Grand High Priest Edward C. Day was presented with an elegant jewel of his rank. Companion Day responded "in a way that only he can."

A motion was made that a committee be appointed to select jewels for all Past Grand High Priests, but it was lost. Thus reward sweetens labor, occasionally.

Grand Secretary Cornelius Hedges, Jr., prepared a report on Correspondence which, though brief, is good. He gives a couple of pages to Canada for 1909, and expresses a little astonishment at the length of some of the Chapter names. For his information let us say that in the very few instances noted they are combinations consequent on amalgamations. He closes an excellent review by admitting the realization of a difficult task and a plea for gentle criticism because of lack of experience. Quite superfluous, we should assume, from a perusal of this, his first attempt. Companion Hedges can hold his
own if called upon, and his constituency is to be congratulated on securing the fruits of a well-nurtured ability displayed in the worthy son of a worthy sire.

M. A. Walker, Dillon, Grand High Priest.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska

Chapters .. 56.  Members .. 4,242.

A couple of interesting incidents marked the otherwise tame and very peaceful proceedings of the Forty-third Annual Convocation at Omaha on the 15th December, 1909.

Companion Martin Dunham, a life member of the Grand Chapter, being one of the nine Companions who formed the Grand Chapter, was present, and the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed a committee to present and introduce him. Grand High Priest Davidson, in a brief but eloquent address, introduced the veteran Companion, who was fraternally greeted, invited to the East, and received with honors. Companion Dunham addressed the Grand Chapter briefly, recounting some of the interesting incidents connected with the formation of the Grand Chapter on March 19th, 1867.

Mrs. Mae Owens having presented to the Grand Chapter a diploma issued to Joseph Sinclair, her late husband's great grandfather, by a "Royal Arch Lodge" held in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1796, on motion the thanks of the Grand Chapter were extended to Mrs. Owens for the gift, and the Grand Secretary was directed to preserve it among the valuable documents belonging to the Grand Chapter.

Grand High Priest Oscar R. Allen's address indicated that his year was one of conscientious endeavor, and he reported highly of general conditions, and in particular of the Masonic Home, which, under good management, was doing a great and noble work. He recommended that Chapters be admonished to make the conferring of de-
degrees of Royal Arch Masonry a solemn and serious matter and that no levity be permitted in or about the Chapter halls during ceremonies.

Grand Secretary White reported that all the Chapters had made returns and paid up. He pleaded for a greater degree of accuracy on the part of the secretaries and suggested an examination of the lists and a comparison.

Recognition of the Grand Chapter of Victoria was withheld because of that jurisdiction's omission to furnish copies of its constitution and organization proceedings. Action will be taken when the omission is repaired.

Past Grand High Priest Chas. J. Phelps furnishes for the eighteenth time his able and comprehensive report on Correspondence, and incidentally claims for the work of the reviewer in general the merit of being an apostle of education.

"The reporter of correspondence brings to the knowledge of his brethren everything of importance that is taking place in the Grand Bodies throughout the Masonic world; legislation and the construction placed upon legislation, etc., noting critically agreements and disagreements, and the discussion of questions arising far and near. Can any one doubt that, with such information, brought to the knowledge of our Grand Bodies, the present excellent degree of uniformity throughout our country has, at least, been greatly promoted?"

He has a word of commendation for Canada 1909, and highly approves the Grand Z.'s decision confining the funeral ceremony to the Blue Lodge.

"The District Deputy system prevails in Canada and is very successful in maintaining good conditions. They likewise have a Grand Lecturer whose report shows an intelligent understanding of the importance of such an office. He speaks of its great help in the States, and emphasizes its advantages though it is not used to the same extent in Canada."

Under Wisconsin he gets after the critical Grand High Priest, who, in the exuberance of his extreme verdancy, not only lashed the writers of Correspondence reports, but took occasion to rasp at the present form of the R. A. degree under the American system, remarking that it had "neither continuity of thought nor sequence of action."
"We cannot agree that Thomas Smith Webb, and his associates, made any such mistake in revising and presenting the degree as now worked.

"When Mackey, Drummond, and a score of the brigh. Masons of their day and ours, have always praised it, as Oliver did, as 'indescribably more august and important than any which preceed it, and is, in fact, the summit and perfection of ancient Masonry,' we cannot understand the criticism above quoted. 'Open to criticism'—whose criticism? The Masonic iconoclast, in the early stages of his vanity, assuming the air of smartness, shrewd, only in his own conception of his peculiar smartness."

Julius J. Wilson, Broken Bow, Grand High Priest.
Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

Nevada

Chapters .. 10. Members .. 453.

To meet and greet M. E. Comp. Nathan Kingsley, the General Grand High Priest, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nevada convened in Special Grand Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Reno, Nevada, on the 21st day of April, 1910. There was a goodly attendance, including eight Past Grand High Priests.

The M. E. General Grand High Priest accepted the gavel, and after a brief reply to the words of welcome, spoke in a most earnest and impressive manner of the strange lack of interest in Capitular Masonry, and asigned, as one undoubted reason of it, the fact that candidates for it are not required, in open Lodge and Chapter, to stand an examination on the Master's degree and then on each of the Chapter degrees in course.

He emphasized the very great importance of that main fact commemorated in Capitular Masonry—the return of our ancient brethren from Babylon and the re-building of the Temple. He sketched hastily, but vividly, the gravity of the crisis, and traced out the wonderful effect, no less than our modern civilization, that lay in the womb of that seemingly rather insignificant return of the Jews.
The Thirty-seventh Annual Grand Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, Reno, on the 13th of June, 1910. Past Grand High Priest Michael Augustus Murphy, who died in Carson City, Nevada, October 26, 1909, was among those who were missed.

Grand High Priest James C. Doughty was a vigilant ruler and made acquaintance with his constituent Chapters, visits that proved enjoyable and of benefit. He added one new Chapter.

The General Grand's ritual was adopted as the work of the jurisdiction, and a message to that effect was dispatched to the General Grand High Priest.

Companion Bird's fifty-page report on Correspondence does not include Canada for some reason unknown. His effort is largely the result of an industrious use of the scissors.

Theodore J. Steinmetz, Reno, Grand High Priest.

C. N. Noteware, Carson City, Grand Secretary.

New Brunswick

Chapters .. 8. Members .. 715.

To the twenty-three representatives of seven of the eight Chapters assembled in the Twenty-second Annual Convocation at St. John on August 25, 1909, Grand High Priest George Ackman stated that the progress of the Royal Craft in the province had been encouraging. He visited the Chapters in Sussex, Chatham and Moncton, and but for circumstances over which he had no control might have called upon the others as he had intended.

The Grand Secretary's report showed a gain of 31 for the year.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was discussed, and on a vote being taken was declared lost:

"No two degrees shall be conferred upon any Candidate at the same Convocation, unless one of the degrees conferred be
that of Past Master. Nor shall more than one Convocation be held on the same date for the purpose of conferring more than one degree upon the same Candidate; but in case of emergency, the M. E. Grand High Priest, upon a statement in writing of the circumstances causing the emergency being submitted to him, may, if he considers it expedient, grant a dispensation to confer two or more degrees at the same Convocation.”

The Committee on the Address referred to the loss sustained in the death of R. E. Comp. John Rubins, P. G. Scribe.

It was stated that it had been incidentally learned that an official visit and exemplification of the ritual would be beneficial to the Chapters at Fredericton and St. Stephen, and it was recommended that the Executive Committee make some provision to have this done.

A communication asking for recognition was received from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria, Australia, and it was recommended that it be referred to the Executive Committee with power to advise the Grand High Priest to accede to the request, if advisable.

George Ackman, Moncton, Grand High Priest.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.

**New Hampshire**

Chapters .. 26. Members .. 4,237.

The degrees were exemplified at a special Convocation held at Concord on October 21, 1909, and the Grand Lecturer commended the workers.

A second special was summoned on the 23rd of the following month to attend the funeral of Grand Secretary Frank D. Woodbury, who was present at the October Convocation and signed the minutes of same. There was a large gathering of representatives from all the Grand bodies.

Harlan Page Goodrich, who was Grand High Priest in 1888, was another distinguished Companion whose
death at Lebanon a few days prior to that of the Grand Secretary emphasized the great truth that here we have no abiding city.

At the Ninety-first Annual Convocation at Concord on May 17, 1910, tributes to the illustrious dead were dutifully paid by Grand High Priest Chas. H. Sinclair. His official record was uneventful, and with his associate officers he was able to report a period of harmonious and progressive work.

The Grand Chapter of Victoria felt incomplete without a representative from New Hampshire and wrote to that effect, but as the latter had no information as to the standing of the antipodean body it was decided to wait developments.

The Rev. Comp. Seward, we are pleased to notice, still grasps the quill for New Hampshire and furnishes some good reading for his Companions. California's care in the choice of Lecturers drew from him the following:

"The Lecturer should be a competent scholar, an adept in the use of language. He should distinguish mentally, as the work proceeds, between a simple slip of the tongue and a confirmed habit of speech. If he be a discerning man, he will easily discover those errors that are due to a fixed form of expression. Grammatical errors are usually of this character, and such errors should invariably be corrected; although the fact remains that a man who cannot use correct language is not easily taught to do so. The worst of the matter is that he is not easily convinced that his slovenly modes of expression are not as good as any other form of speech. We know by experience whereof we speak. Our efforts to correct the grammar of Masonic officers have often been most discouraging in results."

To Canada for 1910 he devotes much earnest attention and favorably comments on the Grand Z.'s rulings and remarks, and, referring to the writer's views on innovation, says:

"We believe that we are quite generally in harmony with what we understand to be the meaning of Companion Bennett in regard to progressive Masonry. He is entirely right in the supposition that there are so-called 'reforms' which are altogether 'inimical to the once-boasted Masonic universality as they are to Masonic principle.' Such innovations should be resisted."
He then proceeds to add a few personal reflections on the Masonic banquet, a feature that certainly was not catalogued as an innovation, and suggested that “it is progress in the right direction to do away with these things to a certain extent.”

Call it a “banquet” if you like, but refreshment after labor is a time-honored institution in connection with Masonic gatherings and always will be. Our morals have been attended to within the lodge room, the social element is equally important in the annex, and both are classed under the head of “virtues.” Each is liable to be abused by a strait-laced Chadband or a frivolous Dick Swiveller. There is always enough good sense, however, to check the intemperance of either and preserve the desired happy mean. The excess which Comp. Seward deplores we likewise condemn, but is there not just the risk that we may incline too much the other way?

It was the philosophic Misther Dooley who remarked sagely enough, “Drink never yet made any man better, but it has made many a man think he was better.”

Charles G. Shedd, Keene, Grand High Priest.
Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

**New Jersey**

Chapters .. 38. Members .. 6,107.

Distinguished visitors representing the Grand Chapters of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, as well as the General Grand Chapter, were introduced at the Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation held at Trenton on the 11th May, 1910.

The Companions were introduced by M. E. Comp. Henry S. Haines, M. E. Comp. Leonard L. Grear and E. Daniel Demarest, representatives of the several Grand Chapters near that of New Jersey, and were well received by Grand High Priest Samuel G. Rudderow with appropriate salutation, and pleasing responses followed.
The deaths of two most earnest and active Companions, M. E. Jacob Kirkner and Frederic G. Wiese, whose Masonic lives were an inspiration and an example to their Companions, left two vacant places in the assembly. The former was Grand High Priest in 1907 and the latter in 1875. M. E. Comp. Wiese was Grand Treasurer from 1881 until he died.

The Grand High Priest's year of office was one of peace. His address incorporated the reports of the Grand Lecturers, which indicated a high state of efficiency. The Committee to whom the address was submitted closed its report in the following happy words:

“Our deliberate and happy conclusion is that never in our history have the lofty and ennobling purposes of our institution been more thoroughly kept in view by those chosen by us to govern and to lead; never a greater willingness manifested on the part of the Craft to learn their duty and to submit to useful and proper regulations, and never a clearer indication that, through the continued devotion and ministry of wise and virtuous men, and the guiding hand of Providence, which for centuries has led us on, Masonry will be more and more recognized as a bond of peace among men and as a means of strengthening their aspirations to attain the happiness promised as the reward of a faithful and unselfish life.”

A message of sympathy was sent to Companion G. C. Maddock, Grand Chaplain, who was absent through illness.

The report on Correspondence, the diligent work of M. E. Comp. Henry S. Haines, is one of the most comprehensive as it is one of the best written that comes to gladden the heart of the studious reader. He lingers with Canada 1910 to the extent of nearly eight pages of his valuable contribution, and is most generous in his views of our system and working. The Grand Z.'s objection to the "vest pocket certificate" elicits his unqualified endorsement.

“The opposition expressed by Companion Moore to 'good standing cards' has our approbation, and we hope for a return, in quarters where they are authorized, from the paths opened by organizations of modern growth, which in other respects than this are harmful to the best interests of Freemasonry.”
Grand Lecturer Nixon's leaning to impressiveness in rendering the work rather than the "letter perfect" ritualist, leads him, as a Grand Lecturer himself, to interpose a word in favor of exactitude in expression.

"This seems a very proper thought, and its expression would become every onlooker of the work, but it does not appear to us to be absolutely appropriate to the officer whose function, as understood with us, is to teach the precise language and forms of our ceremonies, and to report how nearly this is accomplished."

Observing the Committee's report on the matter of Chapters of Instruction, and that only in half of the districts were they held, he adds, "should not every District, as with us, be required to hold such an assembly once a year?"

We beg to remind him of a comparison we ventured in a previous report as to the extent of the jurisdictions. There are districts in Canada that would appal even a New Jersey Lecturer, keenly enthusiastic though he may be, and more than one of them which in territory would absorb two or three New Jerseys and have something left over.

Companion Haines does not like our views on the American compulsory membership legislation, and by a singular process of argument juggles our expressions into a justification of his own view of the matter.

"We therefore move to amend the text by a transposition of terms, making it read sacrificing expediency to principle; for it is designed to prevent the expediting of the passage of so-called Masons into other organizations of modern growth and inferior dignity to the principle that the Lodge has the right to exact from those who join it the fulfillment of their initial pledge and their co-operation in good works that cannot be, or if they can, are not adequately performed on any other plane than that of the symbolic Lodge, in which requirement the Chapter should lend it fullest measure of assistance."

Now that is the kind of defence that we have dubbed "sophistry," a word which Companion Haines resents. What we claim is, that the principle of freedom of action, a basic feature of Masonry, has been assailed by the introduction of coercive legislation. Such legal measure,
being designed against expediting admission to "organizations of modern growth," must itself be modern and, therefore, an innovation. Down to the period of its introduction, for the beneficent design aforesaid, the Craft had progressed along the centuries without its progressive advantages. The gaudy allurements of later days are held to be a menace and, instead of applying the remedy at the lodge portals we proceed to "lock the stable door" by an unjustifiable breach of established custom and ancient usage. These men who are "allured" by "modern' organizations, and whose objective might, with even superficial examination, be easily detected, are permitted to pass the tyler unchallenged. Having achieved their intent, they are henceforth known as "so-called Masons," and those who are at bottom responsible for their admission, use the Craft itself as a shield to hide gross laxity in Masonic duty and to further cover their culpability exact by legal enactment a spurious "loyalty" from the unworthy ones, not in personal attention, but by a periodical payment of dollars. That is the method by which "so-called Masons" are made and retained under a modern "principle."

But surely no reasonable brother will maintain that the application of coercive measures is calculated to create in the bosom of the young "so-called Mason" anything but a feeling of resentment and antagonism. The latent spark of esteem for the Craft, instead of being thus ruthlessly extinguished, might by the aid of brotherly counsel be fanned into a living flame and, given time and freedom for thought and comparison, a re-awakened sense of duty would replace apathy and lead to a speedy abandonment of the meretricious for the purer and truer study of the fraternity and the Masonic art.

Companion Haines has likewise a few words on the old subject of the nomenclature and precedence of the Chapter officers in the pre-American epoch. He had favored the assertion that the High Priest as chief officer was an importation from England, a statement which the writer combatted, and which he in a measure gracefully yields.
"Opportunity has not offered for us to review all the authorities upon which this opinion was based, but from those thus far reviewed we are inclined to think the statement of authentic testimony was too assertive. Candor compels the admission that the fact was deemed sufficiently shown by reasonable analogy and inferences which seemed conclusive."

He again refers to John Hanmer, the immigrant friend of Thomas Smith Webb, and quotes Hughan as saying that the redoubtable John

"Was an English Mason and, as deduced from his own writing, came to the United States in 1793 or 1794. He exhibited a document from the Grand Master of Masons of England to the effect that he was 'skilled in the ancient lectures and mode of work as approved and practised in England.'"

It will be observed that the statement is deduced from Hanmer's own writing. There is nothing, implied or otherwise, apart from that questionable source, to show that the Englishman was duly accredited by the Grand Master, and from what is learned of his peculiar ideas of imparting the Hanmer "mode of work" it is reasonable to assume that he was not. Companion Haines proceeds:

"It is clear that Lawrence Dermott, who is credited, perhaps erroneously, with the authorship of the Royal Arch Degree, placed Zerubbabel at the head, as is shown in his 'Ahiman Rezon,' but it is equally true, if Companion Hughan's statement is to be relied upon, that the original head was the prophet Haggai, with Zerubbabel next in rank, an order which was changed in 1772."

How the usually careful Companion came to pen the above is a bit mystifying. There is no question whatever about Lawrence Dermott's connection with the Royal Arch. His own statement that he was exalted in Dublin in 1746 is as clear as the fact that the degree was known in England and Ireland some few years prior to that worthy's advent.

The statement that the historian Hughan had named Haggai as the original head, with Zerubbabel next in rank, must be attributed to hasty reading, for we cannot think for a moment that Companion Haines would, even in thought, misrepresent so careful a writer. Companion
Hughan explains clearly enough that the Council officers were given just as they sat, H. Z. J. or three masters virtually, Z. being the chief, just as Dr. Oliver explained the Council many years previously. He states further, without any manner of doubt, that from the earliest known records there was never any other placing of the Chapter Council except at York, where they were sometimes curiously dubbed S., H. T. and H. A., and that from the outset both Moderns and Ancients were agreed as to Z., H. and J. in that order of precedence.

The placing of the H. P. as presiding officer is justified by Companion Haines, who conceives the Tabernacle to be that set apart for the "sacred function of worship." Well, even in those days there were Tabernacles and Tabernacles, and that there was one for him who was appointed to superintend the rebuilding of the House of the Lord may be fairly assumed. The story of the degree has a culmination in a discovery. If the finding of that treasure had been confined to the "holy anointed," whose acquaintance with the common tools of the laborer was of an extremely limited nature, it is just possible, viewing it from a legendary standpoint, that what the excavators uncovered to the light of day would have forever remained in the darkness of the shadow of death.

We would fain continue with Companion Haines, whose work is delightful reading, but as we have lost all hope of convincing him, even with the aid of accepted historical facts, we are compelled to regretfully journey onward.

Daniel L. Campbell, Paterson, Grand High Priest.

Leonard L. Grear, Passaic, Grand Secretary.

**New Mexico**

Chapters .. 14. Members .. 904.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation was held in the hall of the Rio Grande Chapter in the city of Albuquerque on Thursday morning, October 21st, 1909.
Grand High Priest Cyrus D. Boucher was pleased to report that nothing had occurred during the past year to disturb the peaceful relations existing between New Mexico and sister Grand Jurisdictions. He was also able to report that nothing had occurred to disturb the peace and harmony which exists among the Craft. They had made some progress and could record two more Chapters.

"But we might do more to impress upon the candidates the beautiful and useful lessons as taught by the degrees. As a means of overcoming these conditions I brought up for discussion in each Chapter the advisability of requiring proficiency lectures in each degree, and I find that they are almost unanimous in the opinion that the requirement of proficiency lectures would tend to create a greater interest in Capitular Masonry."

He completed the round of the Chapters and did good work. He was congratulated by the Committee, who, however, recommended that proficiency examination be left a matter of local jurisdiction.

The thirty-three page review of the Grand Chapters is neither introduced nor signed, but it is presumably the work of Companion J. H. Wroth. He gives to Canada 1909 a couple of pages of kindly attention.

1910.

Two specials for the purpose of constituting new Chapters preceded the Thirteenth Annual, held in the city of Roswell on the 20th October, 1910.

Eugene Cosgrove, M. E. Grand High Priest in 1900, was called by death in the previous February.

Grand High Priest John J. Kelly enjoyed a term of tranquility. During the year he had not been called upon to render a decision, nor even been asked for an interpretation of the laws.

A resolution was offered to the effect that the officers of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico be directed to correspond with the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the United States and ascertain if arrangements can be made by which the Grand Chapter can confer the Council degrees.
The considering Committee thought that they should go to the General Grand Chapter in the first place for permission.

There was practically nothing of moment to engage the time of Grand Chapter.

Companion Wroth again essayed the report on Correspondence and reviewed Canada for 1910 rather favorably.

Under Louisiana he halts at the reporter's effort to work out a connection between the Cryptic degrees and the York Rite, and queries: "As a matter of fact and history, is there any real York Rite left?"

To the same writer, on the subject of a General Grand Lodge, he expresses a view in which he is, apparently, not alone:

"In fact, the American Rite is simply a made-up one—and piece-work at that. I wish we could return to the day when—as I have stated some years ago—Symbolic Masonry, as illustrated in the lodges, would be absolutely alone, letting its followers go where they desired—as long as they obeyed its laws"

That he is a foe to the modern "improver" is witnessed in his outspoken comment on views expressed elsewhere. Endorsing the Tennessee Companion on this subject, he says:

"He evidently wants to retain 'the faith of our fathers,' and the Creed, likewise.

"If these innovators can find inconsistencies only in the Royal Arch they are decidedly myopic.

"The whole American Rite—and also other Rites—are full of them and to realize but the surface indications, forgetful of the precious metal below, shows not only a partial but a very crude knowledge of our Craft. To modernize Masonry, or as some say, to 'improve' it, is to some of us old fossils sacriligious, and to all of us it means the tearing down of old symbols that convey a deeper meaning—which will not be tolerated. We have had enough of this attempted tinkering in the past and it is now time to put a full and decisive stop to it. If the traditional ceremonies—even if only a century old—with all their incongruities, do not suit their crazy-quilt ideas, the dimit book is open."

John C. Slack, Clayton, Grand High Priest.
Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.
New South Wales

Chapters .. 15.

This is one of the young and progressive Australasian Grand Chapters from which Scotland withdraws recognition. A thirty-page pamphlet contains the proceedings of four quarterly Convocations held in 1909, and over which Grand First Principal A. P. Gribben, Canada's representative in that jurisdiction, presided with ability. At the February meeting he indicated a probability of two new Chapters, the establishment of a scheme to form a special Royal Arch Charity fund and a Chapter of Instruction to further the desire for uniformity in working.

It was proposed too that the Grand Committee be requested "to consider the advisability of introducing a musical ritual for the use of private Chapters" and report on the same to Grand Chapter.

The Grand Z. reported a visit to a Chapter under the Irish Constitution, where fraternal greetings were exchanged, and the hope expressed that the kindly feelings heretofore existing might, in the near future, grow closer.

At the May Convocation the Grand Z. was compelled reluctantly to notice an action of Scotland in publishing in its Supreme Committee's report that certain books of its District Grand Chapter in New South Wales were improperly held by Chapters of the independent body and that the latter had offered to hand them over if recognition were afforded the new Grand Chapter.

This, the Grand Z. stated, was a misrepresentation of facts and was to be traced to the action of an individual Companion, who had written in his private capacity only and had so declared in his communication.

"Now Companions, looking at the report previously quoted, it implies that this Grand Chapter is cognizant of and privy to underhand work in connection with these books. The Grand Superintendent must know, from his position, that no private member could negotiate with him on behalf of our Grand Chapter; even forgetting the explicit statement that the letter
'was written in my private capacity only,' and further, that any official communication we had to make would be to the Grand Chapter of Scotland direct. Let me say once, and for all time, that if any of these books, or any other property lawfully belonging to the Provincial Grand Chapter of Scotland, should ever come to this Grand Chapter, they will be handed over at once and unconditionally. The moral of this tale is, that with official matters Grand Chapter alone can deal; and that private Chapters give sufficient scope for the ambition and zeal of private members.

"Before leaving this unpleasant theme, again let me express my profound regret in having to broach this subject, but I felt it was my duty to put our case before Royal Arch Masons, and so clear our Grand Chapter from the imputations of this report.

"We do trust that the time is not far distant, when these misrepresentations will cease, so that the inevitable destiny of Royal Arch Masonry in this State may be the sooner accomplished, than at present appears possible."

A report from the Grand Inspector of Workings told of his visits to several of the Chapters and the superiority of the ceremonial he witnessed.

The Grand Committee was on motion requested to report on the relations of the degree of Mark Master Mason with Royal Arch Masonry throughout the English-speaking parts of the world."

In August the Grand Z. suggested "the desirability" of altering the Constitution, in so far as regards the number of Convocations annually. It had been impressed upon him that half-yearly Convocations would be better suited to their conditions, leaving the Grand Committee to meet oftener to deal with executive matters.

It is noticed that the private Chapters, like the Grand body, meet quarterly, but no statistics are given to reveal the membership.

M. E. Comp. Gribben was re-elected for another term, and at the November Convocation he again deplored the obdurate attitude of Scotland. "The only Grand Chapter in Royal Arch Masonry which withholds
its recognition. This we regret, but cannot help, as, unhappily, it appears that local and personal considerations are likely to continue to influence its actions.”

A. P. Gribben, Ashfield, Grand Z.
A. J. Burbidge, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

**New York**

Chapters .. 206. Members .. 35,265.

Impressive the annual gatherings of the Empire State’s Royal Craftsmen always are, but at the One hundred and thirteenth Convocation in Albany on the 1st February, 1910, there was added dignity by reason of the many distinguished Companion visitors, whose welcome was as cordial as their responses to the greeting were eloquently significant.

The Grand Master of the Grand Council R. and S. M., Comp. Morris MacKenzie, led the way. Suffering from the effects of a long illness, he was unable to respond to the words of the Grand High Priest. A month later the illustrious Companion was borne to the grave.

The Grand High Priests and officers of New Jersey, Vermont and Connecticut were introduced, and following them the venerable Grand Secretary escorted his chief, the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Nathan Kingsley, whom he presented as “the official representative of more than three hundred thousand Royal Arch Masons.”

Grand High Priest Chas. C. Hunt felicitated Grand Chapter upon a year of peace and high efficiency. The pleasure of the record was, of course, marred by the loss of valuable Companions, who had labored diligently and were now rewarded in the unknown.

Graceful tribute was paid to the indefatigable Grand Lecturer Companion George McGown, now for over half a century a faithful worker in that capacity, as also to Grand Secretary Fox, re-elected on this occasion for the forty-fourth time.
APPENDIX

“The thing that has impressed me most during my service as an officer of the Grand Chapter has been the universal and genuine loyalty of the Companions, their devotion to the cause of human brotherhood, and their willingness to perform any task to promote the work in which we are engaged. While this spirit continues, Royal Arch Masonry cannot fail to exercise a beneficent influence, not only on its members, but on the community at large.

“Companions, we hear a great deal about the Secrets of Freemasonry, the secrets which distinguish us from the rest of mankind as a peculiar people. To my mind, the supreme secret of Freemasonry may be expressed in a single word—Service; service to God and our fellow man. The secret of Service is imparted to the candidate in every degree of Masonry. It is the dominant note of the entire institution.”

The business of Grand Chapter was of such a nature that discussion was apparently absent. Nothing inspired that would excite any interest beyond the neighborhood of the vigilant sentinel. All was tranquility. It was noted that Past Grand High Priest Wm. J. McDonald, who for twenty-seven years had not missed a Convocation, was absent on this occasion. Illness detained him, and a sympathetic message was ordered to be wired to his home.

Companion Greenwood presents his usual excellent contribution in the appendices, and it makes good reading. Three of his pages were devoted to commendatory review of Canada, 1909. Expressing hearty agreement with the Grand Z. in the latter’s disapproval of any other than Blue Lodge clothing at a Masonic funeral, he said:

“We would apply it to all branches of the Craft, including the Templars, so that when we stand around the last earthly resting place of a Mason we all stand on a level in all that pertains to the Regalia of the Craft.”

The Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Pierre Cushing, delivered a most interesting address on the subject, “Masonry in Relation to the Home.” He pointed out that the decay and fall of empires of the past were due to a general lapse from virtue. Ruin followed internal moral corruption rather than from the assaults of superior forces without.

“On the other hand, we can point, and point with pride, to that great sister Empire of our own on whose flag the sun never
sets; which has maintained a continuous national existence for more than a thousand years; which has assimilated to her own life every invading people; whose political centre under revolu-
tion, change of dynasty, has never moved, but stands to-day, as firm as of old, 'broad, based upon the people's will and com-
passed by the inviolate sea'—Old England. And if we look for one great source of England's permanence, stability and great-
ness, where shall we find it save in the purity, the authority, the sacredness of the English home?

"And, Companions, among those institutions and elements and ideals which we derive from and hold in common with the mother country, and which make up the best of our American life and civilization, those of the home and its inviolable sanctity hold the first, the highest and the most necessary place. I do not contrast these with religion, for they are a part of it. Is it not true that out of homes of this character have come forth the men who founded this Nation, who accomplished its in-
dependence, who have preserved its integrity and its unity, and made it what it is to-day? And just so long as we, as a people, protect by our laws and by our lives the Home, just so long will this great nation of ours survive to be a blessing to mankind in the future as in the past.

"Now, what has Masonry to do with all this? Much, in every way. For Masonry bears a distinct and clearly defined relationship to the home, and through the home to society at large. Indeed, the well-ordered Lodge or Chapter, with its members dwelling together in unity, bound together in one by the cement of brotherly love and affection, is a striking type of the well-ordered family."

Jay B. Kline, Syracuse, Grand High Priest.

Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

New Zealand

Chapters .. 27. Members .. 1,274.

Representatives of twenty-three of the Chapters met in St. Kilda, Dunedin, for the business of the Eighteenth Annual Convocation, on 24th of February, 1910.

The Supreme Committee reported that in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Convoca-
tion the "chair" degrees of "Ark Mariner" and "Red Cross Knight" were conferred on all present entitled to the distinction. The workers were borrowed from a
Chapter under the Scottish Constitution. On the institution of the "Chair" degrees it became necessary to issue diplomas. A form was accordingly prepared and adopted and parchments have been issued to all Companions entitled thereto at a cost of five shillings each.

A new outfit of Grand Officers' regalia was procured from London at a cost of over $600. As the several officers are to retain the clothing in the intervals between the Annual Convocations one can predict its early fate.

It seems that visitation is not a thing of beauty always.

By invitation the G. S. E. arranged to be present at the annual meeting of Waitaki Kil. Chapter. The Companion set forth on his journey, but his steamer was met by an abnormal tempest, which delayed arrival until after the departure of the express from Christchurch, so the Companion perforce had to return by the same steamer without having accomplished his object. "Waitaki Chapter will, however, recognize the willing intention of the Companion." Of course it will.

All the Chapters were favorably reported with one exception, and its charter, owing to inactivity for two years, was ordered to be impounded.

The newly installed Grand Z., Comp. Arther Clothier, made a nice opening address, taking for his theme "charity." In simple manner he told his Companions some home truths.

"Many years ago I was indulging in the guileless pastime then known, I think, as 'pulling crackers' and pulled a motto I have never forgotten—

Moderate your speeches.
Words once flown
Are in the hearer's power,
Not your own.

And I mention this because so much of the misery and unhappiness to-day is caused by the thoughtlessness of men who would not dream of hurting another's feelings intentionally; much is doubtless caused from a sheer love of mischief, but also without
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evil intent: and some other, I am sorry to say, by deliberate malice prepense. To these latter any story is good enough to let slip the dogs of slander at. Nor do they heed the wrecked homes and mental anguish thus often caused. Companions, such things are in our midst to-day, nor are offenders confined to any one particular class but can be found in all grades of society and every calling."

Arthur Clothier, Dunedin, Grand Z.

H. J. Williams, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

North Carolina

Chapters . . 40. Members . . 2,414.

There was little of interest to mark the progress of the Sixty-second Annual Convocation held in the city of Salisbury on 10th May, 1910.

Grand High Priest John B. Griggs admitted an inspiration in noting a steady growth and was able to cheer his Companions with good tidings. He struck an odd key on the subject of visitation, which from observation he thought could be overdone.

"It was my privilege during this time to visit a number of Chapters and in some instances the same Chapter twice, and I could very readily see that my second visit was not as productive of the same amount of good as the first. There was not the same amount of interest nor did it infuse that same spirit of hustle into the officers as it formerly did."

And so he rearranged the methods with indifferent success. Even the prize of a set of veil banners to the Chapter "making the best marks on inspection," failed to awaken the flame of enthusiasm, and in many instances the Chapters were unable to convene "through lack of interest on the part of their officers." Sad relation.

Still he saw hope in the other quarters where new Chapters were in prospect and others were throwing off the shroud. A Chapter U.D., with which the Grand Lecturer spent four weeks, captured the prize set of banners.
The two pupils whose education the Grand Chapter has become responsible for were reported upon most favorably.

A sympathetic resolution in connection with the death of King Edward VII. was unanimously adopted.

M. E. Comp. James Southgate, the veteran Correspondent, is again to the fore with a good review of the jurisdictions to hand, though it is observed that he is more limited as to space. Nevertheless he turns out some very acceptable reading, and his Companions may glean instruction from a half-hour spent with him.

Under Illinois he deprecates any sympathy with the saloon keeper or the negro, and rather resents any attempt to raise the latter from the level where North Carolina would have him stay. Sleeping dogs should be permitted to lie, otherwise he hints at a recrudescence of the unpleasantness of bygone days.

J. W. Suford, Hickory, Grand High Priest.
Jas. C. Munds, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota

Chapters .. 18. Members .. 2,118.

Just coming of age, this vigorous Grand jurisdiction was dealt a staggering blow when death claimed its widely known and well-beloved Grand Secretary, Frank Jared Thompson. A man of many parts, he commenced his active career as a machinist, studied and taught music, then took up law and politics and shone for a time as legislator. Being a devoted student, he made many deep investigations. He embraced the study of osteopathy and graduated also as a physician and surgeon. He delved into the occult, and the more mysterious the subject the more interesting it became to him. He became active in all the Masonic branches and was the secretary of three Grand bodies as well as of his private Lodge, Chapter and Commandery when he died. The Grand Lodge Library founded by him is among the best anywhere, and
will remain a monument to his untiring zeal in Masonic lore. His biographer thus refers to a nickname acquired by him while in political life:

"In the first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota, 1889-90, a bill was introduced to exterminate a gopher locally known as the 'flickertail gopher.' Mr. Thompson, a member of the Assembly, in a spirit of fun, introduced, with a preamble, reciting the good fortune of other states in having a familiar appellation, a resolution whereby all children born in the state should be known as 'Flickertails.' Since then North Dakota has been known as the 'Flickertail State,' and the author as 'Flickertail Thompson.'"

Grand Chapter met in Twenty-first Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Fargo, on June 23rd, 1910.

Grand High Priest Comp. Alexander B. Taylor directed that the roll of Grand officers and Past Grand High Priests be called, and "when the name of our dear Companion, Frank J. Thompson, late Grand Secretary, was called, there was no response. The M. E. Grand High Priest spoke most feelingly with reference to the friendship which had existed for so many years and of his deep sense of personal loss. In closing he brought out a large cluster of American Beauty roses, which Frank loved so well, as a silent tribute to his memory."

Likewise, when the name of M. E. Leonard W. Gammons, Grand High Priest, 1892-3, was called there was no response. Again the Grand High Priest spoke of the great loss which had been sustained in the death of Companion Gammons. His genial, whole-souled life was closed, yet his friends and companions revere his memory.

The muffled Grand Honors being given, Grand Chapter proceeded to business. The address of the G. H. P. indicated a tranquil term of office. He could not carry out his purpose of visiting the Chapters because of unexpected conditions, and expressed sorrow thereat. He conferred with the Grand Master and the Grand Commander, and the result of their deliberations was the appointment of Walter L. Stockwell, Past Grand Master, as Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and Recorder of the Grand Commandery of North Dakota
respectively, to fill the unexpired term of the deceased Frank J. Thompson.

Grand Chapter confirmed the appointment in agreement with the wish of those who have the best interests of our Order at heart, that Bro. Thompson's successor ought to be a brother who is a scholar and student, one who has had literary training, and who would gradually develop into a Masonic writer.

At the last Convocation the G. H. P. was authorized to appoint a committee to procure suitable jewels for the use of Grand Chapter. "These three sojourners from Babylon proceeded with the work, and after several meetings they unearthed from the Temple at Fargo a set of jewels that had lay among the rubbish for lo these many years, purchased by the Grand body some time ago, and present them here for your inspection."

The new Grand Secretary's report was all that could be desired and clearly showed that the selection was a good one. A neatly related narrative of the Temple and a speaking likeness of the good-looking author settled any doubts that might have arisen. He pleaded against the rough usage of candidates and found cordial endorsement in the report of the Committee to which is entrusted the "Good of the Order."

A Committee appointed to consider the question of a monument to the late Grand Secretary recommended that Grand Chapter join with the Grand Lodge and the Grand Commandery in a tribute of the nature suggested, the expense not to amount to more than $250.00 as the Grand Chapter's proportion.

Walter L. Williamson, Lisbon, Grand High Priest.
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

Oklahoma

Chapters . . 63. Members . . 3,472.

Wearing a meditative aspect and a Shrine button, the portrait of Grand High Priest I. H. G. Hulme is pre-
sented to his Companions as the artistic frontispiece of the volume recording the proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Convocation, held at Okmulgee on the 19th April, 1910.

To his biographer the reader is indebted for an interpretation of the letters fronting the cognomen of the M. E. Companion. Isham Hamilton Goss—he himself abbreviates them to initials*—in his eighteen years of Masonic life has, it appears, achieved everything in the degree line from E. A. to O. E. S., and the aforesaid biographer, in certifying to the Companion's zeal, says: "With a short time for meditation he can confer any degree in any of the Orders."

The Oklahomans recognize a good thing when they see it, and in selecting for their ruler a Companion of such comprehensive knowledge they chose wisely and well. The record of a peaceful and harmonious year showed him to be alive to the interests committed to his keeping. He is an enthusiastic Eastern Star devotee, and the dear sisters aided to give him a grand reception on his return home after election.

"And never was there a Prince of the Royal Household more highly honored, or more royally received, than I was on that occasion, for which I shall always retain a happy memory. I thank them in behalf of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma."

Among his visits was one to the Masonic Orphans' Home at Atoka, where he found fifty-six happy children under the care of "Sister" Telle, "who seems to have imbued this entire family with the impressive lesson taught by Electa, to love one another."

And while the Stars are impressively cultivating this universal affection they occasionally come down to mundane tactics like common folks. A presumably veracious journal published in Kansas City, Mo., and known to its subscribers and others as "The Masonic World," relates an incident which exhibits the twinklers in a light which some might think irreconcilable with Electa's impressive lesson. Here is the editor's story of the "Grand Chapter" episode:
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"Some of the Sisters and Brothers of the O. E. S. are sometimes more amusing than a box of monkeys, especially 'de push.' At the recent session of the Grand Chapter, during the election of officers a lively contest was on for the position of Associate Grand Patron, and after many ballots, in which several times many more ballots were cast than there were votes, Bro. X. was elected over Bro. Z. All went merry as a wedding bell, until the installation of officers, when the friends of Bro. Z. confronted Bro. X. with the wonderful argument that as he was Patron of his Chapter, he was therefore ineligible to the office of Associate Grand Patron and cited Section 6 of the By-Laws, which reads: 'Neither of the first four Grand Officers, while in office, shall serve as Matron or Patron of a Chapter.' They forgot all about the Constitution which says in Art. 4: 'That all past or present Matrons and Patrons in good standing in a subordinate Chapter in this Jurisdiction shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Chapter.' Yet 'de push' set aside the Constitution and under Sec. 6 of the By-Laws, declared Bro. X. ineligible; ordered a new ballot, when only a few delegates remained, as all supposed that the business of the session was over, except the knowing ones. The new election resulted in favor of Bro. Z. Section 6 does not prohibit a Past Patron from holding the office of Associate Grand Patron, but it does prohibit him, after he is elected, from serving as Patron of his Chapter. This same law, in substance, is found in many Grand Masonic bodies, but the sisters are the only ones who can construe a law upside down. Bro. Z. is an illegal officer."

Which impels one to urge upon all and sundry of our Canadian Companions who are predisposed to "Star"-gazing to ponder well the admirable advice tendered by Mr. "Punch" to those about to be married—"Don't."

The venerable Grand Secretary furnished a characteristic report and full of interest. He praised the working officers and said the Capitular outlook was very hopeful. Six new Chapters were instituted. He attended the General Grand Chapter triennial at Savannah with the Grand High Priest, and the visit proved exceptionally interesting to both, being native-born Georgians.

Referring to the city of Omulgee, the meeting place of Grand Chapter, he said:

"Over fifty years ago, while engaged in my work as missionary among the Creek Indians I frequently visited and camped on the site of this beautiful city. At that time it was one of the Creek council grounds. There were one or two log houses and some brush arbor. Little did I then think that I should live to
see a large, flourishing city on this prairie and that I should come here in a fine railroad coach instead of on my Indian pony. My pen itches to write some reminiscences but I am afraid of the Grand High Priest's gavel."

Grand Treasurer Jarboe resigned his position owing to his imminent removal from the State, and a fraternal resolution of esteem and confidence was unanimously adopted.

Five hundred dollars was the sum donated to the Orphans' Home, though the G. H. P. had recommended double that amount.

The various reports presented were of a cheering and encouraging character. The compiler of a careful codification of rulings and decisions received a honorarium of one hundred dollars.

Companion R. Y. Morrison, Past Grand High Priest, who modestly pleads guilty to being Canadian-born, is the successor of Grand Secretary Murrow as Correspondent, and right well he makes good his early training. In his review of Canada for 1910 he has this to say, touching the P. M. degree:

"We do not see any particular brilliancy in this degree ourselves, and are in sympathy with our Companions in what Kipling calls 'Our Lady of the Snows.' We believe, if this degree was eliminated from our own Ritual, it would be something in the nature of a housecleaning. Maybe our 'Canadian raising' has something to do with these ideas of dignity and decorum.

"Though of the same 'people' as Companion Bennett we never have had the honor of his acquaintance. We appreciate, nevertheless, his leniency with our administration while Grand High Priest. He pays tribute to the goodness and kindness of our beloved old Grand Secretary, J. S. Murrow.

"As the years go by we hope to get better acquainted with Comp. Bennett, though his 'keen blade' may make us wince at times. Yet the discipline will probably prove beneficial."

Native modesty that. The good Companion whose advent within the circle is cordially welcomed, need have
little apprehension of a weapon that is mainly retained for defensive purposes only.

Benjamin B. Pollock, Oklahoma City, Grand High Priest.

Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary.

**Oregon**

Chapters . . 31.  
Members . . 2,991.

The General Grand High Priest took in Oregon on his western tour and was greeted by the Companions of that jurisdiction in a Convocation specially summoned for April 11th at Portland, at which the Grand High Priest, Grand Scribe and Grand Secretary of Washington were visitors.

P. G. H. P. Wm. A. Cleland of Oregon and Grand Secretary Yancey C. Blalock of Washington were appointed to escort and introduce Companion Nathan Kingsley, who responded to the Grand High Priest's words of welcome in a happy manner. After receiving the "emblem of authority" and being conducted to the Grand East, he for the space of thirty minutes entertained the Companions assembled with instructive remarks pertaining to the "Capitular Rite of Masonry."

The Fifteenth Annual Convocation was held in the same city on the 13th June, 1910, with an attendance befitting the occasion. Grand High Priest Edward E. Kiddle, referring to their half-century of existence as a Grand Chapter, said:

"In the year 1848, when Congress was debating regarding the disposition of the then almost unknown territory of Oregon, they having applied for Territorial Government, Daniel Webster made the assertion that Oregon was so far from the seat of government that the term of the Senator would expire before he could take his seat after being elected; while now our representatives reach Washington from home in much less time than Webster could from his own state at that time, and with the advent of automobile, wireless and air ships, and other new fangled notions, we know not what the future may bring forth."
It was a peaceful and uneventful year in Oregon. He made one visit. The Grand High Priest of Washington was to be received by Vancouver Chapter No. 9 of that ilk, and with an escort of thirty he accepted the invitation.

“That we had a great time you can rest well assured, and all went well with everybody, except that Brother Grand Master Cox, who accompanied us, ate so much of their chicken pie, he can't help but crow every time he hears Vancouver mentioned.”

In a community that frowns on “over indulgence” the foregoing testimony is inexpressibly sad.

The Deputy Grand High Priest of Washington, Comp. Elsensohn, who happened along just then, dropped in to pay a friendly call and was fraternally received.

Grand Secretary Robinson’s interesting report told of a trip “way down East,” where he looked up the headquarters of several Grand Chapters and had a good time.

Grand Lecturer Bilyou talked about the “Principles and Antiquity of Freemasonry” for half an hour or more, during which he journeyed from the Temple of King Solomon down through the ages and their faiths to the pyramids, which have existed through them all. He hinted at the close that the Sphinx is probably the repository of secrets which when it begins to break up, the world will learn. Meanwhile we will have to worry along with the fragments of mystery already vouchsafed to us and leave to posterity the pastime of guessing at the problem of the Sphinx. The Grand Lecturer certainly gave to his Companions material for thought until he meets them again.

For the eighteenth time Companion J. M. Hodson wrote the report on Correspondence and with all his old-time vigor. But, alas, it is the “touch of a vanished hand,” for never more will his Companions improve the shining hour by a perusal of further contributions from his instructive pen. On the 9th of October last the genial Companion obeyed the summons, and he sleeps peacefully in the narrow bed that awaits each and all.
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His review of Canada was for the past year and written with his usual fairness and courtesy. He was, as has been observed before, an uncompromising foe to the trader in intoxicants and had one or two lively spats with Companion Chambers of Quebec on the question of enacting special legislation against the liquor dealer. In his final word to Companion C. he seems to have had a glimpse of the end.

"He knows as well as we do, that in spite of all the law we have, and all the care we use, that frequently crude, undeveloped men get into the Fraternity. Some we improve and they grow into better men, and some retrograde, disgrace the respectable brethren and we have to carry the weight else expel them. We confess that while we have known many whiskey sellers who ranked as 'good fellows,' and were somewhat charitable, we never knew one who measured up to the standard required: 'Good man and true.'

"We regret he should have taken our remarks as personal to himself and become 'insulted.' We acknowledge everyone his right of opinion and choice of companions. We scarcely expect to write another report, on account of ill health, but we shall never affiliate with the drunkard makers nor take back a word or act performed in trying to rid Masonry of the blighting effects of intoxicating drink."

Frank J. Miller, Albany, Grand High Priest.

Jas. F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania

Chapters . . 133. Members . . 30,705.

The usual well-attended quarterlies, at which much routine work was accomplished, preceded the Annual Grand Communication on December 27, 1909, being the One hundred and fourteenth.

Two new Chapters were authorized in the interval, and the work of the Committee to whom was entrusted the revision of the Constitution, received the seal of approval.

Comp. Carl A. Sundstrom, who had been elected at the previous quarterly, was duly installed M. E. Grand
High Priest. In addressing the Companions he feelingly referred to the death of Past Grand High Priest Alexander H. Morgan, "the nestor of Royal Arch Masonry in Pennsylvania," which occurred in the previous October.

The G. H. P. reported that the Capitular sky was cloudless. Prosperity and harmony prevailed. His decisions were in line with Pennsylvania custom and his edicts were just. He made many visits and was rigid in his demand for accuracy and uniformity.

"In Masonry perfect discipline is required, not only in deeds, but in words. We insist upon the exact words being used, in recording minutes and in our ritualistic work, and though the same meaning may be inferred from the use of other words, or other phrases, substitutes or synonyms are not permissible.

"Pennsylvania work is very impressive, explaining in the simplest possible way the various signs, symbols and allegories.

"It has a vocabulary of its own, with a distinct reference to the exact meaning of the words used. Its ritual has not been changed, and none of its essentials remodelled. It is the same work, which was transmitted to us, when Capitular Masonry was introduced on this Continent."

Equally insistive was he on maintaining purity in elections. Fitness for the duties of office, he said, is repeatedly disregarded, and personal friendship or even consanguinity has at times become the governing qualification of the winning candidate.

"It is an honorable ambition to aspire for preferment in Masonry; but when the aspirant or his friends resort to methods, which by their unmasonic character merit the condemnation of the Craft, it becomes vicious, and a badly concealed violation of the fundamental teachings of Freemasonry.

"The methods of the practical politician should find no soil in Masonry, in which to grow and flourish."

There was little for discussion or argument before Grand Chapter, and one turns with pleasurable anticipation to the labors of the five Companions who undertook the duty of reviewing the Grand Chapters. Past Grand High Priest Wm. B. Meredith steps into the chair vacated by M. E. Comp. Williams and takes the first ten of the
alphabetical list, which brings Canada under his immediate observation. Our proceedings for 1909 receive generous attention, and referring to Canada’s jubilee says:

“Such celebrations are certainly of great interest to the members of to-day, but without a doubt will be more highly prized by those who come after and when another half century shall have passed, those celebrating it, will look with pleasure and delight upon the faces of those who in their day and generation did so much to make Capitular Masonry in Canada what it is to-day, and especially praise the memory of R. E. Comp. George J. Bennett, who prepared the report.”

He emphasized the importance of the great territory embraced in this jurisdiction, and in doing so was quick to notice a feature overlooked by not a few of our critics. He commended the Grand Z. for his admonition to those who sought dispensation to cover plain infraction of law and duty.

“This is certainly sound Masonic sense, and meets the hearty approval of the writer. In very many instances such applications are made without consideration, merely to accommodate the whim of some over-zealous Companion.”

Under California he contributes an educative note which we commend to those of our susceptible Companions who incline to the attractions of the twinklers.

“There is one subject to which we of this jurisdiction must take exception, that is the recognition accorded to an association called the 'Eastern Star,' it never has received and in all probability never will receive any recognition in this Jurisdiction.”

The entire compilation is entertaining and instructive and well up to the standard of Pennsylvania’s previous valuable reports of similar nature.

Carl A. Sundstrom, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.

Charles Cary, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Quebec

Chapters .. II. Members .. 1,248.

A fine photo engraving of the monument erected by the fraternity to the memory of M. E. Comp. Dr. John...
Hamilton Graham in the cemetery at Richmond is found at the opening of the volume recording the proceedings of the Thirty-third Annual Convocation at Montreal on the 23rd March, 1910.

A well-executed bronze bust of Quebec's lamented historian, distinguished by the collar and jewel of a Grand Master, rests on a handsome and graceably designed granite pedestal, the whole being of such proportions as to at once command attention and admiration.

The unveiling of the monument was an impressive ceremony and took place on the 19th June, 1909. Referring to it, the Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. E. A. Evans, said:

"I was honored by having been asked as your Grand Z. to be one of the speakers on that memorable occasion, and to further represent you in laying the tribute of your affections, your gratitude, and your esteem, in the shape of a Grand Royal Arch Chapter wreath at the foot of the beautiful monument so worthily raised to the memory of the distinguished Craftsman, who was the first Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec."

The Grand Z.'s year was one of unbroken peace, not even a question for decision being submitted. His visitations were most pleasurable, and what he witnessed of the ceremonial working was most satisfactory.

The reports from the several districts were equally encouraging, and the high state of efficiency is easily traced to the earnest labors of Grand Lecturer Phillips, who sees room for further Chapters in the suburban districts of Montreal. A well-deserved grant of $150 was made to that officer by way of compensation.

An appeal made on behalf of an old past officer of one of the Montreal Chapters, who was reported to be in urgent want, together with his wife, owing to the sudden death of their son, their sole support, was not made in vain.

The Chapters of the Montreal district cordially invited the members of Grand Chapter to meet them in the banquet hall after the close of the session. An invitation which was accepted with equal cordiality.
M. E. Comp. Chambers is the compiler, as usual, of the excellent Correspondence report, in which he, to the extent of six pages, reviews Canada for 1910 and with a kindly pen. He is more than generous to the writer.

Under New Hampshire he takes issue with the reporter who interprets the word "progressive," as applied to Freemasonry, to mean improvement on established custom. With his rejoinder we are in full agreement.

"He falls into the error of a few modern writers on Masonry, and thinks that it should be progressive, and that it by no means follows that we should follow in the ways of the fathers in Masonry. Masons of course must be progressive in their lives and conduct, but the Masonic system needs no perfecting, because it is founded on the eternal verities, and all attempts to improve those God-given truths are worse than vain. This modern idea of tampering with the teachings, or even with the main features of the ritual and work of the Fraternity should be frowned down whenever it exhibits itself. Masonry teaches and urges progress, but in itself and its teachings it is as changeless as the everlasting hills."

To the Oregon reporter, whose strong advocacy of special legislation to exclude persons engaged in the liquor trade he had more than once criticized, and who had remarked that improvement had followed such enactments in the conduct of Chapters and the characters of petitioners "since a lot of us cranks began to favor exclusion of intoxicants, the seller and intemperate user," he directs these straight sentences:

"The condition is a very unfortunate one for any jurisdiction when any considerable number of members of a Grand Masonic Body believe, either in their consciences or their 'crankiness,' that they can no longer trust their constituent lodges or chapters to make a proper use of the ballot box for the exclusion of undesirable material. In any event, it is our firm conviction that it would more fully accord with the spirit of the Masonic system and of the ancient landmarks and old constitutions, to promptly discipline, even if necessary to the extent of arresting the charter of, any lodge and chapter proving themselves thus untrustworthy, than to invade the oldtime rights of other lodges and chapters by new-fangled, intemperate and unwise legislation in the shape of modern restrictions upon the undoubted right of the subordinate bodies to select their own
material, subject only to the conditions that form an essential part of the Masonic system."

E. A. Evans, Quebec, Grand Z.

Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

**Rhode Island**

Chapters . . 10.  
Members . . 3,790.

An excellent portrait of Grand High Priest Willard A. Esten precedes the official record of the One hundred and twelfth Annual Convocation, held in Providence on the 8th March, 1910.

"In manners affable and kind, in duties faithful and devoted, in motives sincere and honest," writes his biographer, and with such attributes it may be safely premised that Rhode Island’s selection was a happy one. That the Grand High Priest ruled judiciously goes without saying.

He visited most of the Chapters, and what he witnessed therein confirmed his belief in the enthusiasm and interest of the selected officers.

In the report of the Committee on Ritual of the previous year, it was recommended that the Grand Lecturer be directed to have the book containing the former work of this Grand Chapter destroyed by fire in the presence of the Grand High Priest at the earliest convenience of said Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer, and that they report thereon to next Annual Convocation. This recommendation was carried out.

He accompanied the Rhode Island delegation to the General Grand’s triennial at Savannah and reported a good time. On the return trip he stopped at Alexandria and visited the lodge rooms of Washington Lodge and saw all the working tools and paraphernalia used by "the father of his country" when he was Master of the Lodge.
His official acts were few. His colleagues in office shared in the duty of visitation and submitted interesting reports.

The report of the Finance Committee noted the fact that the account book of the Grand Treasurer had been in use just one full century, and from its present excellent condition is likely to be serviceable for a period in the future which will far exceed the lives of most of the members of the Grand Body.

Sympathetic messages and flowers were sent Past Grand High Priests Henry W. Rugg and Geo. H. Kenyon, who were reported ill. The former sent a characteristic acknowledgment, and expressed hope of ultimate recovery. That hope his Companions echoed, and trusted that their beloved Chairman of Foreign Correspondence would be able to furnish his usual report. The printing of the Proceedings was accordingly delayed; but it was deemed best to omit the report this year, as at so late date the other member of the Committee felt unable to furnish one.

M. E. Comp. Rev. Dr. Rugg, however, did not rally, and, to the grief of his Companions, and indeed to that of a continent, for he was Grand Commander of the U. S. Templar body, he succumbed to the malady which had stricken him down in the activity of a noble Masonic career.

William H. Scott, Providence, Grand High Priest.

Wm. R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.

\textit{Scotland}

At the Quarterly Convocation in December, 1909, there was a good attendance and a number of apologies.

A petition for a new Chapter at Burnbank was opposed on the ground "that there was within five minutes' walk on the same car line a Chapter on either side." The applicants had neither got the sanction of the Provincial
Grand Superintendent nor of the two adjoining Chapters. Their Capitular enthusiasm will have to be satisfied with the "five minutes’ walk on the car line."

Companion the Earl of Cassillis, Grand Superintendent of Ayrshire, moved that the name of "Sorn" Chapter, in Ayrshire province, be changed to "Boswell Royal Arch Chapter, Auchinleck." He stated that the Chapter used to meet at Sorn, but now met at Auchinleck, and he expressed the belief that if the name were changed to "Boswell of Auchinleck" they would get more to join the Chapter.

And yet there are doubting ones who will ask "what’s in a name?" The Provincial Grand Chapter, however, had not been consulted, and the new baptismal ceremony was postponed until sanction from that quarter was accorded.

The festival of the Vernal Equinox falling on Monday opened up the important question of the dinner, the date and the place. It was agreed finally to celebrate at headquarters, and those who favored Glasgow might try for that city next year.

It appears from a communication received officially that in the Punjaub, though not elsewhere in India, a Principal of a Scottish Chapter is excluded from witnessing the installation of a Principal in an English Chapter, even though he is an installed Master in the Craft. Looking to the fact that the practice in Scottish Chapters has been to admit Companions of other Constitutions to any part of the work which they have themselves gone through in their own Constitution, the Supreme Committee, at a meeting in February, recommended that Grand Chapter should request an understanding with England as to mutual recognition of degrees and decisions.

In the matter of the requested recognition of Western Australia the Committee recommended that Grand Scribe E. obtain full information and report to next meeting, defining the position and attitude of the Grand
Chapters of England and Ireland in the matter, and also the position of the West Australian Grand Chapter, with special reference to the degrees over which it claims jurisdiction. From which it would appear that the heart of the “auld mither” is softening.

The Chairman intimated that he had received a letter from Grand Scribe E., resigning his position on account of ill-health, and expressed the deep regret of himself and the other members of Committee that Companion Brown would be compelled to sever his connection with the Supreme Chapter.

A sub-committee was appointed to confer with the Grand Lodge of Scotland as to the working of the ritual of the Mark Master degree.

In the record of the meetings for March, 1910, a list of 217 Chapters from which moneys were received is given. This, however, does not indicate the strength of the subordinate bodies, nor is there anything elsewhere to guide one in respect of the total membership.

The Annual Convocation saw a large attendance, when the question of a successor to the Grand Scribe E. was again discussed and the festival banquet enjoyed later.

Seventeen applications for the vacant office came before the Special Committee in May, and of these nine were selected as eligible under the conditions laid down by Grand Chapter.

The election, which occasioned much interest and considerable debating, came off at a Special Convocation in Edinburgh on the 19th May. Eight nominations were made, and the result of the balloting disclosed that Comp. A. A. Arbuthnot Murray of Edinburgh, Past Deputy Grand Z., received an overwhelming majority.

The Grand Z. then declared Companion Murray duly elected Grand Scribe E., and, having taken the obligation, was duly installed in office and invested. The Grand Z. congratulated him upon his appointment, and expressed
the hope that for many years he might have pleasure in performing the duties of his new position, for which all knew he was so well and fully qualified.

In regard to the question of recognition of the young Grand Chapter of Western Australia, the matter was reported as in course of being favorably entertained, subject to suitable arrangements and agreement.

R. King Stewart, Murdostown, Grand First Principal.

A. Arbuthnot Murray, Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.

**South Carolina**

Chapters .. 30.      Members .. 2,304.

For nearly half a century the Annual Convocations were held in the city of Charleston, but this, the Ninety-eighth, was summoned for the capital city of Columbia, and the response was very encouraging. The Companions assembled in the Masonic Temple on the 9th February, 1909, and were accorded a welcome by Companion Joseph Lindsay, M.E., Grand High Priest.

In the previous August death called M. E. Comp. John R. Bellinger, P.G.H.P., an active citizen of Bamberg and prominent in the legal profession. He had been Canada’s worthy representative near his Grand Chapter for some years. In the words of the G. H. P., “he was absolutely conscientious and faithful in the intelligent performance of every duty.”

Two new Chapters were authorized and another continued under dispensation.

Referring to the net gain of 237, the Grand High Priest said:

“Are we building on a sure foundation? Are not the candidates more anxious ‘to get through’ than to understand the beautiful lessons taught.”

“Many of the Chapters make a frolic of the degrees; make them so rough and humiliating that it is impossible for the candidate to stand it, and all the beauty and solemnity of these beautiful degrees are lost.”
An old Chapter, which worked from 1827 to 1841 and dropped out for fourteen years, when it was revived under a new number, asked that the old number, which was given to a later organization, be restored to them. They got it.

He paid deserved tribute to the work of Grand Secretary Barron for the excellence of his report on Correspondence, saying:

"Only those of us who have been associated with him in the Grand Chapter work have an idea of his devotion to Masonry, of the time, energy and ability given to promote its welfare, and when he has answered the last roll call we will find that his place can not be filled."

Alas, little did he think that the well-loved Comp. Barron would be called on to obey that summons ere another year had passed.

At the previous Convocation it was recommended "that as a slight token of our affection and esteem for him, the sum of one hundred dollars in gold be presented to Grand Treasurer Jackson through the Grand High Priest." The duty was faithfully and pleasantly carried out.

The Special Committee appointed at last Annual Convocation to prepare a short form for opening and closing, where work is done in several degrees at one Convocation, made a report, which, after brief discussion, was adopted.

The Correspondence report of the esteemed Grand Secretary was of his usual painstaking kind. He had Canada's jubilee volume under review and commented favorably.

"The Grand Chapter of Western Australia was recognized. Good for Canada. In Masonry she can throw off old country traditions and precedents. What will Scotland say?"

We venture to remark that no Companion who takes a wide and generous view of Capitular doings generally would rejoice more than the good Companion Barron, were he still with us, to know that Scotland, after a
period of stern non-recognition, is now considering the
icnest way in which she will administer the maternal
blessing to her sturdy and independent child at the
antipodes.

1910.

At Greenville, where the Ninety-ninth Annual was
held on the 8th February, Comp. O. Frank Hart acted as
Grand Secretary in the absence of Companion J. T.
Barron, who lay on a bed of sickness, from which he
was fated not to rise again. Grand High Priest Gantt
voiced the sympathy of Grand Chapter when he re-
ferred to

"The enforced absence of one whose name and personality
have been familiar to every gathering of Masons of every degree
in our State for several years past. One who adds to his keen
interest in the welfare of the bodies which have gladly pre-
sented him with the highest honors in their gift, an admirable
knowledge of the law, coupled with an untiring zeal and purpose
to support it with ceaseless activity."

In urging a further donation to the projected Masonic
Home, the G. H. P. stated that the accumulated fund for
that purpose now amounted to $38,000.

Grand Secretary Barron prefaced his report by an
apology for absence. He was compelled to abandon all
work in the previous November and went to Florida,
where he thought the change had worked a benefit, ex-
pressing the hope that he would be able to resume his
duties in March. It was not to be.

It was decided to hold the centennial celebration at
Charleston, and a Committee was appointed to arrange a
suitable programme. The Past Grand High Priests, not hitherto decorated, are to receive jewels on the occasion.

A recommendation to appropriate a thousand dollars
towards the proposed Masonic Home was approved.

Companion Barron had written his review of a few of
the Grand Chapters when the summons came, and Com-
panion Hart took up the duty. Under all the distressing
circumstances an excellent compilation resulted, and we
are pleased to note that the Companion who is to occupy the position so worthily filled by the late Grand Secretary will also continue the Correspondence report.

Wm. E. Gantt, Charleston, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee

Chapters . . 88. Members . . 4,776.

An excellent representation attended the Eighty-first Annual at Nashville on 24th January, 1910. Comp. Andrew P. Trogden, Grand High Priest, was happy in the fact that in addition to adding four new Chapters the remainder, with few exceptions, were prosperous. But there was a fly in the ointment.

"Yet among them are a number that make no effort to learn the Ritual of the degrees, and are to-day ignorant of their duties, and depend on getting help by inviting some Grand or Past Grand Officer to exalt their candidates, without being able to render him any assistance whatever."

His health prevented him from visiting many of the Chapters that invited him.

The Committee appointed to secure permanent quarters for the Grand bodies reported that they had secured an eligible site in Nashville at a cost of $25,000, and that later the city authorities had made a claim to a certain portion of the property. There was consequent delay in preparing plans, and as the matter is in the network of the law the Temple project is still in the misty future.

Past Grand High Priest McClister prepared his usual good report on Correspondence, which was ordered printed with the proceedings. It was, but we can fancy the compiler's feelings when the finished product came to his hands. As a mystifying mix-up it was a complete success. A grand jumble of correspondence, statistics, membership lists, by-laws and anything else the "make-up" could diligently displace.
Canada for 1909 was discovered with a few others sandwiched in between a code of by-laws and a roster of Past Grand Officers, each of which was similarly mutilated. His review was a kindly one. It is observed that he has no use for the P. M. degree in the R. A. system.

Jesse T. Spaulding, Nashville, Grand High Priest.

Wm. A. Clendening, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Vermont

Chapters . . 30.

Members . . 4,075.

Comp. Edward H. Martin, M. E. Grand High Priest, had no time for sentiment when he addressed his Companions in Ninety-third Annual Convocation at Burlington, on the 17th June, 1910. Without a word of introduction or apology, he sailed at once into an account of his "doings" during the year.

Briefly he told of his attendance at all the district meetings, his visit to Savannah, to a jubilee celebration at Bennington, and of his acts in office. He inaugurated a system for arriving at a knowledge of the domestic conditions of the Chapters with fairly good results.

Grand Chapter had in a mistaken spirit of economy lessened its taxation of the subordinates, with the result that the revenue was deplorably a misfit. The palpable error in judgment was the outcome of leaving an important vital matter to the general body instead of confiding it to a committee of skilled Companions. The Grand High Priest explained that the question was passed without careful consideration and on the spur of the moment, and the Finance Committee, which was at work in committee room, knew nothing of the matter till after Grand Chapter was closed. "In my opinion," he added, "it would be foolish to let the Grand Chapter wend its way to the poor-house at the rate of five hundred dollars a year."

M. E. Marsh O. Perkins, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented a verbal report asking for
more time in which to complete the report, and on motion the request was granted, but the finished product does not appear with the printed Proceedings, a fact unexplained and regrettable.

A dispensation to establish a new Chapter at Richford was applied for successfully.

A pleasant feature of the session was the reception of M. E. Henry De Witt Hamilton, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, and present Grand Master of the First Veil of the General Grand Chapter, and Companion William B. Hand, the Grand Representative of Vermont near New York.

White-winged peace floats serenely over Vermont and with never a cloud on the horizon.

Henry S. Root, Newport, Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Victoria

A table in the "Appendix" which "precedes" the record of the Quarterly Convocations for October, 1908, and January, April and July, 1909, gives the information that there are nineteen Chapters in the jurisdiction. Their strength, so far as the pamphlet is concerned, is a matter of guesswork.

At the first meeting it was moved that Comp. G. Lyall Marquand succeed Comp. Brain, who had resigned, as Grand Scribe E. This was approved.

The new Secretary was invested at the January Convocation, and his annual stipend fixed at £50. His predecessor had held office for fifteen years, and an expression of appreciation of his services was recorded, while his Companions acknowledged his worth in the presentation of a handsome clock accompanied by an engrossed address.

A revision of the rules and regulations was decided upon.
M. Em. Comp. Thomas P. Derham, G.Z., being the only Companion nominated in April, was declared by M. Em. Comp. Phillip Cohen, P.G.Z., to be duly elected as First Grand Principal for the second term.

Vacancies having occurred in the representation of sister Grand Chapters through non-attendance for more than two years, as provided by the Regulations, the Committee recommended several names as Grand Representatives and submitted them for the approval of the First Grand Principal.

A petition for a charter to form a new Chapter at Warrnambool was received, duly signed by nine Royal Arch Masons, and, being in order, was recommended.

A recommendation to consider generally the policy of Grand Chapter with regard to dealing with questions of benevolence was approved.

At the following Convocation it was decided that in the opinion of the Companions it is not advisable to establish a Fund of Benevolence at the present time.

One Companion was reported as excluded for non-payment of dues.

The installation and investiture of the Grand Officers concluded the business of the session, and Grand Chapter was closed “in Ample, Ancient and Solemn Form.”

Thos. P. Derham, Melbourne, Grand First Principal.
Geo. L. Marquand, Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

**Virginia**

Chapters .. 64. Members .. 5,917.

In the historic City of Richmond, and on the evening of the 26th October, 1909, to One hundred and second Annual Convocation of this old Grand Chapter was called to order by M. E. Comp. Wm. B. McChesney, Grand High Priest, with an encouraging attendance, Canada’s envoy, Comp. Elias L. Guy, figuring among the ambassadorial corps.
Like those in similar position, he had to report a period of delightful harmony in which he was retained in condition of ease unbroken by a single demand for a ruling or decision.

Three new Chapters were given new life under promising auspices.

He declined a request from the Chairman of the Washington Masonic Memorial Association, of Fredericksburg, Va., to sanction an appeal to the Chapters. This action was taken for many reasons—principally because it belonged to the Craft in general, and the appeal, he said, should be made to the Lodges.

A request was made to authorize the publication of a history of Richmond Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3. This, while it might be of great interest and possibly much good, would, he thought, be establishing a bad precedent, and further, that it was a question for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

He apologized for non-visitation, both to Chapters and to the Masonic Home meetings. He hesitated not to let others know, however, where their duty lay:

"It has been but a few short years since Virginia Masons laid the foundation stone for our Orphan's Home. Companions, the work has been begun—it is for you to say 'Shall it flourish?'"

Since the adoption of the resolution by Grand Chapter five years ago there were procured twenty-one jewels for presentation to Past Grand High Priests. At the close of this Convocation all of the living Past Grand High Priests were in possession of "the beautiful tokens of esteem."

The Grand Lecturer did good work and reported that attendance and interest were advancing.

"To sum up, I have exalted or helped to exalt one hundred and thirty-five candidates, besides conferring the subordinate degrees on eighteen others, which brings the total of exaltations to my credit, since I have been your Grand Lecturer, up to thirteen hundred and ninety-seven."
A resolution to levy an annual per capita tax of one dollar on each Royal Arch Mason in the State, to aid in the maintenance of the Masonic Home of Virginia, was set aside in favor of a substitute to the effect that it be a request to the subordinate Chapters that they set apart not less than three dollars from each exaltation fee for the benefit of the Masonic Home of Virginia, and that the same be sent in a special remittance to the Grand Secretary when the annual dues are remitted.

It was decided after careful and mature deliberation to rescind the resolution adopted some years since, dispensing with refreshments at the Convocations of the Grand Chapter.

It was also decided, sad to relate, that a committee of three be appointed by the M. Ex. Grand High Priest to report to the next Grand Chapter a plan for public installation of officers in subordinate Chapters.

By the amended Methodical Digest the salary of the Grand Lecturer is to be one thousand dollars per annum, payable in regular monthly installments. In addition: "Any Chapter requiring the Grand Lecturer to visit and instruct its members shall pay his necessary travelling expenses in travelling to and from such Chapter and his board for the time occupied in such instruction."

Comp. Chas. Nesbitt, Chairman of Fraternal Correspondence, believing that all wisdom radiates from the rising sun, confines his attention almost exclusively to the utterances of the Grand High Priest. The plan has its advantages. There is little responsibility and less of brain worry, but then the wear and tear on the scissors must have its own drawbacks, especially if the instrument bites a snag, but as we remarked before, if Virginia is content, what room is there for any querulous outsider to grumble?

Congratulations are in order to Canada's representative, Companion Guy, on his deserved elevation to the highest office in the Royal Craft.

Elias Lyons Guy, Norfolk, Grand High Priest.

James B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.
Western Australia

Chapters . . 10.  Members . . 285.

An apparently good portrait of M. E. Comp. Rev. D. F. Freedman, present Grand First Principal, in regal robe, collar, apron, sash and jewels, is presented with the little pamphlet of Proceedings of the Semi-Annual Convocation, held at Perth, on March 29, 1909.

The Deputy Grand Principal presided in the absence of his chief, who was holidaying.

He expressed hope that it would not be long before they obtained universal recognition. It is known that up to the present most of the Grand Chapters throughout the world have been waiting for the lead of England and Scotland, a lead which was not given obviously because of the strained relationship that existed between the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Western Australia. Now that there is mutual recognition between these two Grand bodies, it is confidently looked forward to to be able to report in the very near future that Western Australia's Grand Chapter has received the world-wide recognition due to it.

Attention was directed to the fact that at the previous Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of W. A., the clause which recognized the suspension of Companions of a R. A. Chapter as a misdemeanor also in Craft Lodges, had been rescinded. The Committee duly considered the matter, but found that it was not a matter for interference.

An application from Golden Arrow Chapter, No. 6, "to be allowed to go into recess," was discussed, and regret expressed that the members of that Chapter considered it necessary to adopt such a course. The application was granted, nevertheless, under the provisions of the Constitution.

It was proposed that no Principal of a Chapter shall be installed who has not, at the date of his election, been
a Royal Arch Mason for "at least two years." This was disapproved later.

Grand Z. T. F. Jolly was present at the Annual Convocation on September 23, and referred with pleasure to his sojourn at Sydney, and his reception by the Companions of New South Wales. His address was optimistic and he looked to speedy acknowledgment of their claims to recognition from the mother Grand Chapters.


J. C. Strickland, Perth, Grand Scribe E.

**West Virginia**

Chapters . . 36. 
Members . . 4,734.

In much after the stereotyped style did Grand High Priest J. W. deVelber greet his Companions of West Virginia when they assembled for the Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation in the city of Wheeling on the 9th November, 1909. The rapidly flitting year, the labors in the quarries during that period, the happy reunion when specimens of skill were to be exhibited and inspected, the wages to be received, and the final planning for a further year of the good work. It is familiar reading, but then it is difficult to ring the changes on a well-worn theme, especially where everybody is so kindly disposed that there isn't even the faintest suspicion of a friendly "scrap."

Like many others, his term of office was unfortunately one in which an intimate acquaintance with his Chapters was rendered practically nil by reason of business engagements or indisposition. To him the omission was a matter of serious regret. The Chapters were inspected, however, by proxy, and with the assistance of a prepared set of questions their condition was arrived at—on paper.

In one the inspector discovered that the last stated Convocation according to the records was June, 1908. It was open then and had not been closed since. Indeed, the High Priest informed his visitor, that it had not been
closed for several years; that this was done for convenience, it being frequently the case that Companions living at a distance leave before the work was completed, and there would not be the necessary number present to close. It was suggested that Royal Arch Masonry would be benefited by the revocation of the charter.

A similar recommendation was offered in the case of a Chapter whose enthusiasm reached the maximum of three meetings in a year.

West Virginia's Grand Chapter is apparently suffering from a too close connection with the Grand Lodge assemblies, and the advisability of considering the question of meeting at another time and place was urged.

The various reports presented were of purely local interest.

With sincere regret it was learned, on referring to the Report on Correspondence, that its gifted author, Comp. John Dunbar Baines, had passed away in the following January. Grand Secretary Reed's explanatory note at the conclusion thus announces the sad tidings:

"The foregoing is all that has been found of Companion Baines' report. At the time of Grand Chapter, he presented his report 'unfinished,' and asked the privilege of further 'shaping-up and completing,' in time to be printed in the Proceedings, which was gladly allowed him, but the act of finishing, which certainly would have included the proceedings of all Grand Chapters usually reviewed, was never reached."

"In the loss of Companion Baines, who in our official list was ranked as 'Excellent Companion,' but who in our hearts, owing to the great sterling qualities of the man and his immense reach of ability and attainment as a Royal Arch Mason, we feel free to hail as 'Most Excellent,' we feel that the loss is not alone to our Grand Chapter, but to Chapter Masonry in general and the 'Guild' in particular."

His final review of Canada was, as usual, one of warm appreciation. His directness, whether in praise or criticism, was most refreshing, and he was equally as quick to discern a blot as he was to bestow a favor.
"We heartily wish every R. A. Mason in the 'States' might read the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada. There is a strictly business tone pervading the transactions of our Canadian Companions. The addresses and reports are couched in language plainly showing that the officers and the personnel of committees are men of ability and dignity. They are also men of greater devotion to the cause of Capitular Masonry than most of us Americans. Think of an American Grand High Priest travelling over 8,000 miles in official visits to his Chapters. Canada takes high ground in reference to the Royal Craft, and stands firmly on it. Witness her exclusion of the Past Master's degree from her curriculum, and the strong hand with which she enforces it. This Grand Chapter does not 'whitewash' failings or irregularities; if there is fault to find, she finds it. The Grand Chapter of Canada has a great destiny before her in the near future."

West Virginia has lost a devoted Companion and one whose great ability has given her a front place in the line of foremost Grand Chapters. Needless to add Canada's fraternal sympathy goes out to her in this sore and unexpected bereavement.

D. K. Reed, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.

**Wisconsin**

Chapters Members .. 9,568.

The badge of mourning was distinctly in evidence when in Milwaukee on the 15th February, 1910, the Sixtieth Annual Convocation gathered to discuss its affairs. Shining lights in the Craft were dimmed and blotted out since last the Companions assembled.

Companion Henry L. Palmer, Grand High Priest, 1858, 1859, died May 7th, 1909.

Companion William C. Swain, Grand High Priest, 1876, 1877; Deputy General Grand High Priest, 1906-1909, died September 15th, 1909.


Judge Palmer's name was a household word in Craft circles for many years. He was specially prominent in the Templar and Scottish Rites, and the fruits of many studious years were freely given to his brethren.

Companion Swain became widely known throughout the Masonic world on account of his high standing as a Masonic writer. He gave to Masonry his best efforts, and his work will shine brighter as the years pass on until it becomes a lasting monument to his memory.

Well known and well loved were the Companions who were likewise taken during the year, and appropriately each was fraternally remembered in spoken tributes that commanded deep attention.

The Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. H. C. Dittmar made a most satisfactory report of conditions in his jurisdiction. As elsewhere, the spirit of peace prevailed and progress was evident in all sections.

He was asked to permit a Chapter to confer the Royal Arch Degree in the open air on an island in the lake during a summer afternoon, but declined for obvious reasons.

He asked the Companions to consider the advisability of increasing the per capita tax at least ten cents in order to meet the necessary outlay. This was concurred in by Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of Companion Thomas C. Cassidy, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, and he was made an honorary member of the Wisconsin body.

It was decided to omit in future the roster of members of subordinate Chapters from the publication of the annual proceedings.
A fifty page report on Correspondence was contributed by M. E. Comp. Samuel Wright, in which he briefly scans the jurisdictions to hand, Canada for 1909 being included.

Walter A. West, Elkhorn, Grand High Priest.
Wm. W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Wyoming

Chapters . . 10. Members . . 770.

The volume containing the record of the Second Annual Convocation of this young Grand Chapter presents all the earmarks of being in excellent hands. Well arranged and admirably printed, it reflects the highest credit on the M. E. Companion to whose mature experience the work of Grand Secretary has been wisely entrusted.

The Companions attended at Green River on the 7th April, 1910, and were honored by a visit from the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Kingsley, who complimented the sturdy infant and prophesied a vigorous growth.

The address of Grand High Priest Birney H. Sage was brief but encouraging.

Grand Secretary Parshall's report furnished a good showing of the work done by his office and indicated much more to come.

The inevitable jewel for the outgoing Grand High Priest was decided upon and a committee on the design was appointed.

Before closing the General Grand High Priest was again called upon for remarks, and responded at length, expressing much gratification at what seemed to him the growing enthusiasm in Capitular Masonry in the State.

He also reviewed the growth of the Order from its incipiency and pointed out the many phases of danger in
permitting its use as a "stepping stone" to something else.

The remarks developed into a lecture on Capitular Masonry which was instructive and greatly enjoyed by those present.

Grand Secretary Parshall furnished an excellent report on Correspondence, in which he distinguished himself as anything but a novice. Indeed, from a perusal of his "first offence," it would not be difficult to predict him a decided acquisition to the circle. Three pages he devotes to Canada for 1909. He quotes the writer freely on the question of dependent membership, and with whose views he is in hearty agreement.

"Since the Pittsburg Triennial, which imposed the dependent membership requirement upon Commanderies, we have read exhaustive discussions, pro and con, upon the subject Our only conclusion has been that it is the result of American commercialism, pure and simple. The theory of enforced membership has no attractions for us."

Jesse Converse, Laramie, Grand High Priest.
Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary.

CONCLUSION.

With one or two regrettable hitches, for which we disclaim responsibility, the round has again been accomplished, and, as premised, the journey was one of fair weather. To the many, this will be matter for congratulation. In the bosom of the Royal Craft there should be no place for contention, nor yet for sorrow. Its teachings are all uplifting. Reverence, peace and universal charity are links to bind us into a united and happy fraternity. But sorrow comes in the guise of that terrible reminder, death. In the period just closing many gifted colleagues beloved of their Companions, have fallen by the wayside. Soon the vacant chairs are refilled, and their former occupants are but a memory. Their good work, however, lives, and it
may be that many who have taken counsel from its wis-
dom will in the years to come bless the name of him
whose now "vanished hand" proved a supporting guide
in the hour of hesitation and doubt.

"Were a star quenched on high,
   For ages would its light
Still lingering downward through the sky,
   Beam out on mortal sight.
So, when a good man dies;
   For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him
   Shines upon the paths of men."

The midnight chimes remind us that another year is
born. May it prove a growing period for the Royal
Craft at large and for the Companions of Canada, whose
happiness and prosperity we cordially desire; may the
inclination to acquire a more perfect knowledge of the
beautiful art to which they have voluntarily allied them-
selves be strengthened and encouraged until in the course
of time our Chapters may come to be regarded as havens
of healthful rest; sacred places where the quest for truth
and inspiration may be satisfied and the inwardness of
genuine fraternity be more than a theme for speculation.

Fraternally submitted,

[Signature]

Chairman.
APPENDIX

Proceedings Reviewed

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