Masonic Calendar

Ancient Craft Masonic ceremonies shall take place on Saturday, 8th of March, at the Palace for the Masonic Orders.

Royal Arch Masonic The High Times shall occur under the auspices of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the third day of the month.

Royal and Select Masters may meet on the 29th of March, 9th of April, to prepare the Masonic ceremonies for the occasion of the Grand Lodge.

Saints' Falls shall occur on the Masonic calendar for the second and third Sundays of the month.

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Erected Masonic Ceremonies shall take place on the second and third Sundays of the month.

Rules for Masonic Dates

 Regular Oath: After you have been initiated, take the following oath:

 True, and I promise, I will

 Regular Abbe: After you have been abbe, take the following oath:

 I will not be absent from the lodge when called upon.

 Regular Master: After you have been regular master, take the following oath:

 I will not be absent from the lodge when called upon.

 Master Mason: After you have been master mason, take the following oath:

 I will not be absent from the lodge when called upon.

 Master of Parts: After you have been master of parts, take the following oath:

 I will not be absent from the lodge when called upon.

 Master of Ceremonies: After you have been master of ceremonies, take the following oath:

 I will not be absent from the lodge when called upon.
The New Masonic Temple, Toronto
PROCEEDINGS
Of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada
At the
Sixtieth Annual Convocation

Held in
The New Masonic Temple, Yonge Street
City of Toronto, Ontario

Wednesday, February 27th, A.D. 1918, A.L. 5918, A.I. 2448

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved

Grand Z.                      Grand Scribe E.
Arthur S. Gorrell, M.D., Regina, Sask.
M. Ex. Grand Z.
At the Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, Held in the New Masonic Temple, City of Toronto, Wednesday, February 27th, A.D. 1918, A.I. 2448.

PRESENT.

M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell...Grand Z.
R. " W. N. Ponton...Grand H. } Grand Council.
R. " H. S. Griffin...Grand J.
R. " Henry T. Smith...Grand Scribe E.
R. " John Boyd...as Grand Scribe N.
M. " George Moore...Grand Treasurer.
R. " George E. Logan...Grand Principal Sojourner.
R. " David J. Proctor...Grand Registrar.
R. " E. J. Repath...as Grand Senior Sojourner.
R. " E. J. Everett...as Grand Junior Sojourner.
R. " J. B. Nixon...Grand Lecturer.
R. " W. R. Ledger...as Grand Sword Bearer.
R. " J. E. Francis...as Grand Master 1st Veil.
V. " W. H. Whipps...as Grand Master 2nd Veil.
V. " W. A. Lyon...as Grand Master 3rd Veil.
R. " J. H. Shaw...as Grand Master 4th Veil.
R. " T. F. Campbell...as Grand Standard Bearer.
V. " J. A. Cowan...as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. " E. R. Bowles...as Grand Organist.
V. " Isaac Newton...Grand Pursuivant.
V. " T. H. Hayhurst...as Grand Steward.
V. " W. G. Price...as Grand Steward.
V. " H. R. Clark...as Grand Steward.
V. " D. Colman...as Grand Steward.
V. " Edwin Smith...as Grand Steward.
V. " John A. Sinclair...as Grand Steward.
V. " E. C. Coath...as Grand Steward.
V. " T. H. Graham...as Grand Steward.
V. " Frazer Matthews...as Grand Steward.
V. " Ben Bunn...as Grand Steward.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. Ex. Comp. W. Lancaster...London Dist. No. 2
R. " James H. Shaw...Wilson " 3
R. " R. S. Hamilton...Wellington " 4
R. " John W. Elliott...Hamilton " 5
GRAND CHAPTER OF ONTARIO

Grand Superintendents—Cont’d.

R. Ex. Comp. Frank A. Copus.............. Huron                      Dist. No. 6
" " " C. D. Winn...................... Niagara                      " " 7
" " " G. L. Gardiner.............. Toronto                       " " 8
" " " R. S. Cotton................. Ontario                      " " 10
" " " C. S. McGillivray............. Pr. Edward                  " " 11
" " " G. M. Gorrell.............. St. Lawrence                    " " 12
" " " John Conley................ Ottawa                        " " 13

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Ample Form at 10 o’clock a.m.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and proxies from Chapters, reported that there were 164 Warranted Chapters and 1 under dispensation on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 110 were represented by the following Companions:

No. 1.  Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.

No. 2.  The Hiram, Hamilton.

No. 3.  St. John’s, London.
R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 4.  St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.

No. 5.  St. George’s, London.
No. 6.  
*St. John's, Hamilton.*

No. 7.  
*The Moira, Belleville.*

No. 8.  
*King Solomon's, Toronto.*

No. 15.  
*Wawanosh, Sarnia.*

No. 16.  
*Carleton, Ottawa.*

No. 18.  
*Oxford, Woodstock.*

No. 19.  
*Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
Ex. Comp George H. Smith (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 20.  
*Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
Ex. Comp. G. A. Woodside (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 23.  
*Ezra, Simcoe.*

No. 24.  
*Tecumseh, Stratford.*

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

No. 27.  
*Manitou, Collingwood.*
Ex. Comps. R. E. Robertson, Z.; W. H. Whipps, P.Z.

No. 29.  
*McCallum, Dunnville.*
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No. 30. Huron, Goderich.

No. 31. Prince Edward, Picton.

No. 32. Waterloo, Galt.

No. 34. Signet, Barrie.


No. 36. Corinthian, Peterborough.

No. 37. Victoria, Port Hope.

No. 40. Guelph, Guelph.

No. 41. Harris, Ingersoll.
Ex. Comps. W. A. Sutherland, Z.; R. B. Hutt, G. M. McKay, P.Z.'s.

No. 44. Mount Sinai, Napanee.
R. Ex. Comp. J. G. Fennell (proxy), P.Z.

No. 45. Excelsior, Colborne.
Ex. Comp. John T. Gordon, Z.

No. 47. Wellington, Chatham.
Ex. Comps. T. Fred Guttridge, Z.; Amos M. Burch, H.

No. 52. Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.
Ex. Comp. W. D. Lawrence (proxy), P.Z.

No. 54. Palestine, St. Thomas.
Ex. Comps. M. McIntyre, Z.; T. L. Cochrane, P.Z.

No. 57. King Hiram, Port Colborne.
Ex. Comps. J. S. Sherk, Z.; C. D. Winn, P.Z.

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

No. 59. Sussex, Brockville.
R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Stein (proxy), P.Z.
No. 60.  
*Doric, Newmarket.*
Ex. Comp. George Topper, Z.

No. 61.  
*Granite, Almonte.*

No. 62.  
*York, Toronto.*

No. 64.  
*Willson, Welland.*

No. 65.  
*St. Paul’s, Toronto.*

No. 67.  
*Enterprise, Harriston.*
Ex. Comp. E. W. Lambert, P.Z.

No. 69.  
*Grimsby, Grimsby.*

No. 70.  
*Grand River, Bracebridge.*
Ex. Comp. F. M. Johnson, P.Z.

No. 72.  
*Keystone, Stirling.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. McC. Potts (proxy), P.Z.

No. 74.  
*Beaver, Strathroy.*

No. 75.  
*St. Clair, Milton.*

No. 76.  
*Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.*

No. 77.  
*Occident, Toronto.*

No. 79.  
*Orient, Toronto.*
No. 80.  
*Ark, Windsor.*

No. 81.  
*Aylmer, Aylmer.*
Ex. Comp. H. L. Stratton, Z.

No. 82.  
*Shuniah, Port Arthur.*
R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer (proxy).

No. 83.  
*Ionic, Orangeville.*

No. 86.  
*Macpherson, Meaford.*
Ex. Comp. John A. Sinclair (proxy), P.Z.

No. 88.  
*MacNabb, Dresden.*
Ex. Comp. F. H. Laird (proxy), P.Z.

No. 90.  
*Golden, Kenora.*
Ex. Comp. Wm. Taylor, Z.

No. 91.  
*Antiquity, Toronto.*

No. 94.  
*Midland, Lindsay.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. J. McMahon (proxy), P.Z.

No. 98.  
*Vancouver, Vancouver.*

No. 99.  
*Keystone, Portage la Prairie.*
Ex. Comp. Jesse Smith (proxy).

No. 100.  
*St. Lawrence, Brockville.*
Ex. Comp. F. Bellamy, Z.

No. 102.  
*Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*
Ex. Comps. Wm. Rubenstein, Z.; G. S. Cowie, P.Z.

No. 103.  
*St. John's, North Bay.*
Ex. Comps. H. M. Anderson, Z.; H. G. Thorpe, H.

No. 104.  
*White Oak, Oakville.*
R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Morden (proxy), P.Z.

No. 112.  
*St. John's, Morrisburg.*

No. 114.  
*Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
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No. 117.  
Kitchener, Kitchener.  

No. 119.  
King Cyrus, Leamington.  
Ex. Comp. Thomas Rowley, Z.

No. 121.  
Wascana, Regina.  
Ex. Comp. L. C. Harris (proxy), P.Z.

No. 122.  
Rossland, Rossland.  
Ex. Comp. W. S. Rugh (proxy), P.Z.

No. 123.  
Nelson, Nelson.  

No. 124.  
Westminster, New Westminster.  
R. Ex. Comp. B. Allen (proxy).

No. 125.  
Rocky Mountain, Cranbrook.  
Ex. Comp. W. F. Attridge (proxy), P.Z.

No. 127.  
Keystone, Nanaimo.  
R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Rogers (proxy).

No. 130.  
Chantry, Southampton.  
Ex. Comp. R. B. Hillmer (proxy), P.Z.

No. 133.  
St. Francis, Smith’s Falls.  

No. 135.  
Succoth, Uxbridge.  
Ex. Comp. D. A. Turner, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, P.Z.

No. 138.  
Shekinah, Toronto.  

No. 139.  
St. Andrew’s, Havelock.  
Ex. Comp. H. R. Butterill, Z.; A. Primrose, P.Z.

No. 140.  
Fort William, Fort William.  
Ex. Comp. J. D. Forrest, Z.

No. 143.  
Glengarry, Maxville.  
Ex. Comp. G. H. McDougall (proxy), P.Z.

No. 144.  
Presque Isle, Brighton.  
Ex. Comp. Oscar L. Morrow (proxy), P.Z.

No. 145.  
The St. Patrick, Toronto.  
No. 149.  
*Atwood, Rainy River.*  
M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt (proxy).

No. 150.  

No. 151.  
*Laurentian, Pembroke.*  

No. 152.  
*Alberton, Fort Francis.*  
Ex. Comp. D. J. Gillion (proxy), P.Z.

No. 153.  
*Sombra, Sombra.*  
Ex. Comp. W. R. Stokes (proxy), P.Z.

No. 155.  
*Ancaster, Ancaster.*  

No. 156.  
*Avondale, Hartney.*  
Ex. Comp. A. E. Fry (proxy), P.Z.

No. 163.  
*The Beaches, Toronto.*  

No. 165.  
*Saskatoon, Saskatoon.*  
R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton (proxy).

No. 168.  
*Ionic, Campbellford.*  
Ex. Comp. D. F. Robertson, P.Z.

No. 171.  
*Rabboni, Dauphin.*  

No. 175.  
*The Hamilton, Hamilton.*  

No. 178.  
*Kaien, Prince Rupert.*  
R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson (proxy).

No. 181.  
*Battleford, Battleford.*  

No. 182.  
*Camosun, Victoria.*  
M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt (proxy).

No. 184.  
*Hugh Murray, Bridgeburg.*  
Ex. Comp. Thos. J. Wilbee, Z.

No. 185.  
*Toronto, Toronto.*  

No. 190.  *Pacific, Vancouver.*

No. 192.  *Trinity, Melville.*
R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Brennan (proxy).

No. 193.  *Govan, Govan.*
Ex. Comp. C. H. Wray (proxy), P.Z.

No. 194.  *Orient, Moosomin.*

No. 198.  *Couchiching, Orillia.*
Ex. Comp. T. S. Lewis, Z.

No. 203.  *Cobalt, Cobalt.*
Ex. Comps. Frank H. Todd, Z.; Robert LeHeup, P.Z.

No. 205.  *Victoria, Thornhill.*

No. 207.  *King George, Yorkton.*
R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin (proxy).

No. 211.  *Shaunavon, Shaunavon.*
Ex. Comp. J. R. Yorke, H.

Fifty-four Chapters were represented by regular officers, 18 were represented by proxy, 38 were represented by Past Z.'s, making the total Chapters represented 110. Fifty-five Chapters were unrepresented. There were 282 delegates registered, making a total of 510 votes.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. Haentschel,
R. W. Clewlo,
W. Y. Mills,

Committee.

On motion of R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. Ex. 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 the Convocation.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the proceedings of the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Toronto, Wednesday, February 28th, 1917, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and seconded by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, and

Resolved,—That as the proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held February 28th, 1917, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read, and the same is now confirmed.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Ex. Comp. W. E. Logan, on behalf of the Toronto Chapters, read the following address of welcome, which the M. Ex. the Grand Z. acknowledged in suitable terms:

"To Arthur S. Gorrell, M.D.,
   Grand Z.,
   Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Companion:—

At the Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, the Companions of Toronto greet you as their Grand Z. In doing so they are pleased that this greeting is being extended in the beautiful new Masonic Temple which has recently been erected by the Craft of Toronto, and which will, we trust, be known for many years, as the Central Masonic Home of the brethren of this enterprising city.

In welcoming you, the Companions recognize that you have travelled many miles from the West to attend this Convocation, and they look upon you, as one of 'the ties that bind' the Masonic Order between the East and the West of this great Dominion of Canada.

You can, it is said, ascribe the different characteristics of people, hailing from different nations, to the topography of their native land. To a certain point this is true, beyond that, the difference becomes one of psychology rather than geography, and that is why nations hold to a large extent their destiny in their own hands.

A great destiny lies before Canada in the West. The illimitable distances of the Prairies have undoubtedly acted upon the human soul, freeing it from discouragements of failure in the past, and, have given the people that sense of freedom seen to-day in their dauntless optimism. The qualities that went forth with the Pioneers on the trail to the setting Sun of the West guaranteed their success as
nation builders. The monuments of their triumph can be viewed
from the City of Winnipeg to the far distant Province of British
Columbia, and even beyond.

Our beloved Order, we believe, has played an important part
in bringing together the different nationalities of the West, and has
been the means of having the people become absorbed in the national
life of the country.

- In extending our congratulations to you, we are fully cognizant
  of the dignity you have exercised for the past year in the discharge
  of the duties of your exalted position as Grand Z. We are not un-
  mindful of the assertion, 'that praise undeserved is satire in disguise,'
  and to you, expressions of praise may appear but fulsome words of
  greeting, yet your acts, as our Grand Z. for one year, we can assure
  you, meet with our highest commendation.

Your courteous treatment towards those, who have greeted you
as a Grand Chapter Officer, has won you the friendship of many
Companions attending the Annual Convocations of this Grand Body.
To you they realize that life is no idle dream, but a solemn reality,
and their wish is, that you may be blessed with many years of activity
not only to work for the general welfare of Capitular Masonry, but
in strengthening 'the tie that binds,' the great North-West with the
Eastern part of this 'Canada of Ours.'

Signed on behalf of the Chapters of Toronto, by the undersigned
First Principals, February 27th, 1918:

Benjamin J. Miller, St. Andrew & St. John, No. 4.
W. E. Logan, King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8.
M. Engers, York Chapter, No. 62.
George E. Evans, St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65.
I. T. Stickwood, Occident Chapter, No. 77.
D. J. Kirkham, Orient Chapter, No. 79.
R. J. Hoidge, Antiquity Chapter, No. 91.
Wesley A. Fydel, Shekinah Chapter, No. 138.
Frazer Matthews, The Beaches Chapter, No. 163.
W. G. Morrison, Toronto Chapter, No. 185.
E. J. Repath, Mt. Sinai Chapter, U.D."

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt and R. Ex. Comp.
Benjamin Allen introduced M. Ex. Comp. Wm. Herbert
Lowe, Grand High Priest, R. Ex. Comp. Rev. A. B.
Fitz-Gerald, Grand Chaplain, and R. Ex. Comp.
Godfrey Pitts, Grand Representative of the Grand
Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of the
State of New Jersey, and later, M. Ex. Comp. J. Wm.
Prouse, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of
the State of New York, who received a cordial welcome
from the M. Ex. the Grand Z., and were accorded
Grand Honours. The distinguished visitors acknowled-
ged in suitable terms the greetings extended to them.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of representatives of sister Grand Chapters when he greeted them, and invited those in attendance to seats on the dais. The following answered to their names:

R. " " William Birrell.............................. Arizona.
M. " " Abraham Shaw............................... Connecticut.
R. " " R. W. Clewlo................................. District of Columbia.
R. " " James H. Cowan.............................. Florida.
R. " " W. N. Ponton................................. Georgia.
M. " " W. G. Reid................................. Illinois.
R. " " John Stevenson.............................. Indiana.
R. " " Benjamin Allen............................. Maine.
R. " " Oliver Ellwood.............................. Minnesota.
R. " " A. G. Harwood.............................. Missouri.
R. " " R. H. Spencer.............................. Nebraska.
M. " " George Moore............................... Nova Scotia.
V. " " Hugh A. MacKay............................. Ohio.
R. " " Edward Worth............................... Oklahoma.
M. " " F. W. Harcourt.............................. Oregon.
R. " " H. S. Griffin, M.D........................ Pennsylvania.
R. " " E. B. Brown................................. Quebec.
M. " " D. F. Macwatt............................... Scotland.
R. " " E. T. Malone............................... Texas.
M. " " A. S. Gorrell, M.D........................ Utah.
R. " " J. B. Nixon................................. Vermont.
R. " " Joseph W. Hickson......................... Victoria.
R. " " William Panton............................ Western Australia.
R. " " Alexander Cowan........................... West Virginia.

Grand Honours having been accorded the representatives, Grand Chapter was called to order, when the M. Ex. the Grand Z. presented the following:
THE GRAND Z’S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada Royal Arch Masons.

Companions:—

I have the honour to welcome you to the Sixtieth Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter and I do so with mingled feelings of pleasure and sorrow. Pleasure because the affairs of the Grand Chapter are in such excellent condition; our membership is increasing; our finances are affluent and our relations with all our Sister Grand Jurisdictions are of the most friendly nature. The enthusiasm of our Companions, under present adverse conditions, exemplifies the good results of their tuition as Royal Arch Masons and is an evidence of undiminished zeal in the interest of the Royal Craft. From every portion of the Grand Jurisdiction reports of earnest activity have been received. The energy of our Companions is an evidence that their love of Freemasonry has been in no wise diminished under the great trial through which we are now passing. I feel sorrowful because of the great affliction through which our Nation is now passing and every subject of the British Empire cannot but look with feeling of great grief upon the trying events which are now making the History of the World. Through the kind disposition of beneficent Providence our Country has been spared the horror of War and we are practically untouched, in a material sense. This does not lessen, but rather increases, our mourning for those who have so gallantly laid down their lives upon the field of battle in defence of Justice, Truth and National Honour. At other previous Convocations we had drawn to our attention the fact that the virile manhood of our Country was being assembled under arms to proceed overseas, to fight in the battles of the Empire, and to participate in this World’s armament, and nobly have they done so, as the casualty lists after Ypres, St. Elois, Festubert, Passchendaele and Vimy Ridge so amply testify. The Glory won by our boys in those battles will never fade from the History of the Nation, and the memory of their heroic deeds will be as laurels and coronets to our children forever.
At this Convocation I wish to invite your attention to the reverse side of the picture. Not only are we continuing still to send our sons overseas to satisfy the insatiable god of War, but we are now receiving back into our arms those whom Providence has permitted to return; the maimed, the halt, the blind, the grievously disfigured and wounded heroes who have passed through this veritable hell upon earth. It is not the custom of these men to enlarge upon their deeds. It is exceedingly difficult to have them relate what took place upon the battle line, but each and every one bear testimony of the terrible stress to which they have been subjected, and their very trials should give us pause and open our hearts to a generous consideration of their immediate future. It is true that the Government of our Country is making a noble effort to in some way recompense our Soldiers for their great sacrifice, but official action is not all that is required. It is a duty which devolves upon each and every man that is left behind, to take a personal interest in the returned soldiers. The Military Hospital Commission Command has done glorious work in looking after those who have returned, and many noble men and women throughout the country have ably seconded their efforts to prove that the sacrifices of our men are appreciated and not forgotten. To those of you who are over military age, or who are physically unfit for overseas services, or for any other reason which prevents your serving with the colours, there is a duty laid of assisting in a second line of defense, namely, an energetic and sustained support of our patriotic societies such as the Red Cross who provide for the different branches of our Hospitals, for the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire whose duty it is to provide comfort for our men in the trenches and, for the other patriotic societies who are carrying on patriotic work, but there still remains one great obligation, and that is to the returned soldier himself.

Let me appeal to those of you who are employers of labor, in whatever form it may be, clerical, mechanical, scientific and farming, to deal
generously with our returned men when they ask for that which is their proper due, namely, the right to work and to maintain themselves in this country for which they have so generously shed their blood. Remember that these men have passed through years of terrible struggle which has unfitted them for more peaceful walks of life and that many of them will have to learn new occupations and employments. I regret to state that I have had cases quoted to me where employers have ascertained that the returned soldier is in receipt of a pension and have endeavored to reduce his wages in proportion to the amount of the pension received. I am pleased to say that only a few cases of this kind have come to my knowledge, but those few are sufficiently disgraceful to have me mention them in my address with the hope that it may in some small way help to check what is a grave injustice. If as citizens of this country we owe a duty to the returned soldiers who are not of the "Household of the Faithful" how much greater then is our obligation to those of our brethren who have claims upon us. If there is any time in the history of the Royal Craft when tangible evidence of Masonic Brotherhood should be manifested now is the time. A sincere interest in our returned brother and actual help in his endeavors to re-arrange his unsettled affairs, a real effort in endeavoring to place him in a position whereby he will again be on an equality with his fellows will be the best evidence that our protestations of brotherly love are an actuality. My Companions remember the lessons which have been taught you at our altars and exemplify in your actions that those lessons have born fruit and are a real force in your business lives.

Those Who have Died.

Many Companions during the past year have passed away to their reward:

M. Ex. Comp. Robert Hendry, Past Grand Z. of this Grand Body in 1887, died February 8th, 1918, at Kingston, Ontario. Our late Companion, at the time of his death, was over eighty years of age, and had taken a deep interest, from the early sixties in Kingston,
up to the time of his demise, in everything pertaining to Masonry. Thus one by one are the pioneers of this Grand Chapter passing from amongst us. M. Ex. Comps. A. Shaw and W. S. R. Murch were present at the last sad ceremonies as the representatives of this Grand Chapter.

R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hallett, Grand Superintendent, Georgian District, No. 9 in 1904; died June 28th, 1917. Comp. Hallett was a well informed Mason and up to the day of his death took an active interest in all branches of Masonry.

R. Ex. Comp. T. H. Banfield, Grand Superintendent of Kootenay District No. 18, in 1915; was killed in action at Vimy Ridge, April 9th, 1917. His death was a noble one.

R. Ex. Comp. Arthur McGinnis, Grand Superintendent Prince Edward District, 1890-1, died September 10th, 1917. He had been Collector of Customs in Belleville for several years and had been connected with the Customs Staff in that city for over twenty-five years. The obsequies of our Companion took place under Masonic auspices with all classes of citizens in attendance. R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton our Grand H. was one of those who officiated in the Masonic Service at the grave.

Many others have passed to their reward and their names will properly appear in our Proceedings.

Honour Roll.

The names of the Companions in this year's Proceedings will appear as last year, of those who have been reported to the Grand Scribe E's Office as having enlisted for Overseas Service. Among them will be found many who have paid the "Supreme Sacrifice." Death to them, we trust, is but the foreshadowing of a higher life.

Well Known to Masonic World.

In the death of Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, in October last, England lost one of her most devoted Masons. He had been for years Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge, as well as Grand Scribe E,
of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Masons of England. In speaking of his burial it is said: "Quite in keeping with his life was the funeral of Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, over whose remains the burial Service was read at St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, S.W., London, on Saturday morning, October the 13th. It was the funeral of a warrior, and also one whose weapons had been those of love and peace."

**IN CANADIAN JURISDICTIONS.**

Nova Scotia—M. Ex. Comp. William Marshall Black, P.G.H.P., passed away during the year. Comp. Black was born in the City of Halifax in 1866, and for some years had made his home in the town of Wolville, where he engaged in all the activities of a public-spirited citizen, having faithfully served the Town as Mayor and in other capacities.

Quebec—M. Ex. Comp. Will H. Whyte, P.G.Z., and Grand Scribe E, died in the City of Winnipeg, September 19th, 1917, where he had just attended the yearly conclave of Great Priory. The unexpected suddenness of his death was keenly felt not only by the Companions of Quebec, but by Masons throughout Canada, as he was well known to all.

**FRATERNAL DEAD FROM AMERICAN JURISDICTIONS.**

During the past year Grand Jurisdictions of the United States have lost by death many prominent Companions. Following are the names of those of whose death we have been informed:

- Alabama—Francis Harwood Bates, P.G.H.P.
- Arkansas—Robert Liddell, P.G.H.P.
- Colorado—James Hamilton Peabody, P.G.H.P.
- Florida—James Carnell, P.G.H.P.
- Kentucky—James W. Hopper, P.G.H.P.
- Minnesota—Ebenezer E. Corliss, P.G.H.P.
- Mississippi—John Silas Brooks, P.G.H.P.
- New York—Marvin I. Greenwood, P.G.H.P.
Nevada—William McMillan, P.G.H.P.
North Carolina—John Nichols, P.G.H.P.
Ohio—William E. Evans, P.G.H.P.
Oklahoma—Leo Edmond Bennett, Grand Secretary.
South Dakota—Park Davis, P.G.H.P., Edward Bolivar Brary, P.G.H.P.
Virginia—William James Hubard, P.G.H.P.

Visitations.

During the year I have made no visitations, for several reasons, first, my Military duties have made such large demands upon my time that I have found it necessary to practically give up my professional business so that I could devote all my time and energy to the furtherance of my Department of the Work, secondly, the interval reports of the Grand Superintendents of the different Districts have been of such an encouraging nature that I have felt justified in denying myself this great pleasure. I received a most pressing invitation from the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York to be present at their Annual Convocation and, as I was quite unable to accept this evidence of fraternal regard, I requested the Grand Second Principal R. Ex. Comp. Ponton to represent me at this important gathering, which he did with that ability which characterizes all his public actions.

Appointments.

Vacancies having occurred in the representation of other Grand Bodies, I recommended the Companions named which were approved:


A vacancy having occurred in the representation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, the following recommendation was approved:

M. Ex. Comp. Isaac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Quebec.

A vacancy having occurred in the Grand Chapter of Victoria, Australia, owing to the death of R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Charles Carty Salmon, I approved of the recommendation of V. Ex. Comp. John Byatt.
A vacancy having occurred in the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, Australia, I approved of the recommendation of Ex. Comp. J. C. Heighway.

On a request of M. Ex. Comp. Albert Diament, Grand High Priest of the State of Missouri, I appointed R. Ex. Comp. Orson H. Swearingen, of Kansas City, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

I received the resignation of R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh, Chairman of the Committee on Capitular Masonry, which resignation I accepted with great reluctance. I have requested M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw to present the report of the Committee at this Convocation.

Revision of Constitution.

In compliance with a resolution to revise the Constitution of Grand Chapter passed at the last Annual Convocation, I appointed a Committee consisting of M. Ex. Comps. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman; F. W. Harcourt; R. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, and the result of their labor has been forwarded to the Constituent Chapters, as well as to the officers of Grand Chapter, and will be presented to you to-day. It is to be hoped that in discussing the revision of this Constitution the discussions will be short and to the point so that as much work can be accomplished in the limited time at our disposal as may be consistent with a proper consideration of the subject involved.

Halifax Disaster.

On December the 6th, the City of Halifax was overwhelmed with one of the greatest disasters in the history of our country. Thousands of our fellow citizens were killed, thousands grievously wounded, and according to a later press report, hundreds were rendered totally blind for life. When the news of this great disaster reached me I immediately communicated with the Grand Scribe E, and asked him to submit to the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and other Companions concerned, the question of subscribing a substantial grant to the sufferers. I quote from a
letter of Joseph R. Bennett, Grand High Priest of Nova Scotia, as follows:—"I can assure you any relief you donate would be most appreciated as our loss is almost incalculable, desolation and misery everywhere. Many of our Companions have been called away, their homes destroyed and ruined. Over seventeen hundred persons have been buried, two hundred, more or less blind, and many persons are still beneath the ruins. We will be glad to receive any donations and will see that they are faithfully applied." Owing to the speedy reply of the country at large to the cry of distress, I felt that haste in this matter might be somewhat abated, but I now recommend that a grant of $1,000 be given to the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia to be expended solely in the interests of the Royal Arch Masons in that Grand Jurisdiction, this sum to be regarded as a supplementary grant to that given by the General Relief Association for the whole city.

DESTRUCTION BY FIRE.

I regret to say that on January the 26th, the Masonic Hall, Peterborough, was completely destroyed by fire. Nothing but a few of the books were recovered and all valuable fittings were lost. A Dispensation was issued on January 30th to permit the Companions to hold their Convocations in other quarters until permanent arrangements could be made.

RULINGS.

1.—I was asked respecting a Companion who signed a Petition for a Dispensation for the Institution of Govan Chapter in the year 1913, and who subsequently disclaimed liability for dues, whether he was liable.

I ruled that the Companion, having signed the Petition for a Dispensation for a Chapter at Govan, Sask., and having continued his name on the said Petition without having requested that it be removed therefrom, renders himself liable for such dues as the Chapter's By-laws may legally enforce.

2.—The question was asked if an organist could be considered a "Serving Companion," as referred to
in Section 58, of the Constitution, and therefore, admitted free of fee, if a Dispensation was obtained from the Grand Z.

I decided that the request could not be complied with for the issuing of a Dispensation to admit a Brother, who was an organist, as a "Serving Companion," as the character of a "Serving Companion," as understood by me, did not include the duties of an Organist for the Chapter.

3.—The request was made by several Companions of a Chapter, if it were possible for them to hold an election before the end of 1917, as they had been in office for over a year and felt that in justice to Companions who would naturally receive promotion they should relinquish office as soon as possible.

I refused consent to the issuing of a Dispensation for this purpose.

4.—A Communication had been received by a Chapter regarding an indebtedness for $125, for the funeral expenses of a Companion, who had died in 1915, and the Chapter desired to know if it were liable, when it had not in any way incurred the expenses.

This, I ruled, did not concern Grand Chapter, and was a matter for the Chapter to decide. However, I expressed the opinion that there was no claim upon the Chapter, as it had not in any way become responsible for the debt.

5.—The question was asked if it was necessary to Install a First Principal who had been re-elected.

I stated that the actual installation must take place, but it was not necessary to perform the full ceremony.

6.—I was asked if a brother who had demitted from a Craft Lodge was in good standing and eligible to make application for membership to a Chapter.

To this inquiry I stated that a brother who is on demit from a Craft Lodge is in good standing and perfectly eligible to make application for membership to a Chapter.

7.—A ruling was asked as to whether a Companion having been duly installed as First Principal of a Chapter and attending to his duties during the months from January to March, then leaving Toronto, and not
returning, at least for one year, was eligible to be installed as Immediate Past Z. of his Chapter and to rank as a Past Z.

I decided that the Companion, was fully entitled to be installed as Immediate Past Z.

8.—The request was made by a brother, who was visiting Ingersoll, during the summer months, although his home was in Chicago, to be admitted a member of a Chapter in Ingersoll.

To this request I replied that in my opinion the brother's residence in Ingersoll was not sufficient and that he was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, and, if that Grand Body would waive its jurisdiction and a proper ballot taken, a Dispensation might be issued to have the brother exalted in the Chapter.

9.—A Communication was received from Victoria Royal Arch Chapter, No. 98, asking if a brother suspended for N.P.D. in a Craft Lodge is automatically suspended in the Chapter.

I ruled that he was not automatically suspended.

10.—A Communication was received from Algonquin Chapter, Sault Ste Marie, in which the question was asked, if a member of the Craft, who had already received the Master Mason's degree and who had lost his arm just above the elbow, could receive the Chapter degrees.

I ruled that this brother was entitled to receive the Chapter degrees and the loss of the arm did not prevent the same. My reason for this ruling is, that physical fitness is laid down as a law regarding initiates and is in no way intended to debar a worthy Mason from advancement.

11.—The Scribe E. of Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, wrote that a member of Grand River Lodge, who had returned from Overseas, had received the Mark Master Mason degree in Amherst Lodge, No. 266, Sangate, England, October 26th, 1916, and that he was desirous to know what steps should be taken to get the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees in Kitchener Chapter.
I stated, that as the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of England was a separate institution, and that the fee for Exaltation in a Chapter in this Jurisdiction was for Exaltation alone, that the application for Exaltation should go to the Chapter the same way as any other Master Mason, and the procedure would be exactly the same, except, that the possession of the Mark Master Mason degree by the brother would be recognised as valid.

12.—The question was asked, if a brother who was born in Petrolia, his parents dead, but having near relatives living there, left the town several years ago, and while in Manitoulin Islands, became a member of Gore Bay Lodge, and now having returned to Petrolia, but likely to be called away at any time, could become a member of Bruce Chapter.

By opinion was, that he must join the Chapter nearest his place of permanent residence, and in this particular case, as he had apparently no place of permanent residence, and had not declared any place to be his permanent residence, that his Masonic residence was Gore Bay.

13.—St. John's Chapter, No. 185, desired to know if a Companion was justified in holding office in New Liskeard Chapter while his dues were in arrears in St. John's Chapter.

I replied, that if the Companion was in arrears for dues in a Chapter and not suspended, there was no reason why he should not hold office in another Chapter, but if he was suspended for non-payment of dues in any Chapter he must of necessity stand suspended in all.

Courtesies.

During the past year courtesies have been extended between Chapters belonging to American Jurisdictions and those of our own in conferring degrees upon Brethren who have requested the favor.

Dispensations.

During the year a Dispensation was issued for the formation of a new Chapter at Toronto, to be called Mt. Sinai Chapter. A number of other Dispensations
have been issued, reference to which will appear in the report of the Grand Scribe E.

ALBERTA.

In his address of last year, M. Ex. Comp. Murch made reference to a moral obligation which we owe to the Grand Chapter of Alberta. I beg to again invite your attention to this matter. As we all know the method of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta did not meet with the approval of the Mother Grand Chapter of Canada and for a time the placid sea of Capitular Masonry was disturbed by storms, but I am happy to say, that by mutual forbearance, these storms have been quelled and peace and fraternal good feeling once more obtain between these two Grand Chapters. The only remaining Chapter in the Province of Alberta under the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, namely, Kether Chapter, No. 177, has unanimously decided to withdraw from the Grand Chapter of Canada and unite with the Grand Chapter of Alberta; while in no way desirous of losing one of our Chapters, when this matter was submitted to me I wrote to Comp. Kemmis, stating that in my personal opinion, it would be to the best interests of the Chapter were it in the bosom of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. M. Ex. Comp. Murch recommended that a grant of $1,000.00 be made from the Grand Chapter of Canada to the Grand Chapter of Alberta in behalf of those Chapters which did not primarily enter into the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, but remained with the Grand Chapter of Canada. This year I also recommend that the sum of $1,000.00 be given to the Grand Chapter of Alberta in behalf of these Chapters and that our hearty expressions of fraternal goodwill and our hopes for the future prosperity be tendered to the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

PRESENTATION TO M. EX. COMP. MURCH.

At a Convocation of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapters of Kingston on the 18th May, and in the presence, so I have been informed, of a large number of Companions, M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, the Immediate Past Grand Z, was presented on behalf of Grand Chapter, with a handsome valuable three-
tray cabinet of silver cutlery. The presentation was made by the Special Committee appointed by me, consisting of M.E. Comps. A. Shaw, Chairman; F. W. Harcourt, P.G.Z’s.; R. Ex. Comps. W. N. Ponton, G.H.; and Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.

Conclusion.

This Communication to Grand Chapter comprizes a report of official acts, during the past year. It is to be noted that I have carefully avoided encroaching upon the domains of the other officers of Grand Chapter. I have made no definite statement regarding our Finances, or increase in membership, or the conditions of Capitular Masonry, as these will be presented to you in the reports of the Chairman of the Sub-Committees, and any mention in this address would in a great measure rob their reports of their most interesting items. I have not had an opportunity to express my thanks to you as a Grand Chapter for the honor which you have conferred upon myself by electing me to the office of Grand Z. No one realizes more thoroughly than I do that this election was a recognition of the Royal Arch Companions of Western Canada and not to any particular merits of my own, and in their name I assure you that your action was held in high estimation. The period of my tenure of office draws to a close and while Grand Chapter has not made giant strides of advancement during the year it has, at least, maintained a reputation worthy of its high traditions.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

Grand Z.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, second-by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, and

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

Grand Superintendent’s Reports.

The Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.
To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 1.

With but two exceptions, I was able to visit all the Chapters in the District and am very much pleased to report that harmony and enthusiasm prevails throughout the District. As the official representative of the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., I was cordially received and entertained in a fraternal spirit by each of the Chapters visited.

I have endeavoured to establish uniformity in the work by pointing out any variations I found with that laid down by the Grand Chapter, and am very glad to report that in every degree that I witnessed the work was done in a satisfactory manner showing a disposition to follow, as far as circumstances would permit, the exact letter and spirit of our rites and ceremonies.

The Scribes E., with but one exception, that of Lorne Chapter No. 164, have kept me informed of every Convocation held so that I was able to watch the progress of each Chapter during the year.

I made two attempts to hold a Chapter of Instruction, all arrangements having been made for one on September 24th, but owing to peculiar circumstances, first, one Chapter which had consented to work a degree, and then another reported it would be impossible to carry out their promise. A second call was made for December 12th, and despite conditions, which were unfavourable, it was successfully held at Windsor, under the auspices of Ark Chapter No. 80.

The Chapter of Instruction proved highly successful in every way, except in attendance. There were only four of the seven Chapters of the District represented.
The Dominion Election was at its most critical stage, and members who were interested in the Chapter work of their home towns found they had engagements that conflicted with this date.

The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by the officers of Ark Chapter, No. 80, who were hurriedly called together to perform the work in place of King Cyrus Chapter No. 119, who had been asked to do this work, but were unable to be present.

The Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified by Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, in a manner which showed they had profited by the instructions of M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, who when Grand Z. attended the Chapter of Instruction held two years ago at Leamington and personally supervised the work of that degree by Prince of Wales Chapter.

The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the officers of Wellington Chapter, No. 47.

The manner in which the three degrees were exemplified showed very clearly a disposition to follow the ancient rites and ceremonies with a uniformity that is commendable. Those who attended the Chapter of Instruction, witnessed the work as it should be done in all Chapters, and no doubt were instructed in some points that were not formerly clear to them.

Upon this occasion Ark Chapter held its annual Moose Dinner, the game being contributed by R. Ex. Comp. Manly B. Squire, Past Grand Superintendent of the District.

Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham.—I visited Wellington Chapter, No. 47, at their Special Convocation on November 22nd. The officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a most creditable manner, showing practice and proficiency. This Chapter is full of "pep," and its annual report shows satisfactory progress. Ex. Comp. J. C. Stewart, First Principal, on behalf of the Companions, welcomed me and at the close of the work there was a splendid banquet prepared for us which was as satisfactory as the work. The responses to the toasts show that this Chapter is ably supported by its Past Z.'s.
Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg.—I visited Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, on November 2nd, the occasion being a regular Convocation called for general business. I was disappointed when I found there was to be no degree work, although that was not necessary to inform me that this Chapter can and does do good work in conformity to the usages of Royal Arch Masonry. I have previously visited this Chapter a number of times and have always found the work well done. Owing to war conditions there had been no degrees conferred during the year, but on that evening there was received an application breaking the bad spell. This Chapter continued to hold Convocations during the year, and the business of the Chapter was attended to as satisfactorily as if there had been many applications received. The prospects for 1918 are very good. A buffet lunch was served at the close of the work.

Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown.—I visited Erie Chapter, No. 73, at a regular Convocation held on October 15th. The officers received me with cordiality and the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a manner which showed the tutelage of Past Grand Superintendent, R. Ex. Comp. D. R. McDiarmid. There was a good attendance and harmony and good fellowship prevailed. The work of the officers showed the bad effects of the long summer lay-off, this being the first Convocation of the winter season. Many of the Companions being farmers by profession the Chapter closes down early in the season and opens late. This always seems to interfere with the smooth working of the degrees as only constant practice will give men unused to dramatic work any degree of proficiency. At the close of the work an enjoyable luncheon was served.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor.—I have visited Ark Chapter at practically all of their Convocations, this being my mother Chapter. Ark Chapter has efficient officers. The Chapter being large and the only one in the border municipalities of Windsor, Walkerville, Sandwich, Ford City and Ojibway, there is always a waiting list of very good material for officers.
The work done in 1917 has been as well done as it ever has been done in Ark Chapter which is saying a great deal. The time is looked forward to when there will be a new Masonic Temple in Windsor when there will be house-room for another Chapter. The need for this is shown in the large number of applicants and the number of degrees conferred. This need is especially apparent when it is known that the Chapter has only two nights a month on which it is possible to hold Convocations. Very often the work has been started in the afternoon to relieve the congestion. This Chapter has prospects for just as successful a year in 1918. On January 14th I had the pleasure, with the assistance of Past Grand Superintendents R. Ex. Comps. Harry T. Copus and Manly B. Squire, to install the officers for 1918.

MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden.—I visited MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, at their regular Convocation held on November 1st. After the general business of the Chapter had been disposed of the Mark Master degree was conferred in a most creditable manner, Ex. Comp. Bedell presiding. Although the Excellent First Principal of the Chapter did not feel able to work the degree, he is assisted by very able officers and the Past Z.’s afford him every assistance. I do not think I ever saw the Mark Master Mason degree worked better than on this occasion. At the conclusion of the work a banquet was enjoyed by all.

King Cyrus, No. 119, Leamington.—I am sorry to report that I have been unable to make a date with the Companions of King Cyrus Chapter. This is through no fault of theirs, but just the way things have turned out. A tentative arrangement had been made for me to be present and assist in the installation of the officers on January 2nd, but the Companions of King Cyrus found this date impracticable and the date set was one on which I could not attend. The Scribe E. has kept me informed of the progress of the Chapter, and there appears to be every reason to believe that King Cyrus Chapter is making good progress.

Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne.—I am sorry to report that the Scribe E. of Lorne Chapter,
No. 164, has not kept me informed of the Convocations held by his Chapter. This state of affairs made it impossible for me to follow the Convocations of Lorne Chapter and to arrange for an official visit on a date that would have been mutually agreeable. I received an invitation to be present at the Installation of Officers, but unfortunately found it impossible to be present on the date set.

In conclusion, I wish to record my great appreciation of the spirit of kindness and courtesy extended me from all quarters of the district and especially upon my official visits. I firmly believe that Capitular Masonry is progressing in a satisfactory manner in the District. Not only is the membership being augmented but the benefits of the Craft are being experienced. All Chapters are active and 1918 will see a splendid report.

Fraternally submitted,

A. E. Edgar,

Grand Supt., St. Clair District, No. 1.

Windsor, Ont.
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To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I beg to submit my report, as Grand Superintendent, on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in this District for the year 1917.

Sombra Chapter, No. 153, Sombra.—I visited this Chapter on March 26th, when the officers of the Chapter conferred the three degrees on a class of eleven or twelve Candidates, commencing the work at 2.30 p.m. As soon as I saw the officers were not familiar with the Most Excellent Master Mason degree, I took charge of affairs and turned the Convocation into a Chapter of Instruction. The officers then conferred the degree, which was very well done. There were a large number of American Chapter Masons present from Marine City and Port Huron. They were pressed into the work and seemed to enjoy it. In the evening, the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very able manner. In this degree, I had to explain the signs as the First Principal had never seem them correctly given. This Chapter should be moved to Wallaceburg, and in another year I think the Chapter will asked to be moved. Any Chapter or Lodge that meets only two or three times a year cannot expect to keep up interest in the work.

Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. U. A. Buckner and by Ex. Comps. A. L. Boss and R. Syme, I visited this Chapter on May 7th and saw the officers confer the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees. Ex. Comp. J. Nunn, is the best First Principal I ever heard give the Mystical Lecture, it was an inspiration to hear him. The attendance was small, but enthusiastic.

Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia.—I visited this Chapter on May 11th. This is a progressive
Chapter and growing fast. The Chapter makes it a feature to compel all Candidates to pass an examination in the preceding degree before being advanced, and the way it is done is splendid. The Chapter has two meetings each month. The Companions' dues are well paid. On my visit, I presented a suit of Past Grand Superintendent's Regalia to R. Ex. Comp. O.S. Clark, the Immediate Past District Superintendent, who is a member of the Chapter.

Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Buchner and Baker and Ex. Comps. L. A. Boss and Wallace and Comp. McCallum, I visited this Chapter on June 20th. The Chapter is badly affected by the absence of its younger members at the front. The First Principal was unfortunately absent from the Convocation. R. Ex. Comp. Sinclair, the Scribe E., conferred the Most Excellent Master degree in a faultless manner, and was ably assisted by the other officers. The Right Excellent Companion is an ardent and enthusiastic Mason, and, although upwards of eighty-five years of age, performs his duties as Scribe E. with credit, and takes an active interest in the welfare of the Craft. This Chapter is growing, judging from the applications received.

St. George's Chapter, No. 5, London.—On September 28th I visited this Chapter and witnessed the conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree by Ex. Comp. W. O. Odell, the Second Principal and the officers of the Chapter. I have visited this Chapter on three different occasions this year and have seen good work in the Chapter. Its growth is rapid.

Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill.—Accompanied by Ex. Comp. L. A. Boss on October 5th I visited this Chapter and found it in a very hopeful condition. Ex. Comp. F. T. Zapft is a "live wire," and has held a Convocation each month since his election as First Principal and the prospects of the Chapter are very bright indeed. The officers worked the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Mason degrees. They have a good idea of the degrees, which is shown by the officers when they are being conferred.
The night was stormy and wet, but in spite of bad weather there was a good attendance of Companions. The Candidate drove twelve miles in the mud to receive the degrees, and he said he was well repaid for so doing. Before we left Parkhill we had the promise of every member present to keep the Chapter alive and growing. I also had the promise of the Scribe E., that his Annual Return would be in on time. He reports dues coming in slowly, but surely. I also instructed the First Principal of the Chapter to have a Treasurer elected.

Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas.—I visited this Chapter on October 11th, accompanied by a large number of London Companions, and we were received with great cordiality. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Morton, was unavoidably absent, being in the West. Ex. Comp. W. V. McDonald, acted as First Principal, with Ex. Comp. W. E. Forbes assisting, conferred the Royal Arch degree in a faultless manner. The work of the Principal Sojourner was very impressive and all that one could desire. This Chapter is well officered. The Second and Third Principals are splendid officers, the Chapter is growing and the dues well paid.

London Chapter, No. 150, London.—I visited this Chapter, officially, on October 16th. This is my Mother Chapter, and as I have attended every Convocation for some years past, I can fairly say that the work of Ex. Comp. R. Syme, and his officers, compares favourably with any I have seen. On this occasion the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a faultless manner. There was a large attendance of Companions, and, needless to say, my reception was very cordial.

St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London.—On October 24th I visited this Chapter and was cordially received. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. John Drysdale, was unable to be present owing to illness and the Immediate Past First Principal, Ex. Comp. Sampson, presided. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in an excellent manner, the First Principal being ably supported by the Junior officers. This Chapter enjoys steady growth
and the members take a great interest in the work. Needless to say the books are in good shape as they are in the hands of R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood.

Aylmer Chapter, No. 81, Aylmer.—Accompanied by Ex. Comp. L. A. Boss, I visited this Chapter on November 30th, and found it badly affected by sickness among its members. The First Principal, through illness in his home, was unable to attend. Owing to the inability of the First Principal to be present the Chair was taken by R. Ex. Comp. Dalton, who, assisted by the regular officers, exemplified the Mark Master Mason degree in a faultless manner. This Chapter has a number of junior officers who will maintain the best traditions of Aylmer Chapter.

I have found it impossible to get the Chapters of the District together for holding a Chapter of Instruction, but as was recommended by the Most Excellent Companion, the Grand First Principal, I turned every visit made into a Chapter of Instruction and I am satisfied that some good has resulted in my doing this.

During the year several very interesting and profitable visits were exchanged between the Chapters.

On September 27th, St. John’s Chapter, No. 3, London, visited Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas, and conferred the Mark Master Mason degree, which was much appreciated by the St. Thomas Companions.

Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy, on June 19th, paid a fraternal visit to London Chapter, No. 150, and conferred the Royal Arch degree. I think it would be of great advantage to the District if the Companions of Beaver Chapter, with Ex. Comp. Nunn as First Principal, could be induced to visit all the other Chapters.

A fraternal visit was paid by the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto, to St. George’s Chapter, No. 5, London, on October 26th. On this occasion a beautiful triangle, suitably inscribed, was presented to St. George’s Chapter, the presentation being made by the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith. The Toronto Companions conferred
the Royal Arch degree in an able manner and we think with considerable profit to the London Companions.

During the year, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith has visited our District twice and on each occasion gave a lecture on the Secrets of the Royal Arch degree, which, to say the least, was interesting and instructive. The District is indebted to the Right Excellent Companion for his kindness in honouring it with these visits.

The whole year seemed to have been characterized by the greatest friendship and cordiality among the Companions of the District.

I wish to thank the Companions for the very hearty manner in which I was received throughout the District and to extend to them my best wishes for their future welfare.

Fraternally submitted,

WITFIELD LANCASTER,
Grand Supt., London District No. 2.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit my report in connection with Capitular Masonry in this District for the year ending December 31st, 1917. I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the honour conferred in electing me Grand Superintendent of this Masonically historic District. The duties of the office have not been exacting on account of the efficiency of the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. H. A. Johnson, First Principal of Ezra Chapter, No. 23, and the harmony and goodwill prevailing in the District. I would also record my appreciation of the courtesy, hospitality and Companionship extended to me by each Chapter and by every Companion on every occasion, especially on my official visits. The Companions of Wilson District have made this a particularly happy year for me, and it is with some regret that I see my year as Superintendent drawing to a close. I have noticed throughout the whole District, as an outstanding feature, the earnestness of the Companions' intention of making 1918 more successful as regards Capitular Masonry, than even in former years. A very pleasing item to report is the splendid and prompt attention given by Scribes E. of the District to all Chapter business matters.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford.—On October 5th, accompanied by a good number of Companions of Ezra Chapter, I visited Mount Horeb Chapter. I found the Chapter enjoying the pleasure of a newly decorated Chapter room. This is the only Chapter in the District with a Chapter room exclusively so used. I found in this Chapter by far the most enthusiasm and energy of any Chapter in the District. They conferred the Mark Master degree on two brothers in a most perfect manner, and I must report that the officers of this Chapter have attained almost perfection...
in their work. To me it was especially gratifying to see the precise manner in which Comp. Bloomfield (a returned soldier) performed the duties of Senior Deacon. This Chapter enjoys the services of a most praiseworthy Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Blain, who sees that the business and work are alike kept up to the highest standard. Ex. Comp. Rev. G. A. Woodside makes an inimitable First Principal. A number of Past Grand Superintendents were present and after the work was over a very enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet room.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.—On October 19th, I visited officially this Chapter, I also found it in possession of a fine redecorated room. The regular officers, assisted by Ex. Comp. Hartley, conferred the Mark Master degree on two brothers in a very able manner. The officers are enthusiastic, and the prospects of the Chapter very bright for the coming year. After the work of the evening had been completed we enjoyed a very fine supper in an adjoining lunch room, where an hour was spent, as only can be "when good fellows get together."

Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.—I visited this, my home Chapter, on November 8th. This Chapter, though "hit" by the inroads of war has not suffered, as others, in the number of officers being displaced. I regret exceedingly, however, to report the death, in England, from appendicitis of Ex. Comp. Captain A. Hilton Paulin, Second Principal of the Chapter, a most enthusiastic Mason, and a pillar of strength to Simcoe Masonry. A number of Companions, including R. Ex. Comp. Major Surgeon W. A. McIntosh are in khaki. This Chapter did all its work in the first part of the year, and none was on "schedule" for my Official visit. I can report, however, that with such Companions as R. Ex. Comps. Christie and Reid, Ezra Chapter is not behind in the matter of conferring degrees.

Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll.—I visited this Chapter on November 23rd, the Most Excellent degree being conferred in a most creditable manner by the officers, assisted by Ex. Comp. P. C. Hartley of
Woodstock. Ex. Comps. Sherwood, Montgomery and Heath, accompanied by other members of Oxford Chapter, Woodstock, were present. One very interesting feature, of the evening's work, was the voting of a considerable sum of Chapter funds for the purchase of Victory Bonds. Would that all Chapters had made the same patriotic move! After the work had been completed, and drawing our chairs into close formation, refreshments and speeches, and renewals of old friendships were enjoyed for an hour. The future prospects of this Chapter are bright.

Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris.—I journeyed by "Radial" to this Chapter on November 26th, and was agreeably surprised by the presence of R. Ex. Comps. Hamilton and Cowan, accompanied by ten Galt Companions. This Chapter is showing a brave front to the ravages of the war. All Present Principals are Past Principals and are imbued with the determination, as they express it, of "holding on" till the boys come home. This was the night for the election of officers, and all the present officers were unanimously re-elected. The business of the evening being ended, the usual festive board proceedings claimed our attention, and a pleasant hour was spent. I was accompanied on this visit by Ex. Comp. Dr. McGuire and Comp. Wm. Barlow of Ezra Chapter.

Chapter of Instruction, October 18th, 1917.—I have placed this out of the order of dates, it being the occasion of holding a District Chapter of Instruction. In this I was especially assisted by Ex. Comp. H. A. Johnson, District Secretary. The date was originally placed for October 25th, but so many Grand Chapter officers and other members of Grand Chapter, intimating that they would be unable to be present, owing especially to holding of Supreme Council 33rd degree at London, at this time, we changed the date. I regret to state, that notwithstanding the change of date, Grand Chapter officers were conspicuous by their absence. I would especially exclude from this denunciation R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Griffin, who had a reason, not an excuse, in the death a few days previously of his aged esteemed father.
Ceremonies opened at two o'clock by Mount Horeb Chapter, opening in the Mark degree, Ex. Comps. Rev. G. A. Woodside, M.A. as W.M., H. W. Sullivan as S.W., and H. R. Ryan as J.W. The degree was exemplified in splendid style.

At 4:30, Ezra Chapter, No. 23, opened in the Royal Arch degree and exemplified the work with Ex. Comps. H. A. Johnson, First Principal; D. D. Russell, Second Principal; A. J. Peachey, Third Principal, and Comp. Frank Reid, Principal Sojourner.

A visiting team, at eight o'clock, from Waterloo Chapter, Galt, demonstrated the working of the Most Excellent Master degree with Ex. Comps. W. B. Powell, W.M.; T. H. McLaren, S.W.; and J. P. Stuart, J.W. I have to thank R. Ex. Comp. G. E. Parks, of Dunnville, for acting as critic in the several degrees. Following completion of the work, a banquet with war-time refreshments was served in an adjoining lunch room. Visitors were present from Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and other places.

Fraternally submitted,

James H. Shaw,
Grand Supt., Wilson District, No. 3.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your approval, my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4, for the year 1917.

At the outset, I desire to extend to the Companions of the District my sincere thanks for the honour they conferred upon me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter in electing me as their Grand Superintendent. I wish also to express my high appreciation of the courteous and fraternal manner in which I have been received by the officers and Companions of the District on the occasions of my visits, unofficial as well as official.

It was my privilege during the year to visit, officially, each of the Chapters under my supervision, and to pay frequent unofficial visits to the Chapters near at hand, so that I have had an excellent opportunity to judge the work being done and the general conduct of business in these Chapters. I have much pleasure in reporting in general, that Capitular Masonry in this District, is in a healthy condition, that harmony prevails, that the Chapters are gaining in numerical strength and that in the majority of cases the officers are alive to the responsibilities of their duties in Chapter work.

Chapter of Instruction.—A Chapter of Instruction for the District was held in the Masonic Hall, Galt, on Thursday, June 7th, Waterloo Chapter Companions acted as hosts for the occasion and had good reason for congratulations on the success of the gathering, notwithstanding unfavourable weather. There was an exceptionally large attendance and the entire programme was carried through without a hitch.

The occasion was honoured by the presence of several Grand Chapter officers: M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Past Grand First Principal; R. Ex. Comps. Henry T.

Degrees were exemplified as follows: Mark Master Mason degree by Guelph Chapter, No. 40, at 2.30 p.m.; Most Excellent Master degree by Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, at 4.30 p.m.; and the Royal Arch degree by Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, at 8 p.m. The work throughout was done in a most satisfactory manner, and each of the Chapters conferring the degrees was highly complimented by the Board of Critics composed of the visiting District Superintendents and by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith.

At the conclusion of the conferring of the Royal Arch degree, an adjournment was made to the banquet hall where after the "inner man" had been refreshed a pleasant hour in listening to songs and speeches was spent.

This Chapter of Instruction was one of the most successful held in the District in recent years. It was marked by large attendance, excellent work, keen interest and a delightful fraternal spirit.

Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston—Accompanied by the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Dr. T. F. Campbell, I visited this Chapter on August 6th. The date proved somewhat inopportune as several of the officers were on their holidays and there was a small number of Companions present. This Chapter is strong numerically, but is handicapped in having so great a territory which, combined with bad train service, keeps the attendance at the Convocations very small. On the occasion of my visit, three Candidates were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters, District Secretary Campbell aiding in the work by taking the duties of First Principal.

Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville.—This Chapter was officially visited by me on Tuesday evening, August 7th, in company with the District Secretary. The Chapter has an excellent record for
good work accomplished, and is making marked progress under the guidance of Ex. Comp. A. E. Annis. There was no degree work on the occasion of my visit, but the capable way in which the officers opened and closed, in the several degrees, showed that they have a good grip on their respective duties. It was an added pleasure for me to meet on this visit R. Ex. Comp. Irvine, one of the old guard of Ionic Chapter, and Ex. Comp. Chas. McKeown, who notwithstanding his many Parliamentary duties, is deeply interested in Royal Arch Masonry.

WATERLOO CHAPTER, No. 32, GALT.—I visited my home Chapter officially on October 9th. There was a very large attendance of Companions and Ex. Comp. W. B. Powell and his staff of officers conferred the Royal Arch degree. At the conclusion of the work, an exceedingly interesting and instructive address was given by Grand Scribe E., Henry T. Smith, on the Origin, Teachings and Symbolism of the Royal Arch degree. Waterloo Chapter has a splendid record, extending over many years of work, well done by efficient officers. This year, especial attention has been given to the perfecting of the Most Excellent Master degree, with the result that it is being exemplified in a manner that has won the admiration and commendation of Chapters without as well as within Wellington District. This Chapter has been and continues to be loyally supported by many of its oldest members, among whom should be mentioned R. Ex. Comps. Alfred Taylor, Wm. Cowan; Ex. Comp. Finlay Smith, the last mentioned having the unique record of never having missed a Convocation or a rehearsal—a noble example to Companions everywhere. The Chapter will continue to do good work under Ex. Comp. Charles Blake recently installed as First Principal.

GUELPH CHAPTER, No. 40, GUELPH.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on October 12th. It was the intention of Waterloo Chapter Companions to confer the Most Excellent Master degree at this Convocation, but extremely bad weather conditions prevented this being done.
Guelph Chapter has, like other live Chapters of the District, established a standard of efficient work, and it was therefore no surprise to see that Ex. Comp. Rundle and his officers conferred "The last and most Sublime degree in Freemasonry," in a most satisfactory way. This Chapter during the year has wisely decided to raise its annual dues as well as the fee for exaltation and intermediate degrees. It will have no cause for regret in this forward step it has taken.

Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener.—This Chapter, in common with several others, I have visited many times during the year. My official visit was paid on October 19th, on which occasion I was accompanied by several Companions of Waterloo Chapter, Galt. Ex. Comp. J. A. Hallman and his Associates in office conferred the Most Excellent Master degree in a way that left very little indeed open to criticism. Kitchener has an enthusiastic and capable set of officers, who under all circumstances can render a good account of themselves.

At the close of my Official visits, I sent a separate report to each Chapter dealing with conditions as I found them. I dealt especially with the attendance, character of work done, Chapter equipment, by-laws, examination of Candidates and care exercised in the admission of members, pointed out defects, where they had been observed, and made suggestions and recommendations where I thought changes or improvements could be made to the advantage of the Chapter.

I relinquish my duties as Superintendent of the District with regret for it has personally been a year of great Masonic value to me. Everyone, whom it has been my privilege to meet in the different Chapters, has shown the true Masonic spirit of Brotherhood and a bond of friendship has been formed that I trust will never be broken.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

Robt. S. Hamilton,
Grand Supt., Wellington District, No. 4.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I beg to submit to you for your consideration my report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in Hamilton District, No. 5, for the year 1917.

As the representative of Grand Chapter, I have visited every Chapter in the District in my official capacity, and I also visited White Oak Chapter, Oakville, unofficially last spring, along with a number of the officers and Companions of St. Clair Chapter, Milton, when we had the privilege of exemplifying the degree of the Holy Royal Arch and needless to say we were received and entertained in a most cordial and fraternal manner by Ex. Comp. Kendall and the officers and Companions of Oakville.

Soon after my appointment, I got in communication with the officers of the various Chapters when, in view of the anxiety and distraction caused by the great war, all of the Chapters having some of their number at the front, and sorrowing for others who had made the "Supreme Sacrifice," it was deemed advisable to let the year pass as quietly as possible, consistent with a proper discharge of the necessary duties of my position, and so nothing was undertaken outside the regular routine, and no extra duties were assumed or Chapters of Instruction held during the year.

I must express, however, my warmest appreciation of the very kindly manner in which I was received by all. I could not but realize that in many instances, I was visiting Companions who from long service, were much more skilled than myself, in Masonic science, but the spirit of helpfulness and friendliness that was everywhere evinced, made my duties much easier and the visits quite enjoyable.

Speaking generally, I am pleased to report that every Chapter in the District is progressing finely, and not-
withstanding the fact that there are so many things now to distract the attention, yet the interest has by no means abated and the prospects are everywhere quite encouraging.

**St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton.**—In my official capacity I visited this, my Mother Chapter, on October 4th, and was received with very great kindness and given the usual honours by Ex. Comp. Armstrong and the officers and Companions of the Chapter. No work was done on this occasion, and the evening was spent in profitable discussion of various matters of interest. Ex. Comp. Armstrong as Z., takes a great interest in the Chapter, and is able to confer all the degrees in a most efficient way. In this he is ably assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Panton, a Veteran in Masonry, and who I may mention did me the kindness of accompanying me in all my official visits, and acted as my Secretary.

**White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville.**—I visited this Chapter officially on the evening of October 16th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Panton, and Ex. Comps. Armstrong and Irving of Milton. We were cordially received by Ex. Comp. J. R. Kendall, Z., and the other officers and Companions of the Chapter, and after the routine work had been disposed of, the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the Ex. Z. and his officers in a manner which showed they were well skilled in their duties. This Chapter is making steady progress, and great interest is taken in the work by the Companions.

**The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton.**—On the evening of October 26th, I visited this old and well established Chapter, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Panton and Ex. Comps. Armstrong and Irving. Needless to say we were received in the kindest way by Ex. Comp. Evans, Z., and the Companions of the Chapter. A large number was present. No work was done; but the occasion was marked by the presence of M.E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, who, after routine matters were disposed of, on behalf of the Chapter, presented to Ex. Comp. W. H. Wardrope, K.C., Grand Master of
the Grand Lodge of Canada, a travelling bag suitably equipped, marking their appreciation of him and of the high distinction to which he had attained. The presentation was featured by one of those felicitous addresses which M.E. Comp. F. W. Harcourt is so well fitted to make, and was responded to by the recipient of the gift in equally happy and appropriate terms. At the banquet, which followed a very enjoyable hour was spent, and I was pleased to note that Ex. Comp. Kendall of Oakville, with a number of the Companions were present, an act of kindness I very much appreciated. The work and standing of this Chapter are too well known to need comment.

**St. John Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton.**—My official visit to this Chapter was made on the evening of November 8th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Panton and V. Ex. Comp. Bews and Ex. Comp. Irving, when I was introduced and received with grand honours in the usual way. This Chapter is well established and is making steady progress and the prospects for the future are good. A number of the Past Principals at the request of the Ex. Z. of the Chapter, took the Chairs, and the Royal Arch degree was conferred on a number of candidates. The work throughout was splendidly done. It was evident that all taking part fully realized its true meaning, and with the appropriate music, gave it that impressive solemnity which I think should always characterize the conferring of this degree. This Chapter is doing good work, and no doubt will enjoy prosperity as in the past.

**Hamilton Chapter, No. 175, Hamilton.**—This, I believe, is the youngest Chapter in the city, and I had the pleasure of visiting it officially on the evening of November 20th, and was most kindly received and with the usual honours. Afterwards, the Chairs were taken by the Past Principals of the Chapter when the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred, R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Ballard acting as Z. Here again, I am pleased to note the excellent work that was done, showing that those taking part had that high conception of the solemn meaning of the ceremony, that must have
made a marked impression on those receiving the degree as well as on the Companions present. I must say of this and the other Chapters in Hamilton, that all show great interest indeed in the work of Capitular Masonry. Here many have received the training and instruction that has fitted them for the highest positions in the gift of the Craft. All these Chapters seem to be going ahead with a dignified yet steady progress which is well maintained, and the future of Masonry in Hamilton is assured.

Ancaster Chapter, No. 155, Ancaster.—On the evening of December 4th, accompanied by several of the Milton Companions, I visited this Chapter officially, and received a most cordial welcome. I may mention that a number of the Hamilton Companions were also present and there was a good attendance of members also. I had the honour of presiding at the election of the officers of the Chapter for the ensuing year, in which duty I received very acceptable assistance from Ex. Comp. Miller of Hamilton, who was present, and who is well skilled in all matters pertaining to Masonry. This Chapter, though young in years, is doing good work. They have very nice rooms and all are quite enthusiastic. The progress made from year to year is gratifying, and the prospects for the future are excellent.

I cannot thus take leave of my official duties without expressing to all the Chapters and Companions of the District my personal thanks for the honour they have done in electing me to fill the position of Grand Superintendent for the year.

I approached it, I confess, with some diffidence, but whatever has been my insufficiency, I can say truly my way was made very much easier by the uniform kindness I received from the various Principals, Scribes and Companions of the Chapters in the District.

When all were so considerate, I trust it will not be out of place, however, to mention M.E. Comp. George Moore, whose advice and counsel were of such great assistance to me at all times.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

I am pleased to have again this opportunity of thanking the Companions, and hope for all that harmony and prosperity will crown their effort in the years to come.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN W. ELLIOT,
Grand Supt., Hamilton District No. 5.

Milton, Ont.
## HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

| CHAPTER  | Number | LOCATION | Regular Meetings | Emergency | Total | Average Attendance Members | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues, per Member | No. Members last Return | Petitions Accepted | Candidates Initiated | Suspensions | Deaths | Present Membership | M.M. M. Cont. | M.E. M. Cont. | R.A. Cont. | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Dues Outstanding | Amount Insurance | Amt. Expended in Benevolence | Can Ext. Z. work all Degrees? | Prospects |
|----------|--------|----------|------------------|-----------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------|------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| St. Clair | 75 | Milton   | 1.00            | 1.00      | 1.00 | 1.00                        | 1.00                        | 1.00                     | 1.00                   | 1.00                | 1.00               | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00             | 1.00          | 1.00         | 1.00        | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00            | 1.00  | 1.00           | 1.00         | 1.00                     | Yes               | Yes  |
| White Oak | 104 | Oakville | 1.00            | 1.00      | 1.00 | 1.00                        | 1.00                        | 1.00                     | 1.00                   | 1.00                | 1.00               | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00             | 1.00          | 1.00         | 1.00        | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00            | 1.00  | 1.00           | 1.00         | 1.00                     | Yes               | Yes  |
| Hiram     | 2   | Hamilton | 1.00            | 1.00      | 1.00 | 1.00                        | 1.00                        | 1.00                     | 1.00                   | 1.00                | 1.00               | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00             | 1.00          | 1.00         | 1.00        | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00            | 1.00  | 1.00           | 1.00         | 1.00                     | Yes               | Yes  |
| St. John's | 6  | Hamilton | 1.00            | 1.00      | 1.00 | 1.00                        | 1.00                        | 1.00                     | 1.00                   | 1.00                | 1.00               | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00             | 1.00          | 1.00         | 1.00        | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00            | 1.00  | 1.00           | 1.00         | 1.00                     | Yes               | Yes  |
| Ancaster  | 155 | Ancaster | 1.00            | 1.00      | 1.00 | 1.00                        | 1.00                        | 1.00                     | 1.00                   | 1.00                | 1.00               | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00             | 1.00          | 1.00         | 1.00        | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00            | 1.00  | 1.00           | 1.00         | 1.00                     | Yes               | Yes  |
| Hamilton  | 175 | Hamilton | 1.00            | 1.00      | 1.00 | 1.00                        | 1.00                        | 1.00                     | 1.00                   | 1.00                | 1.00               | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00             | 1.00          | 1.00         | 1.00        | 1.00       | 1.00    | 1.00            | 1.00  | 1.00           | 1.00         | 1.00                     | Yes               | Yes  |
To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Huron District, No. 6, for the year 1917.

Taken as a whole, it is fair to state that the Royal Craft in this District has experienced a year of progress and prosperity. There is, however, room for improvement in some of the Chapters. Several Chapters, attribute their difficulties and troubles to the fact that some of their more active members are serving overseas, thus crippling the work; but while this may be a reason for present conditions it is not a real excuse. I conceive that it is the duty of those left behind to "carry on," and that the present is peculiarly a time for the Past Principals to step into the breach. A deeper sense of responsibility on the part of the Past Principals, in general, and an earnest effort by the officers, to make the meetings interesting to the members would do much to revive several Chapters in this District that at present need a re-awakening.

In so large and scattered a District, as this it is almost impossible to hold a Chapter of Instruction that will be attended by a majority of the Chapters. On my visits, therefore, I endeavoured particularly to check up the secret work and the floor work, so as to ensure a uniformity of practice. I also paid less attention than usual to slips in verbal accuracy (due often to nervousness of the officers), but I laid special stress on the spirit that was behind the work. The officers seemed to appreciate this attitude and were glad to see difficult or disputed portions of the work actually illustrated on the floor.

I am not sure, but that Grand Chapter has been too generous in the past in granting warrants without carefully investigating the possibilities of the field of
work. One or two Chapters in this District are working within very circumscribed limits where it is difficult to keep up a proper flow of candidates. This fact should be borne in mind when examining the situation in this as in other Districts and perhaps ought at some time to be seriously considered by Grand Chapter, although even the weakest Chapters number on their rolls earnest and worthy members, deeply interested in and are an ornament to Royal Arch Masonry—and a little leaven leaveneth the whole mass. It must also be remembered that the smallest Chapters numerically are not always the weakest in point of general efficiency.

This District measures over one hundred miles, north and south, by over fifty miles east and west, too large and scattered for the Grand Superintendent to keep in really close touch with all his Chapters. In my opinion a re-arrangement is highly desirable, either by attaching some of the more distant Chapters to an adjacent District, or, better still, by dividing the District in two. I believe such a change would do much to stimulate Capitular Masonry here as the representative of Grand Chapter could then visit each Chapter more or less informally several times in the year, greatly to the advantage of the work.

The Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth.—I visited this Chapter on May 21st, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John Stevenson and Ex. Comp. Denroche of Stratford. The Royal Arch degree was worked in a capable manner by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Burrows. The work of the Principal Sojourner was especially good. This Chapter has been recently much handicapped by lack of candidates. In the course of my remarks, I emphasized the fact that success depends more than anything else upon the enthusiasm put into the work by the officers, and as no less than eight Past Principals were in attendance, all of whom promised to devote more attention in the future to the affairs of the Chapter, I have no doubt that Royal Arch Masonry will have a revival in Seaforth. Arrangements have also been made during the year for an improvement in the system of handling the finances and the prospects of the Malloch Chapter are now quite bright.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

CHANTRY CHAPTER, No. 130, SOUTHAMPTON.—This Chapter has a good membership for a small town, but is handicapped for good material for candidates. In addition, it is difficult, except in the winter to get a good attendance as so many of the members are interested in the fishing industry. The Chapter is in good shape financially in the sense of having a fair balance at the bank and comfortable quarters, but when I visited them on May 29th, there was a large amount of outstanding dues on the books. A successful effort has been made during the year by the Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Hillmer, to collect the arrearages and a number of hopeless cases have been suspended, a course that might be followed with advantage by some other Chapters in the District. On the occasion of my visit, the Mark Master degree was worked for the first time by the Z., Ex. Comp. Macaulay, and although he is past the age of seventy years he gave the work faultlessly. The junior officers would benefit by more drills, and the same might be said of most of the Chapters.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, No. 147, LUCKNOW.—It gives me great pleasure to be able to report on this Chapter, as for a number of years it has been practically dead, for there were only two meetings in 1913, and none since then. An unkind fate seemed to dog this Chapter, as death, sickness and removal left them without any principal officers. Owing to the faithful attention of the Scribe E., Comp. W. W. Hill, the members had, however, been kept good on the books of Grand Chapter. I summoned the members of this Chapter to meet me on June 14th, being accompanied on this occasion by R. Ex. Comp. S. J. Mallion of my own Chapter, whose invaluable assistance I hereby acknowledge. We were met by a number of the Lucknow Companions and, after I explained that matters could no longer be left in their then state, they unanimously decided that Royal Arch Masonry should not be permitted to die out in Lucknow. A slate of officers was elected, to whom I gave an earnest address as to their responsibility, obtaining from each a pledge to devote himself seriously to the work. I was delighted to find that the Scribe E. had secured applications from seven candi-
dates for presentation at this meeting, the proposed candidates including several of the principal officers in the Blue Lodge. I also found that the equipment of the Chapter was in good shape and their meeting place bright, clean and attractive. As the newly elected officers were, of course, unable for the present to work the degrees the officers of Havelock Chapter, Kincardine, very kindly helped out and journeyed over to Lucknow later in the summer, when R. Ex. Comp. Miller of Kincardine installed the new officers and gave the candidates their Mark degree. Later on, the Lucknow Companions went to Kincardine, and there received the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees, being most hospitably entertained by the members of Havelock Chapter. I have since kept in close touch with Lucknow Chapter and believe it has good prospects of again becoming a credit to Grand Chapter.

Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine.—One of the most delightful experiences of the Grand Superintendent of Huron District is his visit to this Chapter, as it enjoys a well deserved reputation for hospitality. Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Mallion, I visited Kincardine on June 15th, being most warmly received by a good number of the Companions. Havelock Chapter is fortunate in possessing several well skilled, enthusiastic and faithful Past Principals who take a deep interest in the work. The Chapter is in a thoroughly flourishing condition with efficient officers and good attendance. Candidates have been fewer than usual this year, but this is only a temporary condition. On the occasion of my visit, the evening was devoted to instruction in the floor work and the secret work. I wish particularly to express my gratitude to the Kincardine Companions for their generous assistance in connection with the revival of Lucknow Chapter.

Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.—I visited this Chapter on October 16th, when the evening was spent in a discussion of ways and means of reviving interest in the work of the Chapter and also in instruction in the secret work. This Chapter has been having
rather a hard time for the past year, war conditions having removed several of the active workers. The Chapter is the second largest in the District and should be in a more prosperous condition. The officers promise to do all they can to make the meetings more interesting and as there are now several candidates in view, I have no doubt improvement will be shown in the near future. The Chapter is in good financial condition. The fate of Royal Arch Masonry in Goderich is in the hands of the officers of this Chapter. If they take hold earnestly Huron Chapter will resume its position as one of the leading Chapters in the District.

LEBANON Chapter, No. 84, Wingham.—In common with many other Chapters in the smaller towns, Lebanon's chief difficulty seems to be in getting the members to attend the meetings. They have had a fair supply of candidates during the past year and if an earnest effort were made, I have no doubt the membership could be largely increased as there are several Blue Lodges in their jurisdiction. On the occasion of my visit on October 17th, the Royal Arch degree was exemplified, and I especially complimented the Principal Sojourner on his work. The Chapter has some excellent material coming among the junior officers and with more devotion to drills the work could be put on in a manner second to none. One of the pleasant features in connection with my visit to Wingham was the presence of ten Companions from the newly revived Chapter at Lucknow, whose enthusiasm led some of them to drive eleven miles into Lucknow and then twelve miles over to Wingham to attend this meeting. I might add that Lebanon Chapter is unfortunate in that a number of the Past Principals have moved away. For this reason it is more than ever necessary for those who are left in town to assist the Chapter in every possible way. The newly decorated Lodge room is very handsomely appointed.

BERNARD Chapter, No. 146, Listowel.—I was hospitably received by Ex. Comp. John Watson and his officers on my official visit to this Chapter on November 9th. The evening was spent in going over
the secret work and the floor work. This Chapter has been in fair shape during the year, but should have more candidates coming forward while special means should be taken to increase the attendance. Finances are quite good and the Chapter is handsomely housed, the Lodge room being about the largest in the District. It was while on this visit that I met for the last time, as it developed, my venerable friend, R. Ex. Comp. D. D. Campbell, Scribe N. of this Chapter, and a Past Grand Superintendent of Huron District. I well recall the enthusiastic interest with which he followed my outline of the secret work. R. Ex. Comp. Campbell passed away on Sunday, January 6th, 1918, in his 88th year, and his death removes one of the landmarks in Masonry in Listowel, and will be a severe loss to Bernard Chapter.

Elliott Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John Stevenson, I visited this Chapter on November 13th, the Royal Arch degree being exemplified in a capable manner. This Chapter was presided over during the year by R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Elliott, who is a tower of strength to Masonry in Mitchell. The Chapter has had a prosperous year, having been busy working degrees ever since the year opened. The finances are in fair shape. The amount of the dues outstanding is by far the largest in the District and steps should at once be taken to remedy this state of affairs.

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford.—The feature of my official visit to this my mother Chapter on November 23rd was the presence of R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., who delivered a most impressive and interesting address on the Symbolism of the Royal Arch degree, which was deeply appreciated by a large number of the Companions. The Royal Arch degree was excellently worked by Ex. Comp. Denroche and his officers, and a pleasant and profitable evening was spent by all. This Chapter has just closed one of the best years in its history, having initiated 34 candidates and now having a membership of 192. The success of the Chapter is largely due to the fact
that each of the officers is thoroughly familiar with his work, attends faithfully to drills and Convocations, and has the interests of the Chapter at heart. In addition a real effort is made to have the meetings featured with something special several times in each year. "Go thou and do likewise"—and you will get the same result.

St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Mary's.—I visited this Chapter on December 10th, when the Royal Arch degree was well exemplified by Ex. Comp. Grainger and his officers. This Chapter has a good membership and a good field to draw from, but is handicapped by the fact that the meetings are held in probably the most uncomfortable quarters in the District, it being apparently impossible to properly heat the room. The Chapter has earnest and capable officers and if the meetings could be held in a more comfortable room, I have no doubt that St. James Chapter would have one of the best records in the District.

In closing, I may be permitted to thank the Companions of this District for their loyal support during the year. Harmony and goodwill have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and it has been a positive pleasure to meet so many worthy and enthusiastic Masons. Any suggestions offered above are made with a definite desire to help the Chapters to become still more efficient. The good name and the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry rests almost altogether with the officers of the individual Chapters, and I have faith that as far as Huron District is concerned they will go forward during the coming year with an earnest desire for even bigger and better things.

Fraternally submitted,

Frank A. Copus,
Grand Supt., Huron District, No. 6.

Stratford, Ont.
Can DX. Z. Work all Diseases?

Prospects.

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CHAPTER.

HURON DISTRICT No. 6

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to present my report on the conditions of Capitular Masonry in the Niagara District, No. 7, for the past year. I have visited every Chapter officially, with the exception of the Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara. A letter was received from Ex. Comp. F. J. McClelland, First Principal of Niagara Chapter, explaining that they were a little slack, but there was some work in sight, and assured me that they would again come to the front as one of the best Chapters of the District.

The greatest of harmony prevails in every Chapter of the District, and the Chapters on the whole have made headway, and the outlook for the future is good.

Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at their regular Convocation held Wednesday, October 31st, and a very cordial reception was tendered me. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Hall and his officers in a most satisfactory manner. Willson Chapter exchanged visits with King Hiram Chapter, and I had a chance to see the several degrees conferred. They were accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Ross and Ex. Comp. Douglas, who took part in the work, and who are the “Mainstays” of Willson Chapter. The books and records are well kept by Comp. Wells, Scribe E.

McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter Friday, November 16th, accompanied by several of the Companions of King Hiram Chapter, and met with a very cordial reception. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Parkes and R. Ex. Comp. Eccles and warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. McGuire, First Principal. After the business of the evening was concluded, a lodge of Mark
Masters was opened and the degree conferred in a very creditable manner. This Chapter still maintains its reputation for good ritual work, and with V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Yocum as Scribe E., the affairs of this Chapter are in the best of hands. After the close of the Chapter the Companions repaired to the Dunnville Club, where an excellent banquet had been prepared and a pleasant hour was spent by all.

Grimsby Chapter, No. 69.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on December 3rd, at the regular Convocation and met with a very cordial reception by the Companions. I was introduced by Ex. Comp. Wray, and was duly received by the officers and Companions with the usual honours. After the regular business, a lodge of Mark Master Masons was duly opened and conferred upon a candidate in a correct and exemplary manner. The closing charge, given by so venerable a Companion as Dr. Milward, one of the oldest Companions perhaps in the District, was particularly interesting and affecting. This Chapter has a complete Book of Marks, and I find the books and records very neatly and correctly kept by Comp. A. H. Phipps, Scribe E. The social hour spent in the banquet hall was enjoyed by all.

Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at a regular Convocation on the evening of December 14th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Sherk of the King Hiram Chapter, and was received in a very cordial manner by the Excellent Z. and Companions of the Mount Moriah Chapter. After the business of the evening had been concluded the Royal Arch was exemplified by the officers in a perfect manner. This is the oldest Chapter in the District. The book and finances are in excellent shape, due to R. Ex. Comp. Lindsey, Scribe E. A very tempting banquet was served, which I regret I could not partake of and catch my train.

Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Bridgeburg.—I visited this Chapter at a regular Convocation on November 13th, accompanied by several members of King Hiram Chapter. They have not been doing
much work during the year, but they have a strong set of officers at present and they conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree in a very impressive manner. The books are well kept and the finances in good condition, which is due to Scribe E. Comp. North. At the close of the work in the Chapter Room refreshments were served, which brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Mount Nebo, Chapter No. 76, Niagara Falls.—At the regular Convocation I paid my official visit to this Chapter on December 21st and received a very cordial welcome. As this was the night of Installation of the Officers there was no degree work. The fact that sixteen candidates were initiated during the year speaks for itself. The duties of Scribe E. are particularly well discharged by Comp. Swannell. At the close of the Chapter the rest of the evening was pleasantly spent at a banquet.

King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne.—At a regular Convocation on Thursday, December 6th, I paid my official visit to my own Chapter and was welcomed by a good attendance. It being the night of the election of officers no degree work was exemplified. I had already seen each of the degrees conferred during the year by Ex. Comp. Johnson and his officers at Willson Chapter, Welland, where they exemplified the Royal Arch degree in a correct and impressive manner—therefore I can bear testimony to the efficiency of the officer of King Hiram Chapter.

In conclusion I desire to thank the representatives of the District for electing me to this high office. I have tried to do my duties and hope my endeavours will have some good results. I am deeply gratified to the various Chapters for the kind and enthusiastic reception accorded to me on my visits and trust that I may be able to renew my acquaintance with them.

Fraternally submitted,

C. D. Winn,
Grand Supt., Niagara District, No. 7.
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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

In submitting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Toronto District, No. 8, for the year 1917, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal for the honour and distinction bestowed upon me in my appointment as his representative in this large and important District.

I have endeavoured to discharge my duties with a full appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the members of the District, with a knowledge of the responsibility of the office and with a due regard for the best interests of our Royal Craft. My task has been made most pleasant by the uniform kindness and hearty co-operation extended to me throughout the District, and it is with much pleasure that I record a year of marked enthusiasm and activity in this District.

My first official act was the appointment of Ex. Comp. Horace Hardy of the Beaches Chapter, Toronto, as District Secretary, a position which he filled in a manner amply justifying his selection for the office.


Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto.—This Chapter I visited officially on April 20th, when the Royal Arch degree was impressively conferred by Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Price and his officers before a large gathering of Royal Arch Masons. This good old Chapter continues to keep up a high standard of efficiency and the Excellent First Principal
and his officers are to be congratulated upon the result of their year's work.

King Solomon Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.—On May 22nd I visited this Chapter and was well pleased indeed with the conferring of the Royal Arch degree by Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker and the officers of the Chapter. There was a splendid attendance of members and visitors. The work was interesting and the evening generally one of profit and pleasure. This Chapter, one of the oldest in Toronto, continues to thrive, is well officered and is making steady progress in the right direction.

Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket.—This Chapter, located at Newmarket, Ontario, was visited on November 7th, the Mark Master degree being conferred upon one candidate by the First Principal and his officers. Due to a large number of members living at a distance from the meeting place of the Chapter, the attendance was not all that could be desired, but the officers are doing their very best under the circumstances, and it is hoped that success will ultimately crown their efforts. The evening spent with the Companions of Doric Chapter proved a most enjoyable one, there being plenty of enthusiasm despite the small number present.

York Chapter, No. 62, North Toronto.—On June 1st I visited York Chapter where, before a good attendance of members and visitors, Ex. Comp. W. C. Norman conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree in a highly efficient manner. This Chapter is doing good work in North Toronto and is maintaining its reputation for hospitality to the visitor within its portals. York Chapter is in a healthy condition and faces 1918 with bright prospects.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto.—I accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Griffin, Grand Third Principal, and other Grand Chapter officers on April 11th, visited this Chapter to assist the Companions of this old and distinguished Chapter in doing honour to their Past Principals. The officers of the evening being R. Ex.
The evening proved most interesting and instructive. On November 14th I officially visited this Chapter when Ex. Comp. E. W. E. Saunders, and his officers, presented the degree of the Holy Royal Arch in the same dignified and impressive manner as has always characterised the work of the Chapter. St. Paul’s Chapter is in an exceedingly prosperous condition.

Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto.—December 14th I officially visited this Chapter, it being the occasion of the annual election of officers. Prior to the elections the officers of the Chapter conferred the Mark Master degree in a very satisfactory manner. With Ex. Comp. Dr. G. W. Graham, as presiding officer, and R. Ex. Comp. D. J. Proctor as Scribe E., the affairs of Occident Chapter have been in capable hands during the past year, and good progress has been made accordingly.

Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto.—I was present officially at the June 14th Convocation of this Chapter, and witnessed an admirable presentation of the Royal Arch degree by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Gaylord, and his officers. At the request of the First Principal I presented on behalf of Orient Chapter a certificate of Honorary Life Membership to R. Ex. Comp. T. J. D. R. Dewar, a past Grand Superintendent of this District. This honour being conferred upon the distinguished Companion in recognition of the assistance given Orient Chapter by him during his term of office. The books, records and finances of this Chapter are in excellent shape.

Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto.—On October 24th I visited Antiquity Chapter. There was a splendid attendance of members and many visitors. The Mark Master degree was conferred with Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell, the First Principal, in the chair. I was delighted with the work, the officers performing their duties in an almost faultless manner. Under the guidance of Ex. Comp. Luttrell and with the assistance of R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Milne, the energetic and efficient
Scribe E., Antiquity is again taking its place in the front rank of the Chapters of this District.

Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge.—Not the least enjoyable of my official visits was the evening spent with the Companions of Succoth Chapter. On May 10th I journeyed to Uxbridge where I was right royally received by the Companions of the Chapter. With Ex. Comp. Gordon, the First Principal, in the chair, the Royal Arch degree was exceptionally well presented by the officers of the Chapter, assisted by those Masonic veterans, R. Ex. Comp. Ormiston and V. Ex. Comp. Hare. This Chapter is making progress and is to be congratulated upon the work of the current year.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, Toronto.—November 13th I officially inspected Shekinah Chapter, West Toronto, and was well pleased with the work of Ex. Comp. Dr. G. L. Smith and his officers. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a splendid manner before a well-attended meeting. The prospects of this Chapter appear very bright for the coming year, and with care on the part of the officers 1918 should prove decidedly successful.

The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto.—I visited this, the largest Chapter in the District, on June 16th, and was delighted with the manner in which Ex. Comp. W. J. Tow and his officers exemplified the Royal Arch degree. A pleasing feature of the evening being the rendition of the musical work by the St. Patrick Chapter Quartette. Splendid work on the part of the officers, combined with good music, made the conferring of the degree particularly impressive. I again visited this Chapter on December 15th and was privileged to assist M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt in the installation of the officers for the coming year. The St. Patrick Chapter is enjoying a great popularity among the fraternity, is well attended, and is doing a good work.

Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto.—This being my mother Chapter I visited it several times during the
year, but especially wish to mention my official inspection which took place on June 4th. There was a very large gathering of enthusiastic Royal Arch Masons present. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a very efficient manner by V. Ex. Comp. J. L. Curran and his officers. After the ceremonial work V. Ex. Comp. Caspar Clark, on behalf of the officers and members of the Chapter, presented to me a handsomely engrossed congratulatory address, also a beautiful basket of roses for Mrs. Gardiner, a presentation which I assure you was much appreciated. Beaches Chapter, although somewhat isolated by reason of its location in the extreme East End of the City, is ably upholding a reputation, gained in other days for good ritualistic work and hospitable treatment of its visiting Companions.

Toronto Chapter, No. 185, Toronto.—Before a very satisfactory attendance of members and visitors on October 15th Ex. Comp. Harry Ellis and his officers gave a very pleasing interpretation of the Royal Arch degree. This Chapter is fortunate indeed in having a number of energetic Past Principals who, like R. Ex. Comps. R. W. and John Brennan, are still taking an active interest in the affairs of the Chapter. The year just closed has been one of success while prospects for 1918 are very encouraging.

Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton.—On May 10th I motored to Brampton and inspected the above Chapter. The membership is somewhat limited due to local conditions, but Ex. Comp. Lowery and his officers are energetic and enthusiastic, and success should be the final result. The work of the Mark Master degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner before a fair attendance of members and visitors from the city. This Chapter, though small, is gradually gaining strength—and with care and attention should in the next year or two become firmly established.

Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill.—This being the youngest Chapter in the District, I have watched its work during the present year with more than ordinary interest. I officially visited the Chapter,
which is located at Thornhill, on October 10th, and witnessed the work of the Mark Master degree. After the business of the evening I addressed the Companions upon the need for care in the Chapter work. Owing to the distance this Chapter is located from the centre of the District, the officers were unable to attend the Chapters of Instruction, and as I felt that they were entitled to assistance I again visited them on October 17th and with the assistance of officers from York and the Beaches Chapters, I exemplified the Royal Arch degree for the benefit of the members of the Chapter. Ex. Comp. McLean, the First Principal, expressed his thanks to the Companions from Toronto who had taken part in the work, after which the Chapter was closed and refreshments served, thus ending a most enjoyable evening. The affairs of Victoria Chapter are in good hands and I predict a very successful career for this new Chapter.

Chapter of Instruction.—On April 16th, through the kindness of Toronto Chapter, a Chapter of Instruction was held at the regular Convocation of Toronto Chapter, the officers of this Chapter conferring the Mark Master Mason degree in a most accomplished manner, after which the most Excellent Master degree was exemplified by the members of the Principals' Association of Toronto. This work was of a very high standard and was much appreciated by all who were privileged to witness it. The Principals' Association are to be congratulated upon the zeal displayed by them in their endeavours to assist the Chapters of this District.

On April 25th, under the auspices of Antiquity Chapter, the Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers of this Chapter as a Chapter of Instruction, with the assistance of a splendid choir the work was most dignified and impressive. The thanks of the District are due to the First Principals, officers and members of Toronto and Antiquity Chapters for their assistance in making the Chapters of Instruction for this year decidedly successful.
In conclusion, let me add that the past year has been one of the most interesting and enjoyable of my Masonic career, and I again express my appreciation of the privilege accorded me of representing the Most Excellent the Grand Z., in this District.

Fraternally yours,

Geo. L. Gardiner,
Grand Supt., Toronto District, No. 8.

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**Chapter 3**

**Ex. Z.** Can all work be done? The answer is: No, since some work may be limited in degree.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9. Before entering upon a detailed account of the year's proceedings I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred by the Companions of the District upon Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, and therefore upon myself by the election of one of its members to this distinguished office of District Superintendent. Particularly am I grateful to all those who have so kindly assisted me in my work and made my visits to the different Chapters so pleasant.

It has been my earnest desire to uphold the dignity of the high office and to advance the cause of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the District.

During my term I have visited every Chapter in the District, and while some are not very strong numerically (owing to conditions over which we have no control) I found a true fraternal spirit prevailing—a sincere desire to confer the work in an impressive manner, and enthusiastic and capable officers in charge of the officers of the various Chapters.

Every Chapter is represented at the front, helping to carry the burden for our beloved Empire and to maintain those grand principles which our noble Order is endeavouring to uphold. Some of our Companions have been called upon to make the "Supreme Sacrifice," and to their loved ones our hearts go out in sincere sympathy.

Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie— I visited this Chapter at its regular Convocation held Tuesday, May 8th, and was cordially received and entertained by the officers and Companions. This Chapter has the advantage of spacious rooms and is exceptionally well equipped. The Royal Arch degree, conferred
by Ex. Comp. Merrick and his efficient staff of officers, was both impressive and dignified. Signet Chapter is exceptionally fortunate in having as their Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Otton, who takes a keen interest in Capitular Masonry, and whose books are kept in excellent shape. There was a good attendance at this Convocation—among the noteworthy being R. Ex. Comp. Monkman and Cowan of Signet Chapter and Ex. Comp. Lewis and Parsons of Couchiching Chapter. Signet Chapter is in good working condition and there can be no doubt of its future success.

**Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Bracebridge.**—I made my official visit to this Chapter on Thursday, September 20th. The Royal Arch degree, conferred by Ex. Comp. Johnson and his staff of officers, was very creditable. The Companions in town are not many in number, but there is compensation in the consecration of the few who are there. Comp. Francis P. Warne is a zealous worker and fills the office of Scribe E. in a most efficient manner. R. Ex. Comp. Huber still takes a keen interest in Capitular Masonry and ably assists in the carrying on of the good work.

**Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland.**—My official visit to this Chapter was at its regular Convocation held September 28th. Owing to other attractions the attendance was not large, and some of the offices had to be filled by substitutes. This was the first meeting after the installation of the officers for the year, and the Royal Arch degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Dunlop, First Principal, and his officers, was very creditable. The Mystical lecture was beautifully given by Ex. Comp. Keefe, who is Scribe E. of the Chapter, and to whose untiring efforts much of the success of the Kichikewana Chapter must be attributed. The Chapter is in good financial condition and the books are kept in faultless style.

**McPherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford.**—It was my pleasure to visit this Chapter on October 18th, and the reception given me was most cordial and enthusiastic. R. Ex. Comp. Berry, ably assisted by his officers, conferred the Royal Arch degree in a manner
which was a pleasure to witness. The various lectures given are particularly worthy of mention. Several Past Principals, R. Ex. Comp. Sparling and Ex. Comp. Bright and Hare take a keen interest in Capitular Masonry, and their services are frequently called into requisition in carrying on the work. The Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Hamill, discharges his duties in a faithful and efficient manner.

Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia.—Of the many pleasant experiences it has been my privilege to enjoy in Masonry, nothing has given me more genuine pleasure than the visit to my home Chapter on October 22nd. There was a large attendance, including visitors from Barrie and Bracebridge, among the noteworthy being R. Ex. Comp. Otton and Ex. Comps. Sproth and Merrick of the former Chapter. Thoroughness has been the watchword and perfection the ideal towards which the officers and members have striven. Consequently the ritualistic part of the work has always been of a high order. The Royal Arch degree, conferred by Ex. Comp. Lewis and his officers, was a splendid rendition of this beautiful degree. During the year this Chapter has lost one of its founders and most enthusiastic members in the person of Ex. Comp. Parsons, whose tragic death occurred on Sunday, May 20th. With competent and earnest men, such as fill every office in the Chapter, the future is assured.

Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound.—I visited this Chapter on Tuesday, November 20th, and was cordially received by the officers and Companions. Owing to the absence of Ex. Comp. Second Principal, Ex. Comp. McKay, the First Principal, filled the chair, and Ex. Comp. Vanwyck acted as First Principal. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a manner which upheld the best traditions of the Chapter. This Chapter is fortunate in having a fine Chapter room, with ample space, good equipment and tastefully decorated. Comp. Leslie, the Scribe E., is a very capable and efficient officer. Arriving a stranger in a strange land, I departed from Owen Sound leaving many new true
friends and Companions, and convinced that the evening's proceedings had been mutually beneficial.

Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton.—My visit to this Chapter was on Wednesday, November 21st. There was no degree work for the evening, but the officers for the ensuing year were installed, and I will follow with interest their future work. Unfortunately there are very few Companions left in town. Conversations have not been held regularly and no work has been done during the past year. The Chapter is in good financial condition, and with work in sight we look for renewed activity in Amabel Chapter. R. Ex. Comps. Foster and Cameron and Ex. Comp. Baines can be relied upon to do all in their power to bring about the desired results.

Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood.—My official visit to this Chapter was at the regular Convocation on November 23rd. The Companions of Collingwood excel in that true Masonic virtue—hospitality—and my visit there will be long remembered. Manitou Chapter is the home of many distinguished lovers of the art, namely: M. Ex. Comp. Henry Robertson, R. Ex. Comps. Stephens, Aylesworth, Zimmerman and Gregory, V. Ex. Comps. McDonald and Hughes. Ex. Comp. Patterson is also a very enthusiastic worker. With the exception of M. Ex. Comp. Robertson, these Companions were all present. The election of officers was held this evening and merit was rewarded by advancement. A lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and several candidates were advanced to this degree. The work of the first Principal, Ex. Comp. McLaren, was very creditable. Comp. Coles, the Scribe E., is a most thorough and efficient officer, and to his energy the good financial condition of the Chapter is credited.

In conclusion, I wish once more to express to the Companions of the District my appreciation for the honour and pleasure which has been mine during the year, for the privilege it has afforded me of renewing old acquaintances and in forming new ones. I entered
upon my duties realizing my responsibilities and my limitations, and I have endeavoured to fill the position to the best of my ability. The passing of the sceptre to my successor marks another milestone on life’s way. Let us hope that our work has been such as will pass inspection at the hands of the Master Overseer and receive those words of approval: "You have not laboured in vain nor spent your time for naught."

W. H. Tudhope,
Grand Supt., Georgian District, No. 9.

Orillia, Ont.
### GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9

| CHAPTER          | Number | LOCATION         | Regular Meetings Emergent | 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 | Dues Outstanding | Amount Insurance | Ant. Expended in Benevolence | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees? | Prospects |
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| Manitou          | 27     | Collingwood      | 10                        | 10 15 | 2.00                        | 148                        | 20 17                  | 1                     | 1                   | 7              | 1158         | 17            | 5           | 2            | 8          | $785.00           | $200.00    | $550.00    | $35.00   | $400.00                | $20.00    | Good   | Yes                |                     |                     |
| Grand River      | 70     | Bracebridge      | 10                        | 11 12 | 1.00                        | 2.00                       | 81 6                    | 4                     | 1                   | 1              | 1 79         | 4 4 5 5       | 10 9         | 96.00      | 70.00     | 200.00            | 200.00    | 96.00      | 150.00  | 50.00                  | Good    | Yes                |                     |                     |
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| Macpherson       | 86     | Meaford          | 9                         | 3 12 | 2.00                        | 2.00                       | 6 4 4 4 35             | 11                   | 64                | 4              | 4 4 4 4 35 6 | 360.00       | 40.00  | 200.00  | 335.00            | Not bright | 200.00 | Fair   | Yes                |                     |                     |
| Amabel           | 131    | Wiarton          | 1                         | 2 3 10 | 2.00                        | 2.00                       | 49                     | 7                    | 3              | 39            | 360.00       | 40.00  | 234.00  | 92.00              | 200.00 | Not bright | Fair   | Yes                |                     |                     |
| Kichikewana      | 167    | Midland          | 9                         | 9 15 | 2.00                        | 4.00                       | 96 8 8 8 2 1 10         | 1                   | 101                | 7 7 14        | 340.00       | 40.00  | 300.00  | 300.00            | 300.00 |              | Good    | Yes                |                     |                     |
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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have much pleasure in presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District No. 10, for the year 1917.

As your representative I visited ten of the twelve Chapters in the District, and desire to congratulate them on the general efficiency of the officers I found in the various Chapters. I also wish to thank the officers and Companions for the very cordial and fraternal manner in which I was received during my visits.

I regret very much my inability to visit Brighton and Cannington Chapters, for I was most anxious to complete my visits in the District before my term of office closed.

Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on March 19th. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. F. W. Wood. The officers and members of this Chapter take a deep interest in the work, and are ably assisted by the Past First Principals. Ex. Comp. Robertson was presented with a Past Z.’s jewel, and an address by Ex. Comp. Wood. The officers of Warkworth Chapter were present at this Convocation and were highly pleased with the work. Ex. Comp. Haley and Comp. Moran accompanied me on this visit.

St. John’s, No. 48, Cobourg.—I visited this Chapter on June 1st. The Mark Master degree was conferred in a pleasing manner by Ex. Comp. Fraser and officers. It was worthy of remark that eight Past Grand Superintendents were present at this Convocation, eighteen members of Corinthian Chapter and ten from Victoria Chapter, Port Hope, also accompanied me on this visit.

St. Andrew’s, No. 139, Havelock.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on June 11th, and found
the Chapter in a somewhat disorganized condition. I made three different visits to this Chapter, and found conditions improving each time. I installed the officers of the Chapter on December 31st, and I am hopeful that it will continue to improve with the new officers.

**Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.**—I visited this Chapter, October 2nd. The Mark Master degree was conferred in an excellent manner by Ex. Comp. Gordon. I found Scribe E.'s books in a very satisfactory condition. Seven members of Corinthian Chapter accompanied me on this visit.

**Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope.**—I visited this Chapter October 12th. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner by Ex. Comp. Thomas and officers. The lectures are deserving of particular attention. Scribe E.'s books are in excellent condition. This Chapter has fine new quarters, which are a credit to the district.

**Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay.**—I visited this Chapter, October 18th. This being the first meeting since its closing in June there was no work. This Chapter is in excellent condition, and the officers have the support of the Past Officers. I was accompanied by four Companions of Corinthian Chapter.

**Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby.**—I visited this Chapter, October 19th. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by the officers in a very creditable manner. During the evening explanations were made respecting the new floor work, and a very profitable time was spent.

**Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.**—I visited this Chapter, October 31st. Although no work was done, a very pleasant evening was spent in exemplifying the various changes in the work. R. Ex. Comp. Free and Ex. Comp. Wood and several officers and Companions of Ionic Chapter were present. I found the books in a very satisfactory condition.

**Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough.**—I visited this Chapter November 23rd. The Royal
Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Crane, and the officers of Corinthian Chapter in a most pleasing manner. The Mystical Lecture by Ex. Comp. Logan was especially worthy of remark. The Past Z.'s of the Chapter are always ready to lend any assistance they can in the work. The Chapter is progressing most favourably. Scribe E.'s books are in most excellent condition.

PENTALPHA CHAPrer, No. 28, Oshawa.—I visited this Chapter, December 4th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very able manner by the officers of the Chapter. A very pleasant evening was spent in demonstrating the work. This Chapter leads the district in new members for the year. I was accompanied by three Companions of Corinthian Chapter.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

R. S. COTTON,
Grand Supt., Ontario District, No. 10.

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*From 1917 Report.*
PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have much pleasure in presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District No. 11. I am pleased to state that harmony prevails through the District and the duties of my office have been made very easy for me.

I have visited every Chapter in my District except one, this one I have made three attempts to visit, but have not been able so far to do so. I expect to visit them at their next regular Convocation. All the Chapters seem to be doing good work, and when one takes into consideration the times of terrible stress, through which the world is passing, I feel that we should be very proud of our visible progress. Every Chapter in the District is nobly represented "over there," and the honour roll of Prince Edward District is something worth while to leave to our followers.

I had planned for a Chapter of Instruction in this District when I would have the different degrees worked by a team composed of two or three officers from each Chapter, but my Departmental duties called me to British Columbia in the early summer and I did not get back in time to organise the work as I would wish it.

St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the evening of October 30th. Every officer of this Chapter seemed to know just what to do and how to do it. Under the able guidance of R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, this Chapter seems to be able to do more business in one evening than some Chapters do in a year. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates by the Companions of Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, in a most satisfactory manner. At the close of the Convocation an address was given by Comp. Rev. Dr. Blagrave of Belleville. This was one of the most
interesting and instructive addresses on Ancient Free Masonry that I have ever been privileged to listen to. Addresses were also given by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch and R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton and R. H. Spencer. The books of this Chapter are well kept. A glance at the Annual Report speaks volumes for the visible progress of the Chapter.

Mt. Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of October 31st. There was no degree work to be done, and as it was the meeting at which the election of officers for the ensuing year took place I was able to see only routine work and closing done. This was performed in a very efficient manner in due and ancient form, after which the Companions retired to the banqueting room where a pleasant hour was passed in social intercourse. Truly, the Napanee Companions are "jolly good fellows" and they left nothing to be desired in their reception to the Grand Chapter Representative. The books of this Chapter are well kept. The Chapter seems to be in a healthy condition, but I would suggest that some extra effort be made to collect arrears as the Annual Report shows that twenty out of a membership of eighty-seven were 12 months in arrears.

Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton.—This being my mother Chapter, I have visited it several times during the year. I made my official visit on the evening of November 5th. The Chapter is in a very healthy condition. The attendance is good and the work well done. This Chapter is fortunate in having a number of Past Principals, who keep their work up to date, and who are ready and able to take any portion of the ceremony at any time. Companion Graydon keeps the books in excellent condition and the dues are well collected.

Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of November 6th and was well received. In addition to a large attendance of the Companions of Moira Chapter there was a good representation from St. Mark's Chapter, Trenton, and
Mount Sinai Chapter, Napanee. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place, and judging from the way that the ballots were cast there must be peace and harmony in the Chapter. The books are well kept and dues very well collected. The work of the evening being completed the Companions retired to the banqueting hall where a very nice lunch was served, after which some very interesting addresses were made.

Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of November 22nd. Owing to a political meeting in the town that night the attendance was not as large as it otherwise would have been, but though the attendance was small I do not think I ever sat in Convocation with Companions who showed so much interest in the work performed. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on Bro. Green, a returned hero, who all but paid the "Supreme Sacrifice" in the fields of Flanders, and who is now in Canada doing his bit for his country here. He would be a severe critic, indeed, who would find fault with the way the work was done at this Chapter, which, though the smallest in the District, stands among the best for quality of work performed. The books of the Chapter, kept by R. Ex. Comp. Potts, are models for neatness and completeness. After the Chapter had closed in due and ancient form, the Companions retired to the banqueting hall where an hour was very pleasantly spent in social intercourse.

Madoc Chapter, No. 161, Madoc.—So far I have not been able to visit this Chapter. Three times I have planned the visit and each time was prevented, twice on advice from the Scribe E. that he could not get a quorum, and the last time on account of being sick myself. However, I expect to make a visit there before the Convocation of Grand Chapter. I have, however, received to-day their Annual Report and it does not look good to me. I shall know more about it after my visit there.
In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions of Prince Edward District for the honour conferred on me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter when they selected me to represent them for the year. I also wish to thank the Companions of each and every Chapter for the loyal support and hearty welcome accorded to me at all times; also to thank the Grand Scribe E., for his kindness to me at several different instances in aiding me with information and advice.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. S. McGillivray,
Grand Superintendent, Prince Edward District, No. II.

Picton, Ont.
### PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11

| CHAPTER | Number | LOCATION | Regular Meetings | Emergency | Total | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues, per Member | No. Members last Return | Candidates Accepted | Affiliations | Withdrawals | 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 | Amt. Expended in Benevolence | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees? | Prospects |
|---------|--------|----------|------------------|-----------|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|--------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Moira   | 7      | Belleville | 9                | 3         | 12    | 2,000                        | 1823121                | 1                     | 1                     | 1796211616    | 6            | $325.90   | $12.00 | $75.00 | Good             | Yes         | No            | Good        | Yes                                                          | Good       | Yes       | No                | Yes     | No                | No            | Yes              | Yes            | Good             |
| St. Mark's | 26     | Trenton   | 10               | 3         | 13    | 2                              | 5096125                | 2                     | 3                     | 20415148      | 6            | 80.45     | 1217.95 | 639.23 | Good             | Yes         | Yes          | Yes         | Yes                                                          | Yes        | Yes       | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               | No            | Yes              | Yes            | Yes              |
| Prince Edward | 31     | Picton    | 10               | 10        | 22    | 2                              | 00158                 | 2                     | 3                     | 2158888      | 8            | 300.00    | 275.00 | 75.00  | Good             | Yes         | Yes          | Yes         | Yes                                                          | Yes        | Yes       | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               | Yes           | Yes              | Yes            | Yes              |
| Mount Sinai | 44     | Napanee   | 8                | 8         | 15    | 2                              | 00873                 | 3                     | 3                     | 87333        | 20           | 125.00    | 720.00 | 108.00 | Good             | Yes         | Yes          | Yes         | Yes                                                          | Yes        | Yes       | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               | Yes           | Yes              | Yes            | Yes              |
| Keystone | 72     | Stirling  | 12               | 12        | 14    | 3                              | 00715                 | 5                     | 5                     | 80575        | 7            | 725.00    | 357.00 | 250.00 | Good             | Yes         | Yes          | Yes         | Yes                                                          | Yes        | Yes       | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               | Yes           | Yes              | Yes            | Yes              |
| Madoc   | 161    | Madoc     | 5                | 5         | 9     | 2.500                         | 7711                  | 1                     | 1                     | 7511         | 70           | 700.00    | 200.00 | 500.00 | Good             | Yes         | Yes          | Yes         | Yes                                                          | Yes        | Yes       | Yes               | Yes     | Yes               | Yes           | Yes              | Yes            | Yes              |
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1918

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12.

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

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District No. 12, for the past year. I have visited every Chapter, at least, once, on their regular Convocations, and some of them several times. I have found the condition of the Royal Craft generally satisfactory. Harmony and a fraternal feeling appear to abound in all the Chapters. The average attendance is much below what it should be, and in some Chapters, as a natural result, the enthusiasm is below par.

I have endeavoured to impress on members of the different Chapters their duty as regards regular attendance, and on the Principals their obligation to conduct the business part of Masonry, not only fraternally, but in a business manner, especially the collection of dues as laid down by the Constitution and By-laws. I find the books generally well kept, with the exception of the Book of Marks, which I hope the proposed revision of the Constitution will rectify.

While the District as a whole has not had a year of great activity, most of the Chapters have advanced some candidates, and I am pleased to report on the correctness and uniformity of the floor work. The depressive effects of the war are passing, and the prospects for the whole District are brightening.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC AND CATARACUI CHAPTER, No. 1, KINGSTON.—I visited this truly ancient Chapter at their regular Convocation, December 21st. I was unavoidably prevented from making my visit a month earlier as originally planned, but in spite of the nearness of the holiday season there was a good attendance of about fifty Companions. I was introduced by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw and R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills in a
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most eulogistic and kindly manner and received very heartily by Ex. Comp. Phillips, the First Principal, and Companions. There was no degree work for the evening, but general business and election of officers took up a considerable portion of the session. The opening and closing, the election, and general business was done in the brisk and exemplary manner which illustrated the way in which I know the officers of No. 1 always do their work. I was very sorry to learn that M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch was sick in bed at Westport. Since then I have had the pleasure of calling on him and found him somewhat better, though still quite sick. The activity of the Chapter for the year has not been up to its usual standard as regards exaltations, but prospects are better for the current year. Apparently a good set of officers have been elected and renewed activity is in prospect. The past Z.'s retain their interest in the Chapter, and the duties of Scribe E. are well looked after by Comp. Graham. At the close of the Chapter we partook of refreshments in the adjoining banquet-room and had the usual toast list and a pleasant hour.

Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott.—I visited this Chapter on December 11th and was given a kind reception by the First Principal Ex. Comp. Dr. Locke and Companions. The attendance was small. Many Companions live at a distance and those from Cardinal deserve creditable mention for their regularity.

The work of the evening was the conferring of the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees on three candidates, which was fairly well done. The work in the Royal Arch degree of Ex. Comp: Ball was especially worthy of commendation. The enthusiasm is not up to the mark, but the election of the officers which followed the degree work, warrants me in thinking that the coming year will see more activity generally in the Chapter.

Sussex Chapter, No. 59, and St. Lawrence No. 100, Brockville.—I visited a joint Convocation of these Chapters on December 6th, was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Dowell and Knapp, and heartily re-
ceived by a very fair attendance of Companions. The Mark Master degree was very creditably given to four candidates. The work was shared by members of both Chapters. The usual attendance of St. Lawrence Chapter is below what it should be. The arrears of dues are somewhat large but the financial standing of both Chapters is good. It is a fairly general opinion that an amalgamation of these two Chapters in Brockville would be in the interests of Capitular Masonry. There is a number of Past Z.'s and R. Ex. Companions who retain a lively interest in the work of the Chapters. The two Scribes, V. Ex. Comp. Morrison and R. Ex. Comp. Greene, are worthy officers and give careful attention to their work. The prospects generally of the two Chapters are good.

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, North Augusta.—I visited this Chapter on November 30th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Stein, of Brockville. We drove out from Brockville, a distance of fifteen miles. The attendance was small, but our welcome was cordial. I was pleased to again see R. Ex. Comp. Waddell, who retains a lively interest in the Chapter. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. Chapman, is an able officer, but is not as well supported as he might be. The opening and closing of the Royal Arch degree and the conduct of the business of the evening was done in an efficient manner. We had a short, profitable discussion on the work. The jurisdiction of this Chapter is limited and the membership is small. This is one of the Chapters which keeps a Book of Marks with a small percentage of members registered therein. The Scribe E., Comp. G. A. Love, is a prompt and faithful officer. The arrears of dues are small and the prospects of the Chapter fair.

St. John's Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg.—I visited this, my home Chapter, officially on December 4th, was introduced by Ex. Comp. Marsh and received a loyal and hearty reception. The attendance was fair and about the average, but these last two years it is below what it should be. There was no degree work so I had the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Robinson, open
and illustrate the floor work of the Most Excellent and Royal Arch degrees. After a profitable discussion thereon, the election of officers took place. A good set of officers, with lots of Masonic enthusiasm, was elected and the prospects for the coming year are good, both as regards amount and quality of work. The Chapter has three good veteran officers in the persons of the Treasurer and the Scribe E., and R. Ex. Comp. Davy. A commendable item of business was the investment of $400.00 surplus funds in Victory Loan Bonds. On January 1st, I had the pleasure of installing the new officers of this Chapter. The dues are well collected and prospects good.

Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.—Accompanied by Ex. Comp. Thom, of Morrisburg, I visited this Chapter on November 21st, and after the introduction by R. Ex. Comp. Hamilton and V. Ex. Comp. Williams, received a very cordial reception. The attendance was very good. There being no degree work the session was profitably spent in a short discussion on Capitular Masonry, and R. Ex. Comp. Hamilton assured me that the work was capably performed by the Principals and officers. The Chapter room and appointments are very neat and comfortable. The books are particularly well kept by that veteran Companion John Ridley. The finances are in good condition and dues well paid. Although the year’s work has been small, on account of general war conditions, the prospects are good. The Companions voted to invest $200.00 of surplus funds in Victory Bonds. After the close of the Chapter a pleasing hour was spent “Working the Fourth Degree” in the adjoining room.

Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque.—I visited this Chapter on December 5th, and received a very hearty reception from Ex. Comp. Davis and the Companions. There was some degree work pending, but on account of extra general business and the election of officers it was postponed. The Chapter rooms and paraphernalia generally are among the best in the District. One noticeable feature of the attendance is the large number of Past Z.’s who continue to take an
active interest in the Chapter. We had a discussion on the work in the interest of uniformity in what might be called some of the minor points. The dues are not in as healthy a state as desirable and the attendance is about the average. The Chapter has an efficient officer in Comp. W. F. Stevens, Scribe E. The financial condition and prospects are good.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation of the honour of having been permitted to preside over St. Lawrence District No. 12 for the past year, and trust my successor may find the same uniform harmony and courtesy that I have.

Fraternally submitted,

Geo. M. Gorrell,
Grand Supt., St. Lawrence District.

Morrisburg, Ont.
### ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12

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OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Ottawa District, No. 13, for the year 1917.

I have visited every Chapter in the District, and have found conditions fairly satisfactory.

Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte, Ont.—My first official visit was paid to this Chapter on April 12th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Acton, and Comp. J. C. Ferguson. We were kindly received by the officers and Companions. Having no candidate, they exemplified the Royal Arch degree on two Companions in a very impressive manner, the work of the Ex. Z. and his officers being splendid. Granite Chapter is fortunate in having workers like V. Ex Comp. Washburn, and Ex. Comps. Pollock and Lundy.

Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke, Ont.—I visited this Chapter on May 17th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Cox. The attendance was small, on account of other local attractions. Ex. Comp. Leach and his officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a very pleasing manner. A pleasant hour was spent after closing the Chapter.

Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville, Ont.—I visited this Chapter on May 25th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Cox. Owing to bad roads and sickness, the attendance was very small. Ex. Comp. Smiley being sick, and having no candidate, I did not have the pleasure of seeing the officers confer a degree.

St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smith’s Falls, Ont.—On June 15th, I visited this Chapter, and was cordially received by Ex. Comp. Lavell and the Companions. Ex. Comp. Lavell conferred the Most Excellent Master degree in a splendid manner, showing
close application to the revised floor work. It being Past Principals' Night, I had the pleasure of witnessing the Royal Arch degree conferred by R. Ex. Comp. Clark Nicholls, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. Craig and Connors, and other Ex. Companions. There will be no danger of St. Francis Chapter going behind while they have so many staunch and willing workers among the Past Principals. I had the company of Ex. Comps. Cox and Mayhew and Ex. Comp. Quartermain on this visit.

Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew, Ont.—This being my own Chapter, I have attended almost every meeting. On June 18th, I made my official visit, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred on four candidates by Ex. Comp. Cox, and his staff of officers, in a splendid manner.

St. John's Chapter, No. 148, Vankleek Hill, Ont.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on June 26th, accompanied by Ex. Comps. Cox and Quartermain. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree, conferred by Ex. Comp. McRae in a splendid manner. The Mystical Lecture given by Ex. Comp. Jones was a treat. This Chapter is having an uphill fight, but, under the guidance of Ex. Comps. McRea and Jones, and other faithful Companions, I am sure they will show results in the near future. We spent a social time after the closing of the Chapter, our only regret being that the midnight train was on time.

Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell, Ont.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on July 6th, and assisting R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Scott in the ceremony of Dedication and Consecration of the Chapter. We were assisted by about thirty Companions from Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, and several from Renfrew. This Chapter has a good staff of officers, who will no doubt give a good account of themselves in the future.

Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place, Ont.—I visited this Chapter November 5th, and was kindly received by R. Ex. Comp. McIntosh, and the Companions. The work of the evening was the Most Excellent Master degree, on two candidates. The
degree was conferred in a splendid manner by R. Ex. Comp. McIntosh and his officers.

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, Ont.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at their annual reunion on November 29th, and they very kindly made it a Chapter of Instruction, and it was a great success. The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by Kitchener Chapter, Russell. The work as exemplified by Ex. Comp. Sutherland and his staff was worthy of the praise they received, as they are the youngest Chapter in the District.

The Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified by Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, and the high standard of this Chapter's work was fully maintained by Ex. Comp. Sievers and his staff of officers, the new floor work of this degree being especially well done. At 6 o'clock an adjournment was made to the banquet hall, where we were treated to a feast such as only Carleton Chapter can give. We also had the pleasure of hearing addresses from M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, and other Companions, and listening to a splendid musical programme. At 8 p.m., the Royal Arch degree was conferred by R. Ex. Comp. Nicolls and officers of St. Francis Chapter, Smith's Falls. It was indeed a pleasure to listen to the rendition of this degree, as given by this Chapter. The work in all three degrees was so good that criticism would be out of place.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions of the Ottawa District for the honour they conferred on me, and I hope my efforts to fill the office have not been in vain. I wish to thank the Companions of the different Chapters for the very kind manner in which they received me. I am deeply indebted to R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Scott, Ex. Comp. Sievers, and the officers of Carleton Chapter for the kindly help they have given me, also to the Principals of my own Chapter who accompanied me on almost all my visits.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

John Conley,
Grand Supt., Ottawa District, No. 13, R.A.M.
Renfrew, Ont.
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ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, Toronto, Ontario:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14.

All the Chapters in the District were officially visited during the year and I found they, in each case, were doing excellent and progressive work, being in strict accord with the ritual.

The year brought prosperity to the District. The combined assets of the Chapters as well as their respective membership have increased. Liabilities have been reduced and a marked improvement is shown as regards outstanding dues.

The members and officers have been faithful in their attendance and to their various duties, being loyal to the country, as evidenced by the several honour rolls and subscriptions to war loans and patriotic funds.

I heartily thank the Companions for the sincere welcome given me on my visits, and appreciate the ready assistance extended by the Grand Scribe E. on several occasions.

Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, Ont.—Ex. Comp. N. T. Owens, Z.—I visited this, my mother Chapter, on the regular Convocation in October. Despite the inclement weather, a large number of Companions were in attendance and extended a warm welcome. Ex. Comp. N. T. Owens presided and with the very capable assistance of his officers, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in splendid style. Ex. Comp. T. J. C. Rodden, Scribe E., reports a prosperous year for the Chapter and is to be complimented on the improved method of bookkeeping used. The officers and Companions gave hearty support to the Ex. Z. on all occasions. I had the honour of installing the officers
for 1918 on December 12th, and prophesy another successful year for Shuniah Chapter under the able guidance of Ex. Comp. R. H. Evans. During the evening R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Morgan presented Ex. Comp. Owens with a handsome P. Z.'s jewel.

Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora.—Ex. Comp. J. H. Colbert, Ex. Z.—On November 23rd I was cordially welcomed by the officers and members of this Chapter on my official visit. The Most Excellent Master degree was effectively conferred by the Z., with the very efficient assistance of the P. Soj. and Ex. Comp. Katz. Golden Chapter made decided progress during 1917, and was able to subscribe about $1,000 of War Bonds. At an enjoyable banquet afterwards, sincere Masonic addresses were made by Ex. Comps. Loft-house, Cherry, Galloway, Katz, Brydon, and other Companions. The programme was well handled by Ex. Comp. Colbert and gave pleasure to all present. Special mention should be made of the efforts of Scribe E., Ex. Comp. Galloway. He established a record as regards outstanding dues, reducing them to $23.95. I do not think any other Chapter can equal this.

Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William, Ont.—Ex. Comp. C. J. Moors, Z.—The official visit was made on December 7th, being the occasion of the election of officers for 1918. All those occupying chairs were deservingly promoted and the utmost harmony and good fellowship prevailed during the evening as at other times. The attendance was large and warmly appreciative of the splendid work performed by the Ex. Z., and his officers. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on eight candidates and just praise is due Ex. Comp. Moors and all those supporting him. Fort William Chapter through having a prosperous year were also able to purchase a large amount of War Bonds. The work of Comp. Underhill, Scribe E., is loyal, thorough and productive of results. At a banquet following the meeting several inspiring addresses were made; particularly one by R. Ex. Comp. Wood, which was delivered in an artistic and impressive manner. During the year the Chapter held a Chapter of Instruction
for a number of their companions at Graham, some 300 miles west of Fort William, with beneficial results.

Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River, Ont.—Ex. Comp. M. McNeill, Z.—I had the sincere pleasure of visiting this Chapter on December 20th. The Companions were all cordial in their welcome and spared no efforts to make my visit pleasant. Being the election of officers, and owing to the fact of all work being up to date no degrees were exemplified. I was, however, convinced of the capability of the officers and feel they all have a proper working knowledge of the ritual. Ex. Comps. McBain, Gorham, McGregor, and Race, as well as the other Companions, made me feel as one of them indeed, during the meeting and at the fourth degree later. Ex. Comp. Ledger, Scribe E., is very attentive to his duties and the success of the Chapter is partly due to his untiring efforts. At this meeting a capable body of men were elected officers for 1918.

Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Frances, Ont.—Ex. Comp. W. J. Clarke, Z.—I visited this Chapter on December 21st and fell among friends indeed. The officers and Companions exhibited a very friendly and Masonic spirit during my short stay in their city. They all feel that the coming year will give them their share of prosperity, and as they have the right amount of enthusiasm, I am sure their efforts will be successful. Ex. Comps. Walker, Clarke, Gillon, Baker and Hollands were present and gave of their ability during the business of the evening and at the banquet following. The Royal Arch degree was correctly conferred by the several officers in a praiseworthy manner. This was the occasion of the election of officers for the ensuing year and I am assured that the choice was well made.

Fraternally submitted,

A. P. Freed,

Port Arthur, Ont.
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MANITOBA EAST DISTRICT, No. 15.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I herewith submit my report, as Grand Superintendent on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in this District for the year 1917.

All the Chapters in this District, with the exception of one, are in a flourishing condition.

While the unsettled conditions have had a tendency to disorganize the different Chapters, to some extent they have faced the situation in the proper spirit, and I feel that Capitular Masonry in this District is due for a wave of great prosperity.

Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg.—I visited this Chapter, November 1st, and received a most hearty welcome at the hands of Ex. Comp. Lawrence. This Chapter is in excellent shape and the officers very capable. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on several candidates by Ex. Comp. Brownell, assisted by several of the Past Principals, this being Past Principals' Night. I have attended several of their Convocations during the year and always found their work the very best. Had the pleasure of installing their officers for the ensuing year at the last regular Convocation. The books are kept in first class condition by the Scribe E.

King Edward Chapter, No. 136, Neepawa.—Accompanied by about thirty Companions of Prince Rupert and Connaught Chapters, we journeyed by special car to Neepawa on November 14th to attend their regular Convocation. On our arrival we were met by several of the local Companions and escorted to the hotel for luncheon. In the afternoon the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on a large class of candidates by some officers of the Prince Rupert and Connaught Chapters. The Most Excellent Master
degree was conferred with Ex. Comp. Leach in the Chair, after which we adjourned for dinner. Labour being resumed at 8 o'clock in the evening, when V. Ex. Comp. Wemyss, assisted by the officers of King Edward Chapter, conferred the Holy Royal Arch in a very able manner. The labours of the evening being ended, we adjourned to a banquet where a delightful entertainment was given us. We left for home feeling we had been more than repaid for our trip and that it had been a day well spent.

Connaught Chapter, No. 187, Winnipeg.—This being my own Chapter, I attended it quite often and had an opportunity of seeing the different degrees conferred. I visited the Chapter officially at its regular Convocation, November 23rd, when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Teeter and his officers in a very able manner. The books are kept in good shape and the conditions of the Chapter generally are everything that is to be desired. I also installed the officers for the ensuing year, at their last regular Convocation, being ably assisted by Ex. Comps. Brownell and Lawrence of Prince Rupert Chapter.

Keystone Chapter, No. 99, Portage La Prairie.—I visited this Chapter at their regular Convocation, December 7th, 1917, and found the officers very much discouraged as there was no person there outside of the three Principals and the Scribe E., so they were unable to hold their Convocation. They felt that they should surrender their Charter, but after talking the matter over, I think they will try and keep on, and from what communication I have had with them since, I think matters will improve. If they do I feel that my trip will not have been in vain.

Rabboni Chapter, No. 171, Dauphin.—I have made all arrangements to visit this Chapter at their regular Convocation, Tuesday, December 11th, but had to forego the pleasure on account of unforeseen conditions arising that made it impossible for me to go. Have had several reports from this Chapter, which led me to believe that they have as good a Chapter as there is in this District.
In conclusion, I wish to express my gratitude for the honour of being Superintendent for this District, and to thank the officers and Companions of the several Chapters for their loyal support and kindness to me on all occasions.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. F. Taylor,
Grand Supt., Manitoba East District No. 15.

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MANITOBA WEST DISTRICT, No. 15A.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Having most unexpectedly, and perhaps undeservedly received the distinguished honour, by being appointed to the office of Grand Superintendent for District No. 15A., wish to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry for the year 1917.

I deem it my duty, however inadequately I may be able to perform it, to you Most Excellent Sir and the Companions of my own Chapter, as well as those of our District, to express my appreciation of the kindness bestowed upon me by appointing me to this high office; especially as I was compelled to be absent from the jurisdiction during the whole of last winter in search of relief from my chronic malady (rheumatism).

Also I wish to thank R. Ex. Grand Scribe E. for the information and assistance given me in the prosecution of my duties. Also the kind attendance and advice given by R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Crawford, the Immediate Past Grand Superintendent, and R. Ex. Comp. Willis, as well as many other distinguished Royal Arch Masons of the several Chapters in the District.

On my return home, I found the busy summer season upon us, and decided it a poor time to visit the Chapters as some call off their Convocation at that season. However I am pleased to be able to report that Royal Arch Masonry is progressing favourably here, though it has received a check, owing to the fearful crisis through which the entire world is passing, and although we live far removed from the scene of actual conflict we have not escaped its effect. Many of the Companions have joined the forces, and some have given their lives to the cause of freedom, truth and justice. Those who remain at home are leaving nothing undone to encourage and assist, not alone
the members and Companions of our Order, but all who wear the King's uniform, and those who are striving and praying for a standard of national and personal purity and virtue.

I did not think it necessary to hold a Chapter of Instruction, owing to the fact that this District had the distinguished honour last year in having two of such held under the guidance of Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal W. S. R. Murch, and R. Ex. Grand Superintendent W. E. Crawford. The good work done on those occasions has given an incentive to the whole District and the ritual work is of a character most creditable to our Royal Art.

Avondale Chapter, No. 156, Hartney, Man.—I officially visited this Chapter on July 8th, and was attended by R. Ex. Comp. R. G. Willis and about a dozen Ex. Companions and Companions of Corinthian Chapter. This token of respect shown by the Companions of my own Chapter I appreciate very much. I also found in attendance, R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Crawford the Immediate Past Grand Superintendent, and Ex. Comp. Bolton, First Principal of Keystone Chapter, Brandon, and other officers and Companions of that Chapter, also visitors from Oak Lake and other places within the District. This was their regular Convocation night, and there must have been present over one hundred Companions. The Chapter being opened in due form, I was presented, and received by the Ex. First Principal, Ex. Comp. Rev. Blay, in a very kind and impressive manner as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates by the Ex. First Principal as far as the Pedestal work; which was completed by Ex. Comp. Fry, who also delivered the charge at the close of the Chapter. This work was performed with taste and precision. The Principal Sojourner performed his duties without a fault, as in fact did all the officers. At the end of the ceremony I asked permission to address the candidates who were accordingly placed in the East. I delivered a Royal Arch charge and explained the Masonic teachings of the emblems in our Mystic and Royal Art. The
books are well and carefully kept by the Scribe E., in the person of Comp. A. T. Foot. Avondale Chapter is to be congratulated on the quality of its officers and the efficiency of their work. We missed the genial face of R. Ex. Comp. Reid who is in Flanders doing his share for democracy.

**Keystone Chapter, No. 141, Brandon, Man.—** I made my official visit to this Chapter at its regular Convocation, November 5th. R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Crawford came to the station to meet me, but I did not reach the city or Chapter until after the opening ceremony. I was warmly received by the First Principal Ex. Comp. Bolton and his officers and Companions. The Mark Master degree was put on by the Ex. Z. and his officers in a faultless manner. I took the opportunity to address the candidate, and the Chapter on the benefits to be derived from a careful study into the mysteries and ordinances of our Sublime and Royal Art. The books are in the hands of R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Crawford, which is an assurance that they are well cared for. The Chapter room is nicely fitted with regalia and paraphernalia. I had the pleasure of meeting in this Chapter a long Past Grand Superintendent in R. Ex. Comp. J. Dixon, he having served in this capacity in another province. The wives and daughters of the Chapter provided a tasty supper for which they had our gratitude. This Chapter is in good hands and is making satisfactory progress.

**Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 183, Rivers, Man.—** I made an unsuccessful attempt to visit this Chapter on November 16th. Owing to an accident to the engine of my motor which put it out of commission entirely and caused such delay that I found it impossible to reach there before the close of the Chapter, so returned home. This Chapter meets on Friday and the train service is such as to keep me four days from home and is about 80 miles by motor. I have been in communication many times with the Ex. Z. C. H. Payne during the past six months, and he assures me they have three petitions in hand now and anticipates a prosperous year. One of their Companions made the "Supreme
Sacrifice.” They also have a Companion, an officer in the Grand Chapter, R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Crawford, who has offered to visit this Chapter for me as soon as possible.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, NO. 101, BOISSEVAIN, MAN.
—This being my home Chapter, I will refrain from making any remarks, further than to say that this is the oldest Chapter in the District, and although this year has been normal, everything is in good order and future prospects are good.

Let me say once more, Most Ex. Sir, that Capitular Masonry in this District is strong and vigorous.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES JOHNSON,
Grand Supt., Manitoba West, District No. 15A.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in British Columbia District, No. 16, for the year 1917:

Keystone Chapter, No. 127, Nanaimo.—I visited Keystone Chapter on May 16th, accompanied by 23 members of my own Chapter, Camosun, Victoria. We went by auto from Victoria, about 70 miles, passing over the famous Malahat Drive, one of the grandest auto trips in Canada. Keystone exemplified the Mark Master degree well for my benefit, and the officers of Camosun exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree. I found the Chapter in good condition and the books well kept. There were no complaints and everything was apparently moving harmoniously. The reception of your Representative was of the most cordial nature, and we returned by auto the following morning all well pleased with our hosts. The result of this fraternal visit of Camosun Chapter to Keystone was a return visit of Keystone officers and Companions, 18 strong, to Camosun on the second Monday in July, when the visitors exalted a Brother to the Holy Royal Arch degree in an extremely pleasing and correct manner.

Camosun Chapter, No. 182, Victoria.—I visited officially this Chapter on January 7th, and installed the officers for 1918. Camosun being my home Chapter I attended all meetings of 1917 unofficially. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition. Our fraternal relations with Columbia Chapter, No. 120 G.R. of Scotland, in Victoria is gradually improving. The officers of both Chapters make it a point to attend the Convocations of the other as frequently as possible. With a number of Companions of Camosun Chapter, I had the pleasure of attending at Columbia Chapter, and was most cordially received as your Representative.
Nothing has occurred to mar the increasing cordial relations between the two Chapters, but instead, a most praiseworthy effort being made each to interpret their respective rituals in a better manner than the other.

Vancouver Chapter, No. 98; Pacific Chapter, No. 190; North Vancouver Chapter, No. 191, Vancouver.—I paid an official visit to the above Chapters, which were holding a Joint Installation, on January 9th, 1918, and was well received. There was a large attendance. The ceremony of installation was conducted in a very able manner by M. Ex. Comp. H. H. Watson, assisted by several R. Ex. Companions. You will note by the returns that these Chapters have not progressed very much during the year; but, considering the cruel war we are engaged in and the number of Companions who have responded to the call on their patriotism, I consider "marking time" spells "good work." After the Convocation, the assembled Companions retired to the dining-room, where we were joined by the Brethren of Plantaganet Lodge, who had also been holding installation ceremonies in another hall; and a very enjoyable hour and a half was spent.

Westminster Chapter, No. 124, Westminster.—I visited Westminster Chapter, on the evening of January 11th, 1918, and installed the officers for 1918, with the ready assistance of R. Ex. Comps. Armstrong and Smith. I found the books kept in an excellent manner, reflecting great credit on the Scribe E. I was accorded a hearty reception by the Companions and afterwards spent a "jolly" hour and a half in the dining-room of the Temple.

Kaien Chapter, No. 178, Prince Rupert.—I regret very much that circumstances made it impossible for me to visit Kaien Chapter, but from reports received am pleased to say they have had a prosperous year. They have made a net gain of 5 in membership and improved their financial standing considerably.

Cyrus Chapter, No. 142, Cumberland.—I tried several times to make arrangements to visit this Chapter, but was unable to do so, much to my regret,
as I was particularly anxious to strengthen it, if in my power, it having had a long period of depression due to industrial troubles. The officers are greatly discouraged, but still trying to keep going, and I believe their efforts will be crowned with the success they deserve.

In conclusion, I wish to say that from what I have seen and heard, I feel I am justified in stating that the condition of Capitular Masonry in British Columbia District, No. 16, is certainly very healthy, with the one exception, considering the exceptional conditions at present existing. Seven out of the eight Chapters having strengthened their condition in membership and financially. I wish to thank those who recommended me, and the Most Ex. the Grand Z., for accepting their recommendation and appointing me to the office of Grand Superintendent. My intercourse with the officers of the various Chapters has been of the pleasantest nature and not a cloud has marred the horizon during the year, nothing but kindness and courtesy has been shown me by all.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. JACKSON,
Grand Supt., B.C. District, No. 16.

Victoria, B.C.
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| Camosun | 182 | Victoria | 12 | 4 | 16 | 29 | 5 | 5.00 | 96 | 14 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 11044 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 30 | None | 1115.00 | 342.00 | 550.00 | 223.00 | 500.00 | 25.00 | Very good | Yes |
| Pacific | 190 | Vancouver | 10 | 9 | 19 | 15 | 4 | 5.00 | 94 | 6 | 56 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 96 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 20 | None | 50.00 | 745.50 | 420.00 | 325.50 | 300.00 | 10.00 | Fair | Yes |
| North Vancouver | 191 | N. Vancouver | 10 | 1 | 11 | 13 | 5 | 26.00 | 57 | 1 | 4 | 52 | 12314.25 | 826.25 | 140.10 | 327.15 | 359.00 | 117 | | | | | | | | |
ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I beg to report on Capitular Masonry in this District as follows:

On taking over this District from my predecessor in office, I found that but one Chapter remained under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and that was my own, Kether, No. 177, located at Pincher Creek, thus the peculiar situation arose of a small Chapter being connected with the largest jurisdiction of any Grand Chapter in the world. I had the pleasure of travelling through my jurisdiction to the northern boundary almost in the early summer, covering altogether some 1,800 miles on the round trip, but I was not on Capitular business, although I heard sounds as of working in the quarries at some points of my journey.

However, though our jurisdiction may be technically large, even vast, yet we strictly observed the proprieties and ever regarded it as technical only. We respected our neighbours' landmarks, and lived in peace and harmony with them.

Kether Chapter, being my own Chapter, I had frequent opportunities of visiting it. The First Principal and his assistants do their work in a manner that can hardly be excelled, but the other officers would do well to practice the details that are so necessary to make a ceremony complete and impressive. The best the principal officers can do is often spoiled by lack of attention on the part of others to their portion of the work, as in last year's report, "general knowledge of floor work," and also details of the work itself is lacking. However, this is somewhat made up in the splendid spirit of harmony and good fellowship evinced by the Companions. They have a unity of feeling that has been preserved, through the rather strenuous
times we have passed in Alberta, unimpaired to the present and this feeling has contributed not a little to the success of Kether Chapter.

They now think the time has come when it is necessary to consider their position anew, and a motion will be moved at their next Convocation, asking that the Grand Chapter of Canada grant them permission to withdraw from the jurisdiction in order that they may affiliate with the Grand Chapter of Alberta, believing that the best interests of Masonry will be served by so doing, and as Grand Superintendent I would recommend their request be granted.

Fraternally submitted,

John H. W. S. Kemmis,
Grand Supt., Alberta District, No. 17.

Cowley P.O., Alberta.
## ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17

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| Kether  | 177    | Pincher Creek  | 11 | 11 12 | 2 | 5.00 | 30 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 15 | $ None | $ 565.00 | $ 72.00 | $ 278.00 | $ 155.00 | $ 250.00 | $ 100.00 | Good | Yes |
KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit my report on Capitular Freemasonry in this District.

I regret my inability to visit Nelson Chapter, No. 123, also Kootenay Chapter, No. 120, of this District.

I have been present at every Convocation of my mother Chapter during the past year, and I can assure you that the officers from the First Principal Ex. Comp. Henderson down, have done their work in a very efficient manner, and are most enthusiastic. The prospects of this Chapter (Rocky Mountain, No. 125) are very good, and I look for a very good report from them during 1918.

I made several visits to Fernie during the past year in connection with the affairs of Crow's Nest Chapter, No. 137, which you know have been in a dormant state for the last three or four years. They have finally surrendered their Charter voluntarily, and hope that at some future date to be able to take up the work again with the assistance of Rocky Mountain Chapter who will absorb their territory. This Chapter has been "hit" very hard by Companions leaving for other fields, and also that several have left Fernie to serve their King and Country.

I wish to record my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me by appointing me to this important office. I hope that the mantle will fall to some worthy Companion for the ensuing year, who will be able to give a little more of his time than I have been able to give.

I would like to suggest that some effort be made to have more visits from the Grand Chapter Officers in this part of the world, I feel sure that the results accruing from these visits would be gratifying.

Fraternally submitted,

A. C. Shankland,
Grand Supt., Kootenay District, No. 18.

Cranbrook, B.C.
# Kootenay District, No. 18

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| Rocky Mountain | 125    | Cranbrook | 12              | 12.13  | 1     | $3.00             | 119      | 7                | 7                      | 1                   | 1            | 125         | 7            | 7           | 19      | $Nil              | $2300.00    | $100.00       | $2200.00    | $180.00                     | $200.00     | $116.00 | $2000.40          | $1134.00  | $220.40          | $63.00            | $300.00                             | Good       | Yes    |
| Nelson       | 123    | Nelson    | 6               | 6.14   | 1½    | $3.00             | 109      | 3                | 4                      | 2                   | 15           | 2           | 15          | 2            | 15      | $Nil              | $1354.40    | $1134.00      | $220.40     | $63.00                                   | $300.00     |                   | $2000.40          | $1134.00    | $220.40          | $63.00            | $300.00                             | Poor       | Yes    |
| *Kootenay    | 120    | Kaslo     |                 |        |       |                   |          |                  |                         |                     |              |             |             |             |        |                    |            |               |             |                             |            |        |                   |          |                  |                  |                       |                      |          |
| †Crow's Nest | 137    | Fernie    |                 |        |       |                   |          |                  |                         |                     |              |             |             |             |        |                    |            |               |             |                             |            |        |                   |          |                  |                  |                       |                      |          |

122 *No report. † Charter surrendered.
To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Yale-Columbia District, No. 182, for the year 1917.

Rossland Chapter, No. 122, Rossland.—I visited this Chapter in an official capacity on October 22nd, was well received and royally entertained. There being no candidates, the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. First Principal A. M. Betts, and his able staff of officers. I found the officers of this Chapter well skilled in their work, and the business of the Chapter well looked after, but owing to local conditions few members joining.

Revelstoke Chapter, No. 128, Revelstoke.—Being my home Chapter, I was regular in my attendance at the Convocations, and when necessary, assisted in the work. As will be seen by the report, a healthy condition prevails in this Chapter, and much degree work has been in evidence. I visited this Chapter officially on November 5th, and witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch degree, and was well pleased with the work of all the officers. I also visited it on January 7th, 1918, and installed and invested the newly elected officers.

Okanagan Chapter, No. 157, Vernon.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on November 1st, the candidate announced for the Royal Arch degree, not being in evidence, and the Principal Sojourner absent, I opened a Chapter of Instruction and had the officers present exemplify this degree. I found the three principal officers well skilled in their work, except in the new floor work, which I had them follow while I instructed them. This Chapter is feeling very much a depression as a result of the great conflict, so many
men from this part of the country having joined the colours leaving the opportunity for securing new members very poor.

Boundary Chapter, No. 174, Grand Forks.—On October 18th I visited this Chapter. I was received by R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Cook, Scribe E., who with the other officers entertained me royally during my two days' visit. A candidate for the Mark Master Mason degree was announced, but owing to the distance he was obliged to come failed to turn up. I therefore instructed the officers in the floor work of the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees. I find the Companions of this Chapter working against great odds, in trying to fill offices, there being so many ups and downs to the industries of this part of the country and much activity in Red Cross and Patriotic Works to the detriment of Chapter work. I encouraged them to further action and hope for an improvement as the result of my visit. The records and Mark Book are well kept and the financial condition good.

Kelowna Chapter, No. 206, Kelowna.—My official visit to this Chapter was made October 17th, Ex. First Principal Dunn being unavoidably absent. The First Principal's chair was occupied by R. Ex. Comp. A. R. Bailey, who with a very capable staff of officers conferred the Most Excellent Master degree on a worthy candidate. The work was conferred in a splendid manner, the new floor work of this degree being followed to the letter and reflected great credit on the officers of this Chapter. The Chapter met for the first time in their new hall, which with the new furniture and regalia presented a spick and span appearance. During my visit I received a telegram from the Ex. First Principal expressing his regrets; however, I met him later while visiting Okanagan, and was well impressed with his keenness, and believe that this Chapter is to be congratulated on the personnel and ability of its officers, also on the manner in which the records are kept and the dues collected, reflecting great credit on Comp. Leathley.
In conclusion I wish to point out some of the difficulties to be contended with in making more than one official visit to the Chapters of this District. The distances are so great and some of the transportation routes, with a tri-weekly service, render it impossible to avoid spending less than six to eight days on one trip. I wish to thank the Companions of this District for the cordial manner in which they received me wherever I went, and for the many courtesies I received during my term of office. The showing in this District is well accounted for by our contribution in man power to the war, from 12 to 15 per cent. for the interior of British Columbia.

Fraternally submitted,

Walter Bews,
Grand Supt., Yale-Columbia Dist., No. 18A.

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SASKATCHEWAN NORTH DISTRICT, No. 19A.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan North District No. 19a.

First, I desire to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the honour conferred upon me, by electing me to such a responsible position. The duties as Grand Superintendent have been pleasant and beneficial. Harmony and goodwill have been manifest everywhere among the Companions.

I was fortunate in being able to visit all the different Chapters in the District during the year.

King George Chapter, No. 207, Yorkton.—My first visit was to Yorkton, August 9th, 1917. With the assistance of Ex. Comps. Needham and Westcott, Comps. Calder and Perriam the Chapter was consecrated and dedicated. Following this ceremony I witnessed the Royal Arch degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Acheson and his officers. Each officer discharged his duties with credit to himself and his Chapter, leaving no room for criticism. The acting Scribe E. Comp. Holmes has the books in good shape. The “Fourth Degree” was not forgotten, here also the work was faultless. I found all the members of this Chapter alive.

Humboldt Chapter, No. 209, Humboldt.—I made my official visit to Humboldt on August 15th, 1917, and am greatly indebted to my able assistants: R. Ex. Comp. Blackwood; Ex. Comps. Needham and Westcott; Comps. Smith, Calder, Symans, Sherry, Crimes, Richmond, Langford, Kay, Turnbull, Nichols, Edwards and Ferguson, who accompanied me by motor from Saskatoon to Humboldt, a distance of eighty-five miles. We consecrated and dedicated the
Chapter, after which a Chapter of Instruction was held, and the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Wallace and his assistants in a most commendable manner. I am pleased to be able to report this Chapter in excellent condition and am confident of their success. Scribe Learnmonth's books are a credit to the Chapter. At the conclusion of the evening's work, we adjourned to Ex. Comp. Andreasen's home, where we were royally entertained, and I speak for all the Companions, our host's hospitality so well known to Humboldt Companions, will always be remembered.

Prince Albert Chapter, No. 160, Prince Albert.—I visited this Chapter on October 16th, 1917, was met at the station by Comps. McMillan and Smith, and we spent the afternoon in seeing their beautiful city. In the evening I had the pleasure of seeing the Royal Arch degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Henderson and his staff. Their degree work was superior to their floor work. Ex. Comp. Henderson deserves great credit for the way he is keeping the "home fires burning," whilst so many of his Companions are doing their "bit" overseas. Ex. Comp. McMillan is married to his books and makes an "excellent husband," and needless to say, has them up to date. He is a bachelor. Prince Albert is favoured and is to be congratulated on their commodious and comfortable quarters, having a beautiful exclusive Chapter room, splendid club rooms, and last, but not least, a large banquet hall where we were well supplied with good eatables and genial entertainment.

Battleford Chapter, No. 181, Battleford.—On November 15th I visited this Chapter. I might say Battleford Chapter has passed honourably and successfully through a severe crisis. Half or more of their Companions, and nearly all of their officers have answered the call of their country, and are at the front, leaving their chairs vacant. But the Sampson of Royal Arch Masonry in Battleford, better known as "N. T. Brown" has saved the day. Although being out of the chairs for five years, took up the Sceptre
and under his able guidance, Battleford Chapter is surely progressing.

On my visit I had the pleasure of seeing Ex. Comp. Brown and his officers confer all degrees; seven candidates were present. The work was done with lots of vim and snap and whole-heartedness. Following the work, election of officers took place. The officers were chosen with great deliberation, and I believe they will keep up the good work.

Saskatoon Chapter, No. 165, Saskatoon.—I visited this Chapter officially on December 7th, 1917. It being my home Chapter, I have been in attendance at nearly all the meetings during the year, and on this occasion was greeted with a record attendance, and a very hearty reception. The Chapter was opened at 2.30 p.m., Ex. Comp. Swain conferred the Mark Master degree, and Ex. Comp. Hawkins the Most Excellent degree. After justice being done to a good dinner, served in the Temple, we returned to the Chapter room, where Ex. Comp. Westcott conferred the Royal Arch degree. The work was perfect. Under the guidance of Ex. Comp. Westcott, the Chapter is maintaining its standard of being the best in the District. The books are well kept by Scribe E. Comp. Crimes.

In conclusion I wish to express my gratitude for the many courtesies extended to me in my intercourse with the Companions, and I shall cherish the friendships among the Companions of the several Chapters.

Sincerely hoping my endeavours may have some good results.

Fraternally submitted,

A. R. Orme,

Grand Supt., Saskatchewan North District, No. 19a.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District.

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 208, Assiniboia.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Wednesday, October 11th, in company with Ex. Comp. Yingst of Weyburn Chapter. On arrival I found everything arranged for the evening Convocation, which opened at 8 p.m. A large number of Companions were present, including R. Ex. Comp. Clark and several others from Moose Jaw. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers of Assiniboia Chapter in a very satisfactory manner, the final lecture being delivered by Ex. Comp. Clark by request. After the degree was completed, an hour was spent in discussion, following which, in accordance with instructions issued by the Grand Z., I performed the ceremony of Consecration, and Dedication being assisted by several visiting Companions to whom I am greatly indebted. After the Chapter was closed, supper was served by the wives and daughters of the members who fully deserved the vote of thanks tendered them.

Moose Jaw Chapter, No. 162, Moose Jaw.—On October 18th, in company with Ex. Comp. Zabel and several Companions from Weyburn, I visited this Chapter and saw the Mark Master Mason degree conferred. With such officers as R. Ex. Comp. McCauley and Clark, to assist and guide them, it is easily seen why this Chapter is doing such good work. Further comment on my part is unnecessary. Following the closing of the Chapter, refreshments were served, after which R. Ex. Comp. McCauley read a very interesting paper on the work of the Mark Master Mason degree. The usual "after luncheon remarks" brought a very successful function to a close.
Estevan Chapter, No. 180, Estevan.—My visit to this Chapter was deferred owing to the fact that I was appointed Chairman of the Victory Loan for this District, and felt it my duty to devote my entire time to it. On December 4th, I attended the regular Convocation, and in the absence of a candidate requested the officers to exemplify work both in the Royal Arch and Mark Master Mason degrees. I found the officers were not as well skilled as they should be, but attributed their shortcomings to the fact that they had not conferred a degree for several months. With a little more interest on the part of the members and application on the part of the officers, there is no reason why Estevan Chapter should not prosper.

Shaunavon Chapter, U.D.—On Wednesday, December 5th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter reaching Shaunavon about ten o'clock, after an all day ride from Estevan. I found the Companions assembled, but they had very kindly awaited my coming before opening the Chapter. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a splendid manner, much to my surprise, as I had received adverse reports of this Chapter. The officers and members displayed a great deal of interest and the attendance was all that could be desired. This Chapter has only held six meetings to date this year, nevertheless, I have no hesitation in recommending that a Charter be granted in view of the work I saw done and the personnel of the officers.

Unity Chapter, No. 186, Swift Current.—I made all arrangements to visit this Chapter on Wednesday, December 12th. I left Weyburn on the morning train expecting to reach Swift Current about four o'clock. The weather was very cold and stormy, and I did not reach my destination until half past eleven, too late to witness any of the work, but in time to shake hands with a number of the Companions, including the officers. However, I may say that I have had splendid reports with respect to this Chapter, and know that it is in the hands of energetic workers who are sure to continue its successful career.
Weyburn Chapter, No. 173, Weyburn.—This is my own Chapter and I have only been absent from one Convocation during the year occasioned by my visit to Unity Chapter. On March 8th I paid my official visit and saw the Royal Arch degree conferred in a satisfactory manner. This Chapter, like Moose Jaw and Swift Current, is blessed with several Past Principals who take an active interest in the work, and although a poor showing has been made as regards increase in membership, the Chapter is in a healthy condition.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to the Companions of this District for the honour they have conferred upon me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and also for the many courtesies extended to me during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

Charles P. Moore,
Grand Supt., Saskatchewan West Dist., No. 196.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan East District, No. 19c. for the year 1917.

The unsettled condition, due to the war, has affected the Chapters in the District to a greater or less extent, not only by the call to Military duty of many officers and Companions, but also by the consequent lessening of available material for membership. Despite this condition, however, the Chapters in the District on the whole, with exceptions which will be referred to in this report, have made conservative, but commendable progress, and have shown a very creditable year. Though the year now ended has not heralded the conclusion of the war, we trust that 1918 will see the resumption of normal times and the commencement of the era prophesied by the great Scottish Mason when, "man to man the world o'er shall brothers be."

I visited each of the Chapters in the District during the year, and also held a Chapter of Instruction at Regina. I am pleased to report that on the whole the work is uniformly well done in the various Chapters, that the revised instructions are being followed, and that harmony prevails throughout the District. Every Chapter in the District has a comfortable and attractive meeting place, and correct and proper furnishings and regalia.

Sufficient attention is not paid to the Book of Marks in any of the Chapters, and in some instances the arrears of dues are entirely too high. As a result of instructions given I look for an improvement in this respect.

I am pleased to note a growing tendency in a number of the Chapters to increase their attendances by most commendable efforts to make their Convocations more
interesting and instructive to the Companions, and I hope to see the practise become general. Any such effort is a step in the right direction.

Wascana Chapter, No. 121, Regina.—I held a Chapter of Instruction under the auspices of Wascana Chapter on November 12th, at which time my official visit was paid. This meeting which was representative of the District was well attended and was honoured by the presence of the Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. Major A. S. Gorrell, and other Grand Chapter and Past Grand Chapter officers. The Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch degrees were conferred in a correct, capable and impressive manner by officers of Golden Compass, Wascana and Govan Chapters, the presiding officers being in the Mark Master Mason degree, Ex. Comp. Railton of Sintaluta, in the Most Excellent Master degree, Ex. Comp. Wheeler of Regina, and in the Royal Arch degree, R. Ex. Comp. Clarke of Govan. The Companions were treated to an eloquent and inspiring address by the Grand Z. Addresses were also appreciated from Comp. W. B. Tate and R. Ex. Comp. L. T. MacDonald, both Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. The Companions of Wascana Chapter are to be highly commended for the kindly and hospitable manner in which they attended to the comfort and accommodation of the Companions present. This Chapter, which is the largest in the District, is making good progress. It is capably officered and the books and records are well kept. During the year Wascana Chapter suffered a great and deeply deplored loss in the death of Ex. Comp. H. W. Graves, the Second Principal. This Chapter is both fortunate and highly honoured in numbering among its members the present Grand First Principal.

Moose Mountain Chapter, No. 166, Arcola.—I visited Moose Mountain Chapter officially on the afternoon of December 21st. This Chapter has been seriously handicapped this year by the removal from Arcola of their First and Third Principals, and many
other officers and Past Principals, with the result that only five meetings were held and a limited amount of work done. Ex. Comp. Gibson, Scribe E., has the books and records in satisfactory shape. No work was exemplified.

Golden Compass Chapter, No. 170, Sintaluta.—I paid my official visit to Golden Compass Chapter on November 13th, on the occasion of their first "Annual Rally," and was warmly welcomed by the officers and Companions. The meeting was well attended. There was no degree work so we held a Chapter of Instruction and discussed and exemplified portions of the work. This Chapter, though in good shape financially, and officered by capable Companions, has, of late, made slow progress numerically. An excellent list of officers was elected at this Convocation, and all indications point to brighter prospects for Golden Compass Chapter. The "Fourth Degree" brought to a conclusion an instructive and enjoyable evening.

Trinity Chapter, No. 192, Melville.—I was received with a hospitable welcome that I shall long remember on the occasion of my visit to this Chapter on July 12th. A number of officers were absent unavoidably, but the meeting was well attended. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred in a faultless manner by Ex. Comp. Moore. The average attendance in Trinity Chapter is good, the officers are enthusiastic and capable and the Scribe E., and Treasurer's books are well kept. The interesting and instructive nature of the meetings of the Chapter is a highly commendable feature and is resulting in increased attendance.

Govan Chapter, No. 193, Govan.—I visited Govan Chapter on July 19th. Notwithstanding very sultry weather there was a good attendance. The Chapter had arranged for conferring degrees, but as the candidates failed to present themselves, the meeting was resolved into a Chapter of Instruction and portions of the work reviewed and exemplified. The work is well done in Govan Chapter, the officers and Companions
are deeply interested in Masonic affairs and in the welfare of their Chapter. The Chapter is fortunate in still having the services of their first First Principal, R. Ex. Comp. Clarke, who in the capacity of Scribe E. keeps the books and records in Ai shape. The future prospects of Govan Chapter are very bright.

Orient Chapter, No. 194, Moosomin.—This is my home Chapter, and as I have attended most of its Convocations, and seen all degree work conferred, I can vouch for the efficiency of its officers. The opening and closing, and the work of degree conferring is invariably well and capably done in this Chapter. I made my official visit on October 31st, on the occasion of their first “Annual Rally.” This Convocation was very largely attended, among the visiting Companions being Ex. Comp. Railton, First Principal of Golden Compass Chapter. Many letters of greeting were read from Companions unable to be present. The election of officers was held at this Convocation, and I had the pleasure of installing and investing the new officers at the regular Convocation on December 5th. The Scribe E., Comp. Fenwick, is deserving of special commendation for the painstaking and thorough manner in which his duties are performed. The Chapter is making good progress and has bright future prospects. Orient Chapter is proud of the fact that twenty per cent. of its total membership has joined the Canadian Overseas Forces.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the Companions of the District most sincerely for electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent and to express my grateful appreciation of the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me by each and every Chapter in the District during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

Charles Stuart,
Grand Supt., Saskatchewan E. Dist., No. 19c.

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To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in New Ontario District, No. 20, for the year 1917.

I visited all the Chapters in the District and wish to express my thanks to the officers and Companions, who made my visits both pleasant and profitable.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa.—I visited this Chapter on November 20th. There was no degree work. This Chapter has had its dark days, but there seems to be for it a bright future.

Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury.—I visited this Chapter on January 8th. This being the occasion of their installation of officers there was no degree work, but harmony prevails among the Companions, and there are good prospects for this Chapter.

Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie. This Chapter was visited on 9th January. The officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a most creditable manner.

St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay.—On January 10th, I visited this Chapter, and found the members very enthusiastic. There was no degree work, but the Chapter prospects are bright.

Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard.—I visited this Chapter on November 22nd. On this occasion the officers conferred all three degrees in a most satisfactory manner. I had the honour of unveiling the Roll of Honour of the Chapter. The loyalty of the Companions of this Chapter is shown by the
number of names on the roll, and also by the fact that they have purchased five hundred dollars worth of Victory Bonds.

Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Haentschel and Haynes, Ex. Comps. Taylor and Smiley and several Companions of Temiskaming Chapter, I visited this Chapter on May 15th, and with the assistance of these R. Ex. Companions installed the officers elected and appointed for the ensuing year. I again visited this Chapter on January 15th, when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by the officers in a very creditable manner. A bright future is assured for this Chapter.

In closing, I wish to thank the Companions for their courtesy and kindness to me throughout the year, and shall long cherish pleasant memories of my year as Grand Superintendent of the District.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

S. C. MacDonald,
Grand Supt., New Ontario District, No. 20.

New Liskeard, Ont.
## NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 20

| CHAPTER | Number | LOCATION | Regular Meetings | Emergent | 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. | R.A. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | No. Members' 12 Mths in Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Dues Outstanding | Amount Insurance | Amount Expended in Benevolence | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees? |
|----------|--------|----------|------------------|----------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Pembroke | 58     | Mattawa  | 4                | 4         | 9     | $2.40                       | 52                         | 1                      | 51                     | 6                 | 10.40        | 825.00      | 375.00      | 50.00       | 500.00      | 25.00 | Good              | Yes               |
| Tuscan   | 95     | Sudbury  | 10               | 212          | 12   | 3.00                        | 102                        | 2                     | 5                     | 1106.12          | 8             | 7             | 11129.00    | 475.00      | 475.00      | 163.40 | 10.00             | Excellent         | Yes             |
| Algonquin | 102    | Sault St. Marie | 10              | 102          | 20   | 3.00                        | 304                        | 10                    | 10                     | 280.10           | 12            | 8             | 6             | Nil         | 4255.20     | 1500.00 | 1325.00          | 409.00           | 1200.00      | 75.00          | Good            | Yes             |
| St. John's | 103    | North Bay | 7                | 7            | 9     | 2.00                        | 131                        | 2                     | 2                     | 1128.00          | 1            | 2             | 4             | Nil         | 400.00      | 100.00   | 300.00           | 400.00           | 10.00         | 10.00          | Good            | Yes             |
| Temiskaming | 169    | New Liskeard | 11              | 314          | 13   | 3.00                        | 14523.18                   | 3                     | 3                     | 160.18           | 18           | 18           | 78            | 993.93      | 1100.00     | 300.00   | 40.00            | Good             | Yes             |
| Cobalt   | 203    | Cobalt   | 10               | 212          | 17   | 3.00                        | 69.16                      | 4                     | 2                     | 71.44            | 4            | 4             | 6             | 750.00      | 126.50      | 400.00   | Good             | Yes             | Yes             |

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KLONDIKE CHAPTER, No. 154, UNATTACHED.

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

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honour to submit the following report on the conditions of Capitular Masonry in the Yukon Territory for the year just closing.

As you will have observed by the Statistical Table, hereto attached, Klondike Chapter is more than holding its own, which is about all that can be expected during the time we are engaged in the present awful struggle.

At the December Convocation very competent officers were elected, and Chapter matters are sure to be well looked after during the coming year.

No important matters came before the Acting Grand Superintendent during the year. Harmony and loyalty to Grand Chapter prevails to a marked degree. The books of the Chapter are well kept and reports to the Grand Chapter promptly made.

In conclusion, I am happy to say that, all in all, Chapter matters are in a very healthy condition, and prospects for the coming year good.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. Gillis,
Acting Grand Superintendent.

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It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, and

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, to report later at this Convocation.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Fraternal greetings by letters and telegrams were received from a number of Companions. Among those read were: M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Kingston, P.G.Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada; R. Ex. Comps. William Stanton, Fort Slocum, N.Y., Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of New York; Frank B. Gregory, Collingwood, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, near the Grand Chapter of Canada; R. G. Connolly, St. Catharines, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, near the Grand Chapter of Canada; W. T. Connell, Kingston, Grand Representative of New Zealand, near the Grand Chapter of Canada; V. Ex. Comp. Frank Wheeler, North Vancouver, Grand Senior Sojourner.

The absence of M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch was explained as being due to illness. It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to send a telegram to M. Ex. Comp. Murch regretting his inability to be present at this Annual Convocation and wishing he may have a speedy recovery.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

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

Companions,—From the report I am presenting, you will see that Royal Arch Masonry continues to prosper, although one would think that owing to conditions caused by the War, it would be otherwise. At
the present time peace and prosperity prevails generally throughout the Jurisdiction.

The Scribes E. are beginning to show promptness in dealing with the office of the Grand Scribe E. With some there is no procrastination, they do not put off till to-morrow what they can do to-day, and consequently this year, with few exceptions, the Annual Returns of the Chapters were in the office of the Grand Scribe E. within a reasonable time after they should have been received.

As to the correspondence, this is necessarily heavy, as all communications are replied to, and the Grand Superintendents of the Districts, by direction of the Grand Z., are frequently advised of their duties and what is necessary to assist in keeping up the interest of the Royal Craft in their respective districts.

This year's Proceedings, as last year, will contain the Honor Roll, suitably arranged, and it will be found to contain over thirteen hundred names. Some, it will be observed, have died "For King and Country." May not honour be to us as strong an obligation as the call appeared to those who enlisted for Overseas Service. Let us not forget the honour due to the Companions who nobly did their duty on land and sea when it was demanded of them.

Last year a reference was made to Crow's Nest Chapter, No. 137, at Fernie, B.C. It was then stated that some Companions of Cranbrook, B.C., were trying to get the Companions of Fernie together for the purpose of endeavouring to resuscitate the Chapter. Nothing apparently could be accomplished and the Grand Superintendent advised me by letter, dated January 29th, 1918, that the Charter of Crow's Nest Chapter had been voluntarily surrendered, and he was forwarding me, by express, the Books, Warrants, etc. So far I have not received these, and I have written asking the cause of the delay.

On February 9th I received a telegram, signed by the Scribe E. of Kether Chapter, No. 177, G.R.C., stating, that "at a regular Convocation last night
Kether Chapter unanimously resolved asking permission to withdraw from the Grand Chapter of Canada for the purpose of affiliating with the Grand Chapter of Alberta. "Letter confirming this follows." A letter, dated February 11th, was subsequently received confirming the telegram. (Request of Kether Chapter was acceded to by the Executive Committee at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, February 27th, 1918.)

During the year there have been seventy-two Dispensations issued, many of them for qualifying Companions elected to fill positions of First and Second Principals and for changing dates of Convocations of Chapters, due largely to the extreme cold weather and impassable roads in the rural Districts.

As to the membership of Grand Chapter it will be noticed that on December 31st, 1916, we had a membership of 18,982, with 167 Chapters. The total membership for the year ending December 31st, 1917, was 19,601, with 165 Chapters, and thus we have a net gain of 619, while we had a decrease last year of 197, owing to several Chapters severing their connection with the Grand Chapter of Canada and joining with the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

From the attached Annual Statement it will be seen that $9,989.84 has been received in fees and dues from the different Chapters. This is fully set forth with the Disbursements in the Reports of the Treasurer, and Audit and Finance Committee.

Certificates of Good Standing.

Applications being received from Companions, residing in the Province of Alberta, expressing a desire for certificates of Good Standing, on account of their respective Chapters having surrendered their warrants to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and the Grand Scribe E., being authorized by resolution, adopted at the last Annual Convocation, to grant such certificates, on being satisfied that the Companions were in good standing on the records of Grand Chapter, certificates were issued, as follows:
John Carlton Ellender, Otuskwan Chapter, No. 179, G.R.C., Calgary, Alberta.
Francis Barnhouse, North Star Chapter, No. 118, G.R.C., Edmonton, Alberta.
Alfred Robert Duncan, North Star Chapter, No. 118, G.R.C., Edmonton, Alberta.
George Thomas Bragg, North Star Chapter, No. 118, G.R.C., Edmonton, Alberta.
Duncan C. Robertson, North Star Chapter, No. 118, G.R.C., Edmonton, Alberta.
Robert G. Whitmore, Otuskwan Chapter, No. 179, G.R.C., Calgary, Alberta.
William McKay, North Star Chapter, No. 118, G.R.C., Edmonton, Alberta.
Robert W. Ramshaw, Otuskwan Chapter, No. 179, G.R.C., Calgary, Alberta.
Frank E. Richmond, Otuskwan Chapter, No. 179, G.R.C., Calgary, Alberta.

Warrants and Seals of the Alberta Chapters.

It was arranged, in the adjustment of the "Alberta Difficulty," that the Warrants and Seals of the Chapters severing their connection with the Grand Chapter of Canada, should be forwarded to the office of the Grand Scribe E. and at the request of a Chapter in Alberta the Warrant, after being duly cancelled, could be returned.

Through the courtesy of R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Johnson, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, who recovered several of the Warrants and forwarded them to the office of your Grand Scribe E., I am able to show the position of the respective Warrants and Seals of the Chapters in Alberta as follows:

Chapter No.
No. 106—Alberta, Calgary. Original and duplicate Warrants returned, Seal not.
No. 118—North Star, Edmonton. Warrant returned, Seal not, as it was destroyed.
No. 126—Assiniboia, Medicine Hat. Warrant and Seal returned. Warrant subsequently marked cancelled and forwarded to the Chapter.

No. 158—Shekinah, Lethbridge. Warrant and Seal returned. Warrant subsequently marked cancelled and forwarded to the Chapter.

No. 159—Golden West, High River. Warrant and Seal returned. Warrant subsequently marked cancelled and forwarded to the Chapter.

No. 176—Bekah, Macleod. Original and duplicate Warrants as well as Seal returned.

No. 179—Otuskwan, Calgary. Warrant and Seal returned.


No. 197—Capital City, Edmonton. Warrant and Seal returned. Warrant subsequently marked cancelled and forwarded to the Chapter.

No. 199—Vermilion, Vermilion. Warrant mis-carried in the mail, it is stated. Seal returned. Duplicate Warrant subsequently engrossed, marked cancelled, and forwarded to the Chapter.

No. 200—Hillvue, Hillcrest. Warrant returned, Seal not.

No. 201—Tau Cross, Claresholm. Warrant returned, Seal not. Warrant subsequently marked cancelled and returned to the Chapter.

No. 202—Mount Olivet, Killam. Warrant returned, Seal not.

No. 204—Norwood, Edmonton. Warrant returned, did not have Seal. Warrant subsequently marked cancelled and returned to the Chapter.

Chapters which joined Grand Chapter of Alberta in May, 1914:

No. 172—Mount Horeb, Wetaskiwin. Warrant and Seal returned.

No. 188—Bow Valley, Gleichen. Warrant and Seal not returned as they were destroyed by fire.

No. 189—Calgary, Calgary. Warrant returned, did not have Seal.
Active Chapters.

The Chapters reporting 15 or more exaltations during the year are as follows:

Ark, No. 80, Windsor, 44; The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton, 41; King Solomon’s, No. 8, 37; Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto, 36; St. John’s, No. 6, Hamilton, 35; Wawanosh, No. 15, Sarnia, and Tecumseh, No. 24, Stratford, 34 each; St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto, 33; The St. Patrick, No. 145, Toronto, 32; Fort William, No. 140, Fort William, 29; St. George’s, No. 5, London, and Orient, No. 79, Toronto, 28 each; Saskatoon, No. 165, Saskatoon, 27; Willson, No. 64, Welland, 24; Toronto, No. 185, Toronto, 23; The Moira, No. 7, Belleville, Mount Moriah, No. 19, St. Catharines, and Shuniah, No. 82, Port Arthur, 21 each; Pentalpha, No. 28, Oshawa, 19; Kitchener, No. 117, Kitchener, and Temiskaming, No. 169, New Liskeard, 18 each; Manitou, No. 27, Collingwood; Golden, No. 90, Kenora; and Humboldt, No. 209, Humboldt, 17 each; Mount Nebo, No. 76, Niagara Falls, and Wellington, No. 47, Chatham, 16 each; St. Mark’s, No. 26, Trenton, and Unity, No. 186, Swift Current, 15 each.

New Chapters.

The authorized warrants, after the last Annual Convocation, were engrossed and forwarded to the proper officers for the following Chapters: King George, No. 207, Yorkton; Assiniboia, No. 208, Assiniboia; Humboldt, No. 209, Humboldt; Kitchener, No. 210, Russell.

Chapters under Dispensation.

Shaunavon Chapter, U.D., Shaunavon, Sask., received its dispensation and was instituted with twenty petitioners. It now has a membership of 33. It was continued under dispensation last year and it now asks for its warrant.

In addition to the foregoing Chapter, which was regularly instituted, is:

Mount Sinai Chapter, U.D., Toronto, Ont.—Petitioners: Edward J. Repath, William Dalton, Duncan
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**By-laws.**

By-laws have been presented to the M. Ex., the Grand Z., and approved for the following Chapters:

- Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1
- St. John’s, No. 6
- Shuniah, No. 82
- King George, No. 207
- Assiniboia, No. 208
- Humboldt, No. 209
- Kitchener, No. 210

Amendments to by-laws have also been submitted and approved as follows:

- St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4
- St. George’s, No. 5
- King Solomon’s, No. 8
- Tecumseh, No. 24
- St. Mark’s, No. 26
- Manitou, No. 27
- Guelph, No. 40
- Mount Sinai, No. 44
- Granite, No. 61
- Willson, No. 64
- St. Clair, No. 75
- MacNabb, No. 88
- Golden, No. 90
- King Cyrus, No. 119
- Succoth, No. 135
- London, No. 150
- Trinity, No. 192
- Kelowna, No. 206

**Recapitulation.**

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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

By Provinces Net Additions Net Removals
Saskatchewan 122 15
Alberta 2 134
Manitoba 30 40
British Columbia 43 33
Ontario 762 118

959 340

Net Gain 619

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP BY PROVINCES.

Saskatchewan 1,757
Alberta 32
Manitoba 1,258
British Columbia (including Yukon Territory) 1,644
Ontario 14,910

Total Membership, 31st December, 1916 19,601
**ANNUAL STATEMENT.**

**YEAR 1ST FEBRUARY, 1917, TO 31ST JANUARY, 1918.**

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$9,989.84

Fraternally submitted,
HENRY T. SMITH,
Grand Scribe E.
GRAND TREASURER’S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

1st February, 1917, to 31st January, 1918.

Received by Grand Scribe “E” on account of Dues, Fees, etc., from Chapters $9,989 84
Interest on Investments 1,593 60

$11,583 44

Accounts Paid—
Cheques and Cash $7,922 41
Benevolent Grants 1,810 00
Excess of Income over Expenditure 1,851 03

$11,583 44

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Investments, 31st Jan., 1917, as per last Account $31,397 61
Fourth (Victory) War Loan, 5 1/2% Bonds, $2,500.00, Cost 2,478 12

$33,875 73

Debentures, 43/4% of Toronto General Trusts Corporation, Matured $2,500 00
Investments, 31st Jan., 1917, as per list 31,375 73

$33,875 73

31st January, 1917, Capital—
At Canadian Bank of Commerce $4,931 90
Incidentals Account, in hand 8 42

$4,940 32

Investments as per Schedule 31,397 61

$36,337 93

31st January, 1918, Capital—
At Canadian Bank of Commerce $6,803 50
Incidentals Account, in hand 9 73

$6,813 23

Investments as per Schedule 31,375 73

$38,188 96

Capital Enhancement, as above 1,851 03

INVESTMENTS HELD, 31st JANUARY, 1918.

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<td>Mercantile Trust Company, Guaranteed Investment Receipt, bearing 5 per cent. interest. Due 19th March, 1918.</td>
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<td>Toronto General Trusts, due 1st January, 1919. Interest, 5 per cent.</td>
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<td>Village of Weston, $578.43, due 1st October, 1920; $613.13, due 1st October, 1921.</td>
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<td>Cost of $2,500 Canadian War Loan (4th). Interest 5½ per cent. Due 1st December, 1937.</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Geo. Moore, **Grand Treasurer.**

Bryan Pontifex, **Chartered Accountant, Auditor.**

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, and

*Resolved,—That the statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer for the year 1917 be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit, and to report thereon at the present Convocation.*
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BENEVOLENCE.

To the Most Excellent 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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$1,880.00

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee,
A. SHAW,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.
To the M. Ex. the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Companions,—Your Committee on Warrants beg to report as follows: Shaunavon Chapter, at Shaunavon, Saskatchewan, as we reported last year, had twenty petitioners, when it was instituted, and during the year had added eleven members, making the total membership thirty-one. Since then the Chapter has had an increase of two, which makes the membership now thirty-three.

The Grand Superintendent of the District, in his report, speaks favourably of the work of the Chapter, and after reading a special request, for a Warrant, signed by the officers of Shaunavon Chapter, and seeing the minute book of the Chapter, that is in possession of the Grand Scribe E., we would recommend that a Warrant be granted:

Shaunavon Chapter, No. 211, Shaunavon, Saskatchewan.

Fraternally submitted
O. Ellwood,
Chairman of Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Companions,—On Audit and Finance, your Committee submit the following statement of the Receipts and Disbursements for the past year, certified to by the Auditor, Bryan Pontifex, Chartered Accountant.

**SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1918.**

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<td>Incidentals Account, Cash in hand</td>
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<td><strong>Total Receipts from Chapter</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Investment Account</strong></td>
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<td>Bonds paid off</td>
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<td>Interest received</td>
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<td><strong>4,093.60</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$19,023.76</strong></td>
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- Benevolence: $1,810.00
- Investment Account, War Loan Bonds: $2,478.12
- Salaries: $2,820.83
- Superannuation: 1,000.00
- Foreign Correspondence Report: 200.00
- Office Rent, Telephone, etc.: 576.00
- Premium on Guarantee Bond, etc.: 14.00
- Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses: 122.00
- Printing, Engrossing, etc., including "Proceedings," $918.41: 1,970.05
- Audit and Reports: 150.00
- Past Grand "Z," Balance of Expenses, 1916: 34.44
- Past Grand "Z." Western Trip: 400.00
- Inspection of Benevolence: 100.00
- Grand "Z," Expenses: 36.40
- Testimonial to Past Grand "Z": 300.00

**Grand Total:** $7,723.72

**Grand Scribe "E," Office Incidentals, Postage, Express and General Expenses:** $198.69

**Total:** $7,922.41
Balance, 31st January, 1918—

\[\begin{array}{l}
\text{At Bank of Commerce} \quad \$6,803.50 \\
\text{Incidentals Account, Balance in hand} \quad 9.73 \\
\hline
\text{Total} \quad 6,813.23 \\
\hline
\text{Br't For'd} \quad \$19,023.76
\end{array}\]

I have maintained a running audit during the year and have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Grand Chapter. I certify that I have found them in order and that the above is a correct summary of the Accounts. I also certify that I have verified the securities, the property of Grand Chapter, and that they are of a total (cost) value of $31,375.73 and face value of $32,072.31.

Bryan Pontifex,

Toronto, 12th February, 1918.

Chartered Accountant.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations:

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<td>Superannuation Allowance, G. J. Bennett</td>
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<td>New Typewriter for G.S.E.'s office, to cost less allowance for one now in use</td>
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Your Committee note that before the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter an item of $3,000 of the Mercantile Trust Company Guaranteed Investment Receipt, bearing 5 per cent. interest, will become due and payable on March 19th, 1918, and $2,000 of the Toronto General Trusts, also bearing 5 per cent. interest, will become due and payable on January 1st, 1919, and we would recommend that these sums be re-invested in Canadian Victory War Loan, if available, or some other security, equally valuable, so as to earn as high a rate of interest as possible.

Your Committee would recommend that $1,000 be donated from the funds of this Grand Chapter, to be forwarded to the M. Ex. the Grand High Priest of the
Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, to assist in giving some measure of relief to those Royal Arch Masons, who may have suffered in the terrible disaster which overtook that fair City.

It is with pleasure that your Committee note the decided improvement in the finances of this Grand Chapter for the past year, brought about in part by increased dues, as authorized at the last Annual Convocation and a strict watch upon the expenditures by our Grand Scribe E.

Everything has been found to be in a highly satisfactory condition in connection with the office of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,
R. H. Spencer,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and

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

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, to whom have been submitted the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the Twenty-four Districts and Klondike Chapter, No. 154, Dawson, Y.T., Unattached, desire to state that these reports have been read and carefully digested "with unusual interest," due in some to their brevity, in others to their lack of suggestions, in all to their courteous reception by all Chapters visited, but above all to the exuberance of the good things provided by the Chapters in this time of conservation of food. Harmony abounds in all our borders, the horizon has been cleared and that true spirit of Masonry, "to do to others as we would have others do to us," seems to pervade the jurisdiction.
Of the one hundred and sixty-five chapters all but ten have been visited; reasons assigned for non-visitations have not always been in accordance with Masonic law, yet your Committee cannot but rejoice in the loyalty and unselfishness of the Grand Superintendents in visiting so many Chapters, assisting them in so many ways, helping in the work, installing officers and, with true regard to duty, pointing out difficulties and errors in the work; so that we, as a Committee, feel that this past year's Representatives of the Grand First Principal have proved themselves to be worthy of our praise.

During these visits the Chapters, in good form, exemplified the following degrees: thirty-five Mark Master Masons, twenty-two Most Excellent Masters, and sixty-five Royal Arch degrees.

Forty Chapters, when visited, were not in position to exemplify any work, the lack of candidates accounting for this. The following Chapters not visited were:

King Cyrus, No. 119, Leamington.
Lorne, No. 114, West Lorne.
Niagara, No. 55, Niagara.
Presqu'Isle, No. 144, Brighton.
King Darius, No. 134, Cannington.
Madoc, No. 161, Madoc.
Rabboni, No. 171, Dauphin.
Mount Sinai, No. 183, Rivers.
Cyrus, No. 142, Cumberland.
Kaien, No. 178, Prince Rupert.

In giving this list of non-visited Chapters, your Committee hope that to them the Superintendents for the incoming year may give special attention, remembering that with their office they assume a duty to help strengthen the weak and to encourage the strong. Demands of business, lack of time and outlay for travel are at times given as reasons for non-attention to Masonic duties; all these may be true enough, but when a Superintendent finds himself unable to officially visit any Chapter in his District we would suggest that he consider it his duty to procure some
well known and well qualified Past Grand Superintendent to act for him, so that Grand Chapter would have a report.

Your Committee take pleasure in reporting that throughout the Jurisdiction the stamp of progress has been marked upon every department of our Order; Superintendents show that the Chapters, with few exceptions, are presided over by Companions of ability, well able to perform their duties and who, in the conferring of our esoteric work have no superiors. Twenty districts show an increase in members totalling 669, while four Districts, Numbers 12, 15A, 18 and 20, show a decrease of fifty, making a net gain of 619 members. One Grand Superintendent states “the fate of Royal Arch Masonry is in the hands of the officers of the Chapter.” Let the officers of every Royal Arch Chapter prove the correctness or incorrectness of this statement.

The total membership of the Order is 19,601, the assets of the Chapters amount to $161,238, while the securities and cash held by Chapters amount to nearly $95,000. Truly the Grand Chapter of Canada has some cause for rejoicing and your Committee give it as their opinion that much of this success is due to the time and labour expended by the Grand Superintendents, whose work has been such as will surely pass the inspection of the Master Overseer and merit the wages of wisdom and knowledge.

Chapters of Instruction were held in the following Districts: St. Clair, Wilson, Wellington, Toronto, Algoma, Yale-Columbia, Saskatchewan East. The Past First Principals held special nights in different parts of the jurisdiction, filling all the offices and performing the work in a manner that proved the charm of former days had not been lost upon them. One of the Grand Superintendents, in speaking of the difficulty in sustaining interest in the work owing to the war, says: “It is the duty of those left behind to 'carry on,' Past Principals should enter the breach”—in this your Committee fully concur. London District has had that which has ever been helpful to our work, viz.,
an interchange of fraternal visits. St. John Chapter, London, visited Palestine, St. Thomas, exemplifying the Mark Masters Degree; Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto, visited St. George's, London, conferring the Royal Arch degree; Beaver Chapter, Strathroy, visited London Chapter, exemplifying the Royal Arch degree. In other districts fraternal visits have been made and we would recommend more of such throughout the Jurisdiction as the means of perfecting the work and enlarging the usefulness of the Order.

Your Committee do not care to refer to outstanding dues, which have been very materially lessened during the year, but would suggest that the Excellent Principals of every Chapter consider it their duty to see that dues are not permitted to remain unpaid, thus minimizing the difficulty in collecting such.

The “Book of Marks,” your Committee find, has been referred to by many of the Superintendents, but only one Chapter, Grimsby, reports a complete Book of Marks. In this, as well as in all other matters affecting the Order, we use the words of one of the Superintendents, “Let thoroughness be the watchword and perfection the ideal.” If this were but the slogan of our Chapters success would crown our every work.

A Superintendent states that he wrote to each Chapter in his District a separate report dealing with conditions as he found them, such as attendance, work, equipment and recommendations. This has been commended by your Committee, who would say to all elected to that high and most important office, “Go thou and do likewise.”

The Superintendent of Alberta District has estimated that in case Kether Chapter, Pincher Creek desires to sever its connection with the Grand Chapter of Canada, in order to become attached to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, no obstacle should be placed in its way. While appreciating the loyalty of Kether Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Canada, we cannot but
admire their desire to be connected with their Provincial Grand Chapter, and gladly tender them our best wishes for their future prosperity.

We note with pleasure that our Most Excellent Comp., H. H. Watson, Vancouver, B.C., held a joint installation of officers of Vancouver and Pacific Chapters; Companions who have been honoured should never fail in taking an active part in the good work of the order.

Every Superintendent has spoken in highest terms of the work of the Scribes E. of their chapters, their attention, ability and wise administration of their office, and your Committee must congratulate Grand Chapter upon having in R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, a Grand Scribe E. whose praises are heard in every Chapter, whose work is excellent, whose courtesy is unexcelled and whose despatch and ability in his correspondence has merited the good opinion of all. May he be long spared to uphold the dignity of this important office.

The services of Acting Superintendent Dr. A. J. Gillis, Dawson, Y.T., merit the thanks of Grand Chapter, for, during the year, in that far north country, Klondike Chapter held nine Convocations, four candidates were exalted to the Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch and the Chapter’s records show an increase of three members, or a total membership of 118.

The world’s War has been referred to by many of the Superintendents; one report reads, “every Chapter is represented at the front, helping to carry the burdens of our beloved Empire” ; another says, “half or more of the members of Battleford Chapter and nearly all their officers have answered the call of their Country and are at the front.” Who would wish it otherwise? May our people never forget that this is a Canadian war no less than a French, a British and an American war. It is a war for freedom against the common enemy, a treacherous betrayer of the world’s trust and no one can be loyal to Canada who is not at
the same time the determined enemy of the foes of freedom.

"So long as tides shall ebb and flow;  
So long as flowers bud and blow;  
May concord, peace and love and right,  
Direct the world to truth and light;  
That all shall be free."

While the German Reichstag boasts of its victories and its unconquerable power, we ask is a nation "victorious" and "unconquerable" when its fleet is in hiding, its merchant flag driven from the ocean and its trade reduced to commerce with its subject-neighbours.

"Not for the lust of war we fight,  
But for the triumph of the right,  
The strife we hate is on us thrust;  
Our aims are pure, our cause is just;  
So strong in faith we plead with Thee  
For Britain's cause on land and sea."

From time immemorial the Masonic Order has benefited the world, Companions yet unborn will record its great achievements, perseverance is necessary to establish perfection, repeated efforts alone will enable us to remove blemishes which may now appear and when in the fulness of time others take the sword and the trowel, we can cheerfully retire, conscious of having had some small share in the building of the Temple dedicated to the true and living God Most High, the Omnipotent Jehovah.

Fraternally submitted,

A. Shaw,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.
GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions of the Grand Chapter, R.A.M., of Canada:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand First Principal, respectfully report as follows:

The opening remarks of the Grand First Principal contain words of wisdom and are well worthy of our sincere consideration and commendation. They breathe the refreshing spirit of pleasure and pride which he shares with the Companions on the successful results of the past year's labour, and the enthusiasm which prevails throughout this Jurisdiction, which is happily at peace with all our sister Jurisdictions throughout the world, is a matter for congratulation.

Your Committee join with the Grand First Principal in his expressions of sorrow in the loss the Empire is sustaining by the falling in battle of so many of her loyal sons; yet we glory in the faith, the courage and determination of all Canadians to "go on" and persevere in the work to which we have pledged ourselves to accomplish, that the reign of terror and brutality shall finally end in the consummation of all that is just and right and peace on earth shall ensue.

The Grand First Principal takes this occasion to give grave warning of future responsibilities, which, in fact, are becoming apparent. The return of disabled soldiers and those not disabled will require the exercise of much caution and the recognition of just claims. Let us so order our house that in the time of need we fail not.

The distinguished and beloved Companions who have passed the river are remembered; their loss we mourn. Those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the War for liberty and right, have their names forever inscribed on the Honour Roll of our country, as well as in the hearts of the brethren. They responded
with ardour to the call of duty, did their part thoroughly and well, and died the death of men—What more noble destiny could one desire.

Your Committee cannot fail to note the sacrifice the Grand First Principal has made in denying himself the pleasure of visiting the Companions and enjoying the social amenities which tend to make the stern duties of official position a delight. We are glad that, while unable himself to accept the kind invitation from the M. Ex. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, he was ably represented by that distinguished Mason, R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton.

With the Grand First Principal your Committee concur in his sympathetic feelings regarding the disaster which occurred in Halifax, when so many of the inhabitants lost their lives and the destruction of property. Your Committee feel it to be the duty of this Grand Chapter to extend to the citizens generally and to the members of the fraternity in particular, our warmest sympathy and our desire to render such aid as may be calculated to bring about the speediest relief to the suffering. Your Committee also heartily concur in the recommendation of the Grand First Principal that the sum of One thousand dollars be devoted to that cause.

The various appointments made by the Grand First Principal are characterized by a wise discrimination and should be entirely satisfactory. This is particularly noticeable in the Committee appointed to revise the constitution. The expert and experienced veterans of Masonry, who were given charge, insured from the start the success of the revision upon which Grand Chapter will have to pass.

A number of rulings have been given by the Grand First Principal which are characterized by fairness and sound constitutional knowledge. As regards one ruling, Number Ten in the list, there have been various opinions. This refers to the loss of an arm debarring a Master Mason from the Chapter degrees.

The Grand First Principal takes the side of sympathy and the broad view that the spirit and not the
letter of the law is of first importance. This decision may be of greatest importance in the near future, when so many of our disabled brethren, who have given their blood freely for our Country, may claim the right of advancement and companionship. The letter of the law killeth, the spirit keepeth alive.

Your Committee are glad to note the reciprocal courtesies exchanged with our American Companions. The unity of the spirit of Masonry is ever more strongly marked.

In the recommendation of the Grand First Principal your Committee concur in paying to the Grand Chapter of Alberta One thousand dollars as a token of fraternal goodwill and to help in their start in the life of a Sovereign Grand body. This sum might be paid in two instalments—one of Five hundred dollars to be given immediately, and one of Five hundred dollars on the 1st February, 1919.

With satisfaction your Committee note the large gathering of the Royal Craft which accompanied the Committee appointed by the Grand First Principal to do honour to M.E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch in Kingston, in May last. It was a fitting recognition of the sterling services rendered to Grand Chapter by that most energetic most Excellent Companion.

Your Committee feel that their Report would not be complete without expressing their warm appreciation of the successful manner in which the Grand First Principal has conducted the affairs of Grand Chapter during the past year. The high standards set by his predecessors have been maintained and the reputation of the Grand Chapter of Canada has in all respects been enhanced.

Fraternally submitted,
Geo. Moore,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and

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

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 labour, the following nominations were submitted to the M. Ex. the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selections were confirmed:

R. Ex. Comp. Francis Hindell Laird, Dresden, Ont. ............... St. Clair Dist. No. 1
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  "  " John Grindley Gamon, New Westminster, B.C. ...... Br. Columbia " 17
  "  " Arthur Croft Shankland, Cranbrook, B.C. ..... Kootenay " 18
  "  " Alfred Maurice Betts, Rossland, B.C. .......... Yale-Columbia " 19
Election of Officers.

The election of the Grand Officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:

M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, M.D., Regina......Grand Z. Grand
R. " " H. S. Griffin, M.D., Hamilton...Grand J.
M. " " George Moore, Hamilton.....Grand Treasurer.
R. " " Henry T. Smith, Toronto......Grand Scribe E.
R. " " Edwin Smith, London.......Grand Scribe N.
R. " " W. M. Campbell, Kingston...Grand Registrar.
" " G. R. McGregor, Winnipeg...Grand Janitor.

Executive Committee.

The following Companions were elected by Grand Chapter as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:

R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer ....................Trenton
" " O. Ellwood ....................London
" " K. J. Dunstan ....................Toronto
" " J. McC. Potts, M.D. ....................Stirling
" " C. W. Haentschel, M.D. .................Haileybury
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

WINNIPEG NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The cities of Winnipeg and Toronto having been nominated for the next Annual Convocation in February, 1919, and being put to the ballot, the result showed Winnipeg had received the highest number of votes, and that city was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report of Foreign Correspondence was presented by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, and

Resolved,—That the Report on Foreign Correspondence be received.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw's term as a member of the Committee on Benevolence having expired, on motion of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, it was resolved that M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw be re-elected for a further 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. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, retires in 1919.
M. " " Abraham Shaw, retires in 1921.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION.

At the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, held February 28th, 1917, it was resolved: "That the incoming Grand Z. be empowered to appoint a Committee to revise the Constitution of this Grand Chapter." Subsequently M. Ex. Comps. D. F. Macwatt, Chairman; F. W. Harcourt, and R. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone were appointed as such Committee. The Committee after completing the draft,
and submitting same to the Constituent Chapters and all members of the Grand Chapter, and having given proper notice, that they would at this Annual Convocation present the draft Constitution, as prepared by them, and after several amendments having been adopted and suggestions accepted, it was moved by M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, and,

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the revision of the Constitution be received and adopted, and that the present or existing Constitution of the Grand Chapter, in so far as it may be inconsistent with the Constitution prepared by the said Committee, and now adopted, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and,

Resolved,—That the Committee be continued for the purpose of correcting clerical errors, or the re-arrangement of sections before the publication of the Revised Constitution.

After some discussion it was moved by Ex. Comp. F. H. Todd, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and,

Resolved,—That the resolution to adopt the Revised Constitution, be re-considered, which was carried unanimously.

It was then moved by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, and,

Resolved,—That section 140 of the Constitution be amended by erasing the figures 35 cts. in the third line from the end thereof, and inserting the figures 50 cts., so that it shall read, "For every member of a Chapter, payable annually to the 31st December in each year, except the first year of the organization of the Chapter, 50 cts.," which was carried unanimously.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and,

Resolved,—That the Constitution as revised and amended be published forthwith, and that the special thanks of Grand Chapter be accorded to the Committee for the able manner in which they had performed their work.
Grant to Canadian Red Cross Society.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by Ex. Comp. W. H. Quartermain, and

Resolved,—That $1,000 be donated to the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Vote of Thanks to Masonic Temple Corporation.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Masonic Temple Corporation Ltd., for the use of the rooms, and to the Companions of the Toronto Chapters for their kind attention and fraternal reception to the Officers and Members of this Grand Chapter at its Sixtieth Annual Convocation.

Payment for Use of Rooms.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Clewlo, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and

Resolved,—That the sum of $20 be paid to the Masonic Temple Corporation Ltd., for the use of the rooms by this Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation.

Thanks to Scrutineers.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of Grand Chapter be and are hereby tendered to R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Chairman, and to the Excellent Companions, who acted so efficiently as Scrutineers of the Ballot at the Election of Officers.


It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to write a letter to the family of R. Ex. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, who had been Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada for many years, assuring them of the sympathy of the delegates at the continued illness of the Right Excellent Companion.
Officers Installed.

M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw assisted by R. Ex. Comps. J. B. Nixon and R. H. Spencer, then proceeded with the Installation and Investiture of the newly elected Officers of Grand Chapter, who were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

Appointments to Office.

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

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The labours of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 5 o'clock p.m.
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BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

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" " J. E. Harding ............................. Lindsay
" " Michael Walsh ............................... Ingersoll
" " William G. Reid ............................. Hamilton
" " Abraham Shaw ............................. Kingston
" " George Moore ............................. Hamilton
" " F. W. Harcourt ............................. Toronto
" " Daniel F. Macwatt ......................... Sarnia
" " W. S. R. Murch ............................. Kingston
" " A. S. Gorrell, M.D., Grand Z. ............. Regina
" " H. Robertson ............................. Collingwood
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" " Robert LeHeup, Haileybury, Ont. New Ontario 23
" " Dr. A. J. Gillis, Dawson, Y.T. (Acting) Yukon Territory.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.
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" " Edwin Smith, London...Grand Scribe N.

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**RECAPITULATION.**

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Number of Chapters, Warranted............. 165

Number of Members, December 31st, 1916........... 18,982

Number of Registrations, " 1917 1,433
Number of Joinings " 1917 83
Number of Restorations " 1917 54
Number of Withdrawals, " 1917 384
Number of Suspensions, " 1917 337
Number of Deaths, " 1917 230

Net Gain ........................................ 619

Total Membership, December 31st, 1917........... 19,601
Chapter.
No. 4. Henry Stewart, C. E. Flanagan.
No. 5. George Kelly, A. W. Bryce, Robert P. Haskett, Stanford Zavitz, Charles R. Vanwagoner, Tom L. Haygarth.
No. 7. James H. Thompson.
No. 53. James Peat, Richard Bryant, G. J. S. Loynes, Michael Broderick.
No. 54. Edward Roger Langan, Thomas Sherman Priestman.
No. 60. Walter C. Brown, Robert H. Brimson, Samuel Leatherland, Samuel Walker Sloan, Charles Tait Stephenson, Harvey Clarke.
No. 63. Hobart L. Collins.
No. 69. Archibald Martin.
No. 72. George Mowat Wright.
No. 74. Fred Haney, William F. Brown, George Cairnes, George Howe, Charles Tilden, Robert McClelland.
No. 79. John J. Gilmour, Arthur W. Young.
No. 84. Fred A. Morris, V. R. VanNorman, Robert A. Stewart.
No. 86. Robert J. McGurr.


No. 100. R. W. Davidson, William Watts.


No. 112. Harry H. Bradfield, Arthur W. Massey.


No. 117. A. B. Campbell.


No. 131. James F. Paterson, Charles H. Knight, James S. Cordingly.

No. 133. George T. Kerr, Adam G. McFarlane, Royal Bigford, James H. Ross, Fred C. Montgomery.

No. 135. Horace J. Davidson.

No. 140. Alex. Cameron, J. J. Wells.


No. 146. Robert A. Hunter, James E. Beatty, David Aiken.

No. 149. Downey Duncan.


No. 160. Willard Elwin Fife, Harvey Alexander Sims.

No. 163. J. M. Barnes, C. W. Erdmann.


No. 167. W. G. Cave.


No. 178. William H. Wark.

No. 182. H. E. Maddock, David Robert MacFarlane, Alfred Smith Huxtable.

No. 185. Richard F. Thomas.

No. 190. Ernest Edward Langford.

No. 191. John Chester Sabin, Hugh Lawrence Fraser, George Samuel Hanes, Malcolm Alexander MacColl.


EXPELLED FOR U.M.C.—28th FEBRUARY, 1917.

RESTORATIONS.

Chapter.
No. 1. Edwin Robert Hagen.
No. 3. William H. Irvine.
No. 7. Thomas W. Byam.
No. 18. E. Barton.
No. 23. Wallace E. Smith.
No. 32. Charles L. McWilliam.
No. 37. Thomas James Bonnetta.
No. 53. W. E. Germain.
No. 54. Samuel Webb.
No. 60. J. T. Power.
No. 79. Charles W. Bacon.
No. 91. Jackson Blizard.
No. 94. E. B. Munn.
No. 98. William David Woods.
No. 117. Graham E. Jackson.
No. 122. Charles O. Hagen.
No. 125. Mike Johnson.
No. 128. John Brydon Scott.
No. 133. Royal Bigford.
No. 135. Clarence Ware Hellems.
No. 145. Robert A. Shaw.
No. 150. Thomas Knowles, George M. Justason.
No. 160. Alfred Edward Partridge, Christopher A. Davis.
No. 162. John McFadyen, Charles Pannell.
No. 165. William Goorley Bell.
No. 186. Harold W. Bristow.
Our
Departed
Companions

IN MEMORIAM
M. EX. COMPANION

Robert Hendry
PAST GRAND Z.

Grand Representative—Louisiana

DIED 8th FEBRUARY, 1918

KINGSTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

D. D. Campbell
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
HURON DISTRICT, No. 6—1912

DIED 6th JANUARY, 1918

LISTOWEL, ONT.
R. EX. COMPANION

W. J. Hallett
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9—1904

DIED 28th JUNE, 1917

HAILEYBURY, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Arthur McGinnis
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11—1890-1

Grand Representative—Colorado

DIED 10th SEPTEMBER, 1917

BELLEVILLE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

T. H. Bankfield
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18—1915

Killed in Action at Vimy Ridge,
FRANCE, 9th APRIL, 1917
Deaths

Chapter.


No. 3. W. R. Garner (date not given); J. E. Gaulchmai, 8 March, 1917; J. J. Harkness, 12 June, 1917; Ed. McKenzie, 5 Feb., 1917; J. C. Vandecar, 26 April, 1917.


No. 5. Gabriel McAllister 10 May, 1917; Charles McGreary, 15 Nov., 1917; D. W. McLennan, 10 Dec., 1916.


Deaths

Chapter.

No. 16. Robert Pearce Harris, 27 Nov., 1917; Louis Arthur Smith, 26 Apr., 1917; Angus Wm. Fraser, 13 Aug., 1917; Wilfrid Samuel Leach, 11 Dec., 1917; Herbert Ellis, 12 Dec., 1917.

No. 18. John Miles, 13 Sept., 1917.

No. 19. Walter Chatfield, 1 Dec., 1917; John Stuart (date not given).


No. 27. Patrick Doherty, 20 May, 1917.

No. 30. Alexander G. Nisbet, 10 Apr., 1917; Thomas Sturdy (date not given).


Deaths

Chapter.


No. 44. David Ashton Nesbit, 8 Jan., 1917; Thomas Gibbs Campbell, 16 May, 1917; Charles W. Hough, 21 Sept., 1917.


No. 52. Charles S. Shipman, April, 1917; H. S. R. Warwick, March, 1917.

No. 53. John Stalker, 5 March, 1917.


No. 56. Oliver C. Brown, 13 June, 1917; John Duncan Campbell, 22 Nov., 1917; Carson Price, 21 Dec., 1917.


No. 65. Flecher C. Snider, 2 April, 1917; Harry Ryrie, 16 Sept., 1917; Sanderson Pearcy (date not given).

Deaths

Chapter.
No.  70. Walter William Kinsey, 1 April, 1917.


No.  75. Charles Erie Robertson, 12 July, 1917.


No.  77. John Dodds, 23 Feb., 1917; Thomas Laister, 4 March, 1917; Charles Cottenden, 10 April, 1917; Robert C. Newman, 9 July, 1917; William Watson, 31 Aug., 1917; Alex. Duthie, 9 Oct., 1917; Frank Sheridan, 7 Nov., 1917.


No.  81. Albert White, 7 March, 1917.

No.  82. W. Quibill, 3 March, 1917.

No.  83. Thomas J. Reith, 2 Jan., 1917.

No.  90. Cecil Jardin Farr, April, 1917.


Deaths

Chapter.


No. 102. William H. Carney, John W. Carrall, Henry E. Leland, J. S. McCoy, William Richardson (dates not given); Moses McFadden, 10 Jan., 1917.


No. 104. William Henry Robinson, 8 April, 1917, Milton McCrimmon, (date not given).

No. 110. Edward Outram, Feb., 1917; George Isaac Black, 13 July, 1917.


No. 117. Henry Carl Snyder, (about Aug., 1917).


No. 125. Thomas Henry Banfield, 9 April, 1917.

Deaths

Chapter.
No. 128. John Reginald Rogers, 4 Nov., 1917.


No. 134. William H. Mann, 27 April, 1917.


No. 140. Ben. P. Robinson, April, 1917; John E. Spohr, April, 1917.


No. 146. Francis R. Blewitt, March, 1917.


No. 152. Lewis Allan Tucker, Dec., 1917.


No. 155. James Anson DeGear, 17 April, 1917.


No. 161 Daniel Lummis (date not given).
Deaths

Chapter.


No. 165. Ivan Tinkess, 16 Feb., 1917; Christopher A. Adamson, 14 Oct., 1917; Donald McDonald, 14 Aug., 1917.


No. 173. George Hanson, 1 Nov., 1917.


No. 175. Herbert Jones, March, 1917.


No. 183. Allan Sinclair Hodnett, 30 April, 1917.


No. 190. John O. Smith, 10 Sept., 1917.


No. 198. Wesley Moore, 12 Jan., 1917; Harry Parsons, 20 May, 1917.


No. 208. Earl E. Wagner, 1 July, 1917.
Our Companions

"They fought well,  
Some have died,  
But whether living  
or dead, they  
Fought in honor  
of the Flag that  
meant so much to them."

"Sons from our loved Dominion;  
Land which their fathers trod,  
Swear to be true to Empire,  
Freedom and Flag and God."
HONOR ROLL.

To our brave Companions who have fought the good fight and now lie buried on distant shores:

"In glory will they sleep, and endless sanctity."

"'Carry the word to my Sisters—
To the Queens of the East and the South.
I have proven my faith in the Heritage
By more than the word of the mouth.
They that are wise may follow
Ere the world's war-trumpet blows:
But I—I am first in the battle,'
Said our Lady of the Snows."

—Kipling.

The names of the Companions are subjoined who have been reported to the Grand Scribe E's office, as having enlisted for Active Overseas Service, as well as the names of those who have paid the "Supreme Sacrifice."


MOUNT MOREB CHAPTER, No. 20, BRANTFORD, ONT.—Comps. Edward McDonald, David Miller, Thomas Anderson, Samuel Seago, George Bloomfield.

GREENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT, ONT.—Comp. Herbert Tripp.

EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23, SIMCOE, ONT.—R. Ex. Comp. Surgeon W. A. McIntosh; Ex. Comps. Lieut.-


Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, Ont.—Comp. R. Cecil Cowan.


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HARRIS CHAPTER, No. 41, INGERSOLL, Ont.—Comps. Jas. V. Neal (killed in action), J. R. Beaton, Vincent Wilson (on H.M.S. Niobe).


St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Mary's, Ont.—Comps. Herbert Crawford Sharp, Albert Edward Palmer, Walter Leslie, Norman Ewan Raleigh, Gordon Ellis, Oliver John McNaughton.


St. John's Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg, Ont.—Ex. Comps. Lieut.-Col. John W. Odell, Lieut. Dr. John R. Irvine; Comp. Gunner W. S. Norris.


Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia, Ont.—Comps. John Charles Reid, John Wesley Hall.


Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara, Ont.—Comp. H. S. O'Melia.

King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne, Ont.—Comps. Donald McNevin, Alfred Wheable.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa, Ont.—Comps. Lieuts. Wm. H. Cowper, G. Clapperton (killed), Ptes. R. K. Wilson, R. J. Leach, Wm. Smith, H. T. Lloyd.


Granité Chapter, No. 61, Almonte, Ont.—Comp. Lieut. Goodwin O. Kemp.


Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine, Ont.—Comps. H. L. Collins, M.D., J. G. McLeod, M.D.


Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston, Ont.—

Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby, Ont.—R. Ex.

Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Bracebridge, Ont.—Comps. Dr. Peter McGibbon, A.M.C., Thos. S. Parker, A. F. Butterworth (killed); Stanley Paulin.

Prince of Wales, No. 71, Amherstburg, Ont.—
Comp. Hugh Johnson.

Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling, Ont.—R.

Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy, Ont.—

St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton, Ont.—Ex.
Comp. C. E. Robertson (Aviation Corps); Comps. Capt. A. O. T. Beardmore, N. M. Campbell, B. G. Arnold.


Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto, Ont.—
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Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill, Ont.—Ex. Comps. Dr. G. W. Racey, D. C. Wilson; Comps. W. D. Brand, Harold J. Glenn.


Macpherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford, Ont.—Comp. Dr. Joseph Jordan.


St. John’s Chapter, No. 103, North Bay, Ont.—Comps. G. P. Vollmer, E. C. Shepherd (killed in action).


Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth, Ont.—Comp. J. N. Richards, M.D., Major J. Macoun, Dr. F. A. Aylesworth, Dr. J. A. Blezard, James O. Grieve.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg, Ont.—Comp. Fred A. Nash.


GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA


Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place, Ont.—Comps. W. Heber McCallum, Walter Ross McIlquham, James Ernest Williams.


King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington, Ont.—Ex. Comp. Capt. R. Hillier, M.D.; Comp. W. A. Burgess, M.D.


Amabel Chapter, No. 131, Wiarton, Ont.—Comps. Ptes: E. F. Jackson, J. E. Grasset, J. A. McKinnon.


King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington, Ont.—Comps. Major H. S. Cameron, Lieuts. Chas. G. Cowan, Howard Keslick.


St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 139, Havelock, Ont.—Comps. W. J. Andrews, Clarence Copp.


Cyrus Chapter, No. 142, Cumberland, B.C.—Comp. John Milligan.

Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville, Ont.—Comps. Capt. Finley Munroe, M.D., Robert R. Hunter.

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ATWOOD Chapter, No. 149, RAINY RIVER, Ont.—Ex. Comp. G. Ross; Comps. A. P. McDonald, J. H. Wilson, Wm. McKenzie.


Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne, Ont.—Comp. Joseph Melbourne Kelly.


Moose Mountain, No. 166, Arcola, Sask.—Comp. Lieut. H. A. Archer (killed in action).


Golden Compass Chapter, No. 170, Sintaluta, Sask.—Comps. W. J. Patterson, F. G. Moore.

Rabboni Chapter, No. 171, Dauphin, Man.—Comps. Dr. E. M. Vesey, Dr. Walter Ross, John Dent. Charles Wm. Shaw (killed in action), Phillip Manby.


Kether Chapter, No. 177, Pincher Creek, Alta.—Comps. Frank M. Steele, Dr. A. C. Cooper Johnston, Thomas J. Cumberland, J. Johnston Gillespie M.D. (returned), Arthur C. Kemmis, Samuel Watson.


Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 183, Rivers, Man.—Ex. Comp. Norman Ferguson (killed in action), Comps. Alexander Lindsay, Allan Sinclair Hodnett (killed in action.).

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Toronto Chapter, No. 185, Toronto, Ont.—Comps. Majors John M. Gibson, Dr. Alex. Mackay, Capt. Dr. W. E. Strushers, Adjt. Arthur J. Everett,


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**Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill, Ont.**—Comp. Sergt. John Scott.


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REPORT ON
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Companions of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:—

"Experientia does it," as Mrs. Micawber's papa used to say. The undersigned, acting as your Committee, begs to present his third report or review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the British Empire and the United States, or such of them as have reached him; and he modestly hopes that he has learned something by experience.

In the writings of other reviewers, occasional reference is made to the proper name and the proper function of the remarks which usually precede the report. "Introduction," "Preface," "Foreword," are some of the names used to designate this part of the report. The function may be said to be to give some indication of what is to follow. A guess may be hazarded that the "Introduction," to use one of the names, is never written until the body of the work has been completed; and, in regard to the matter and scope of the "Introduction," it may sometimes be difficult to distinguish it from the "Conclusion."

In the present case, all that is to be said by way of "Preface," to use another of the names, is, that in the subsequent pages there are no references—or at least very few references—to two subjects which occupied the attention of most of the Grand Chapters. And, for that reason, a general statement is now made with regard to these two subjects.

Nearly all the Grand Chapters, we think all whose Convocations were held later than September, 1916, formally recognised the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

And all (or practically all) the Grand Chapters in the United States followed the lead of the General Grand Chapter and formally severed relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, on account of the invasion of jurisdiction in the Philippines.

We now take up the proceedings of the Grand Chapters, in rotation, alphabetically.
Of William Walter Ranson, officiating Grand High Priest at the 90th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, held in the city of Montgomery on the 4th and 5th December, 1916, it is said, in a brief biography which, with a portrait, prefaces the volume containing the proceedings, that he is "a worthy son and brother, a true and loyal friend, an earnest, zealous, and enthusiastic Mason," and that "he numbers his friends from coast to coast." He is a physician, practising in Birmingham, Alabama.

In his address to the Grand Chapter he said:—

"We have cause to feel that we have been making wonderful headway in the past year, in other than a remarkable increase in membership.... The Masons were instrumental in the passing of the School Amendment, which means that the blot of illiteracy will be raised from our glorious State."

We may conjecture that this means much in the South.

The following, also from the address, is curiously archaic to-day—so fast are we making history. It was spoken, it must not be forgotten, in December, 1916:—

"We are to be congratulated upon the fact that our great country is still at peace, though the nations, one by one, have joined the warring factions; and let us hope and pray that God ... will see fit to bring the cruel strife to an end; and that we, as a nation, in brotherly love and justice, may be the mediator to bring about a peace that will be with honour to ourselves and others."

The Grand High Priest deplores the death of an eminent Mason and Past Grand High Priest of Alabama, John Beverly Christian, a grandson of that John Beverly Christian who was Chief Justice of Virginia two generations ago, and himself a lawyer of repute.

There appear to be 64 subordinate Chapters; total membership on the 15th October, 1916, 4,893; net gain in a year, 493.

Comp. Lawrence H. Lee reviews the proceedings of 56 Grand Chapters (Canada, 1916, included) in his interesting Report of the Committee on Foreign Cor-
respondence. An experienced reviewer, he doubts that "the Companions, as a whole, or any considerable portion of them, read these reviews. Now and then, from here and there, come echoes of a solitary Companion who does read them, but the noise is not loud enough to disturb the quiet of the sanctum.”

John H. McCormick, Mobile, Grand High Priest.
George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

**Alberta.**

The volume of proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, issued in 1917, is not a large one; there are indeed only 58 pages; but we feel bound to extract a great deal of the matter contained in those pages, not for the purpose of fighting the battle over again, nor for the purpose of stirring up new controversies: rather that the position of the Alberta Grand Chapter, according to its official chronicles, may be made entirely clear to the readers, if such there be, of this review. We present it exactly as we find it and without comment.

The early pages of the volume contain the minutes of a Special Convocation of Grand Chapter held on the 27th October, 1916, at the Masonic Temple in the City of Calgary, at which M.E. Comp. Frederick S. Watson, Grand Z., presided.

R.E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were 7 warranted Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter, all of which were represented. This report was received and adopted.

Petitions for warrants were read from the following Chapters: Keystone, at Red Deer; Vermillion, at Vermillion; and Hillview, at Hillcrest. It was resolved that these petitions be received and referred to the Committee on Warrants. That Committee in its report recommended that charters should be issued by the Grand Chapter to these three Chapters, and further, "that the Grand Z. be hereby authorised to issue charters to any further Chapters now operating under the Grand Chapter of Canada who may make petition for the same during the interval between this meeting and
the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and that the numbers be as to their standing in the Grand Chapter of Canada."

This report was received and adopted.

At the 3rd Annual Convocation, held in the City of Edmonton on the 14th March, 1917, M.E. Comp. Frederick S. Watson, Grand Z., again presided.

R.E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were 17 warranted Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapters—all represented. The report was received and adopted.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, after giving courteous greeting to the assembled Companions, referred to the death of 7 members of subordinate Chapters, "5 of whom died on the field of France"—a highly significant proportion.

After an inspiring reference to the War and the duty of Masons in regard to it, the Most Excellent gave an account of his visits to subordinate Chapters. "One of these visits was, to say the least, unique. It was held in Capital City Chapter (now of the Grand Chapter of Alberta), but on the 19th day of July, the time of the Convocation, under the Grand Chapter of Canada, being the occasion of the visit to this Province of M.E. Comp. Murch. The Grand Chapter of Alberta having been recognised by the Grand Chapter of Canada on the above date, a number of Companions, officers of our Grand Chapter, accompanied me to Capital City Chapter by invitation, and we were received and acknowledged in our official capacity. Thus, two Grand First Principals, each claiming jurisdiction over the same territory, met in open Chapter, where the best Masonic and friendly feeling prevailed."

The Grand First Principal stated that he had issued charters to the following Chapters: Hillview, No. 15, Hillcrest; Keystone, No. 12, Red Deer; Vermillion, No. 14, Vermillion; Norwood, No. 18, Edmonton; Assiniboia, No. 3, Medicine Hat; Golden West, No. 5, High River; Mount Oliver, No. 17, Killam; Capital City, No. 13, Edmonton; Shekinah, No. 4, Lethbridge; Tan Cross, No. 16, Claresholm; and had issued a dis-
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penetration for a new Chapter in the district of Youngstown, to be known as "the Hiram Chapter."

The next point in the address was the recognition of the Grand Chapter by other Grand Chapters and the exchange of representatives.

The address then assumed a somewhat controversial tone. The terms of a circular letter to the other Grand Jurisdictions, sent by the Grand Chapter of Alberta after its recognition by the Grand Chapter of Canada, were quoted; and also those of a circular sent out by the Grand Chapter of Canada. Exception is taken, first, to two statements in the latter circular: (1) "That the majority of Chapters in the said Province of Alberta were desirous of retaining their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada." (2) "Having expressed regrets as a Grand Chapter for their actions," i.e., for the actions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta before recognition.

A more important objection remained. We now quote in full:—

"There are other objections to be taken to the form and contents of this official circular of the Grand Chapter of Canada, but I shall mention only one more, which I consider of even greater importance. The language of the circular is such that it might lead one to suppose that an adjustment had been made which would permit a permanent dual occupancy of this Province. Indeed, one Grand Chapter has already written inquiring if such is the case. I replied and here desire to record that there was no such understanding. In fact, you will note that in my letter to the Grand Chapter of Canada we" (sic) "expressly stated as follows: 'Therefore, having tendered this expression of regret in fulfilment of conditions upon which you have expressed your willingness as Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada to grant fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Alberta as an independent Grand Chapter, supreme within its own jurisdiction.' The Grand Chapter of Alberta was, however, to allow a reasonable time for Chapters owing allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada to come over in a decent, orderly manner, and this allowance has been duly and fully made. Having recently learned that the Grand
Chapter of Canada, at their Convocation, appointed a Superintendent in Alberta, we, for the above reasons, take issue therewith, as thereby they are encroaching on the supremacy of the Grand Chapter of Alberta within its own jurisdiction.”

Under the heading “Condition of Capitular Masonry,” the Grand Z. says: “On January 1st, 1916, we had 7 Chapters with a total membership of 801. During the year we have issued a dispensation for a Chapter at Youngstown. In these 7 Chapters we have had a numerical net growth of 137. We have also issued charters to a number of Chapters formerly under the Grand Chapter of Canada, with a membership of 799. Our Grand Chapter at this date has 18 Chapters with a membership of 1,737.”

The address ended with some remarks of a congratulatory nature.

The next order of business was the reception of Grand Representatives from Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Scotland, Vermont, and West Virginia. Ex. Comp. William Thompson, Grand Representative of West Virginia, spoke in acknowledgment of the Grand Z.’s welcome.

The Grand Superintendents’ Reports were then presented. There are two districts; there was a good report from each.

Next came the Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence. This was not the usual review of the doings of Grand Chapters, but a special report of an interesting character. We quote a part of it: “Since the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, fraternal recognition has been granted by 15 Grand Chapters, including the Grand Chapter of Canada. Many Grand Chapters had previously declared that we were well within our rights and entitled to a Grand Chapter, but had, out of deference to and long-standing fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Canada, withheld recognition in the hope that Canada would lead in this respect. . . . At a Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada held . . . on . . . September 12th, 1916, recognition
was accorded to this Grand Chapter.” But, before that, the report continues, 3 Grand Chapters had fully recognised Alberta, viz., Arizona, Florida, and Vermont. The proceedings of these Grand Chapters are set out at length in the report. The Committee also considered the circular letter of the Grand Chapter of Canada referred to in the address of the (Alberta) Grand First Principal, as above, and made substantially the same objections to it. “In conclusion your Committee desire to record their appreciation of the untiring efforts exerted by M.E. Comps. Murch and Watson in bringing about peace and harmony in Capitular Masonry throughout the Province. Only one small Chapter remains without the fold. Greater interest and enthusiasm are everywhere manifest, and the officers of the Grand Chapter may be proud of the progress and growth of Capitular Masonry during the past year.”

Appended to the report is a Digest of Decisions found in the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. Some statistical tables are also contained in the appendix. The report was received and adopted.

The further proceedings are of local interest only.
Robert Patterson, Macleod, Grand Z.
John E. Johnson, 633 Fifteenth Avenue West, Calgary, Grand Scribe E.

**Arizona.**

The Arizona proceedings for 1917 are brief, but by no means devoid of interest. The Grand Chapter held its 27th Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of凤凰, on the 14th February, 1917. M.E. Comp. Edwin Seymour Miller, Grand High Priest, presided. A striking portrait of this distinguished Companion is to be found in the forefront of the volume containing the proceedings. His address was concise, but from it not a little may be learned. “Our Order,” he says, “during the past year has been prosperous: the actual gains in membership have been larger than in any previous year. Peace, harmony, and good fellowship have prevailed, and no grievances have been brought to my notice.”
A ruling was asked as to the eligibility of an applicant for the Royal Arch degrees, who had lost part of his left arm, but used an artificial hand with which he was able to operate a typewriter and do many other things. The Grand High Priest's decision was, that, if the candidate was able to conform to the requirements of the degrees, he was eligible so far as the deformity was concerned; whether he was or was not able to conform should be left to the determination of the subordinate Chapter for membership in which his application had been received. This decision was based on the rulings of the General Grand Chapter, two of which were cited: "Candidates who are crippled may be accepted when their maim does not amount to inability to comply with our rites and ceremonies." "The acceptance of a candidate who has an artificial leg, but who can conform to the requirements of the work, is permissible." The ruling of the Most Excellent was confirmed and approved by the Grand Chapter. This ruling is of especial interest at the present time.

A certain Chapter was in difficulties because many of the members, railway men and others, were unable to attend the meetings regularly. The Grand High Priest mentions in his address that this Chapter is trying the somewhat novel plan of holding one of their regular meetings each month at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

There appear to be 10 subordinate Chapters; total membership, 828; net gain in a year, 56.

There is no correspondence report.
Louis G. Moyers, Globe, Grand High Priest.
George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas.

The great feature of the proceedings at the 67th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, held in the City of Little Rock, on the 23rd November, 1916, was, as is often but not invariably the case, the address of the Grand High Priest, Comp. Durand Whipple, of Little Rock. The Grand Chapter showed signs of languishing, and Comp. Whipple made strenuous efforts to arrest decay. The nature of his efforts is set forth in the address. It is not necessary to recount
those efforts here—they were energetic and practical, and the result proved them to be efficacious. We quote:—

"The result of the year's work, including the great benefit received from improved general conditions, was:—

"Five Chapters, dormant from 5 to 6 years, had their charters restored.

"Seven of the nine Chapters making no return for 1915 resumed their activity. Of these, two, reported last year as in a particularly desperate condition—Conway and Quitman—are both back at work, and Conway has been particularly active and interested.

"Three Chapters not paying dues last year have paid up in full.

"Two Chapters, found to be hopeless, had their charters arrested.

"One new Chapter has already been constituted, and two more are ready to start.

"There have been 408 exaltations during the year; and the gain in membership has been from 4,378, reported last year, to a total on the 1st October, 1917, of 4,615, a net gain of 237, as against 27 for the year preceding."

The Grand Secretary's report shows that the total number of Chapters on the roll is now 88.

We congratulate the Grand Chapter on its renewed vitality and progress.

There is much more in the address of the Grand High Priest, which is a very interesting document and well worth perusing. We note two matters:—

(1) The Most Excellent testifies to the great energy, ability, and zeal of the Grand Lecturer, Thomas M. Horsfall. "Comp. Horsfall," it is said, "has done yeoman service; he has literally worked day and night—in one instance working all through the night conferring degrees, and in many others working far into the eight hours allotted for rest and refreshment. His path through the State has been marked by tired officers and greatly revived Chapters."

(2) The death of M.E. Comp. Antonio B. Grace, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and Past
Grand Master of Masons of Arkansas, was deplored. Comp. Grace was a distinguished lawyer and a Circuit Judge.

There is no Correspondence Report.

Allen Winham, Texarkana, Grand High Priest.
John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

**California.**

A great light in Masonry was extinguished on the 20th June, 1916, when William Abraham Davies, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of California, passed to his final rest. He was in his 89th year. Of Welsh descent, he was born in Utica, New York, educated there, and followed his father’s trade of watchmaker and jeweller. He went to San Francisco in 1852, and filled many important positions in the State of California. He was for a short term a member of the State Legislature. He became a Mason as early as 1849; was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California in 1867; Grand High Priest in 1873; and Grand Secretary from 1899 to 1915. He was a member of and held high rank in the other Masonic bodies also. The officiating Grand High Priest at the 1917 Convocation said that “Thomas Abraham Davies gave his life-work to Masonry, and throughout the length and breadth not only of our jurisdiction, but of the Masonic World, his name was a beacon-light and his work a consecrated temple of inestimable Masonic value.” He was a valued member of the Reviewers’ Guild—the Correspondence Report of 1916 was written by him, the last of many admirable reviews.

During the year, April, 1916, to April, 1917, two other Past Grand High Priests of California also died—M.E. Comps. Samuel Hopkins Wagener and George Hayes Monroe.

The Annual Convocation for 1917 was held in the Scottish Rite Temple, Sacramento, on the 17th and 18th April—the 63rd Annual. The retiring Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Casimir Jackson Wood, presided. His portrait adorns the volume of proceedings. We find in his address, which is formal and businesslike,
only one thing which may be considered of more than domestic concern, viz., a proposal for "the erection of some adjunct" to the State Masonic Homes. A committee was appointed to consider and report to the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, after consultation with the Trustees of the Masonic Homes, "just what adjunct to the Homes will be for the best interest" of the Homes.

In the Grand Secretary's Report it is stated that there are in the jurisdiction 122 chartered Chapters; that 108 of them are "working;" that the total membership on the 31st January, 1917, was 13,816; and that the net gain in a year was 208.

Ex. Comp. Charles Albert Adams, of Sacramento, is the successor of the lamented veteran Davies in the Reviewer's chair. His report or review is a departure. He does indeed note some of the features of the proceedings of some of the Grand Chapters, but he does not follow the orthodox plan of taking up each Grand body separately. And this he justifies by some startling statements. We quote a few of them, and regret that we cannot give more, for we feel that it is impossible in a limited space to do justice to Comp. Adams' views, which are expressed with singular ability and fearlessness. Many of the reviewers, we think, will not agree with what he says; but the opinion of the members of the Royal Craft generally, if that can be got at, is of more importance. Here follow the extracts:

"That these reports are not read by those for whom they are intended, and to whom they are addressed, is practically everywhere conceded."

"These reports made to Grand Chapter are not worth anything like what they cost either in money or effort. In addition to the cost of printing, there is an appropriation made to the writer varying in the different jurisdictions from $50 to $300 (and perhaps more)."

"In considering the advisability of their discontinuance it must be remembered that they are primarily designed for the purpose of advising the Companions, and particularly the members of the Grand Chapter, of the proceedings of other jurisdictions. Now,
through a very natural evolution, they have become nothing more than a vehicle for the interchange among themselves of the views of the Correspondents. It could not be otherwise. That the reviewers should review each other's reports rather than the actual proceedings is not only natural, but inevitable. They themselves find little interest in the purely "local, inconsequential details of an annual meeting," except in so far as they may furnish a subject for the expression of an opinion by the reviewer. To this, of course, there can be no valid objection. Indeed, it is from the expression of these opinions that has resulted such benefit as has been conferred by these reports; but the ideas thus developed have been crystallized into enacted laws and regulations; and such discussion as now ensues is generally speaking with reference to questions fairly well-settled.

"The objectionable feature that will certainly survive, unless there can be devised some method whereby the correspondents will be assured that their reports are read by others than the brethren of the Guild, is found in the fact that it is obtrusively apparent that in too many instances these reports are written primarily for the other reviewers, and not for the Grand Chapters to which they are addressed."

"My review is of Capitular Masonry in general rather than of the individual jurisdictions. The few subjects to which I direct attention are those I conceive most likely to be of interest to you among those discussed in the Correspondence Reports of the several jurisdictions."

The departure is at least interesting, and the protest even more so.
Edward Byron Spencer, Los Angeles, Grand High Priest.
Thomas A. Davies, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Colorado.

The practice followed in the Colorado Grand Chapter reports is to hail the rising sun with a portrait and biography of the elected Grand High Priest of the year.
The outsider finds this a good practice. It is interesting to know what manner of man is to be at the wheel for the coming year. From the portrait of M.E. Comp. William S. Pickerill, elected Grand High Priest at the 43rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, held at Denver, on the 20th September, 1917, we should judge him to be a mere youth; but his probably more truthful biographer states that he was born in 1868. Although he was devoid of Masonic light until the year 1901, he advanced rapidly in the Craft, for he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado in 1913, and held high office in Grand Chapter as early as 1910. He is a business-man, and we hazard a guess that he is an efficient one. "M.E. Comp. Pickerill brings to the new Masonic duties that are awaiting him, not only skill, wisdom, and ability to direct and guide wisely and well the Royal Craft through the coming year, but also, courtesy and tact and a generous sympathy and kindliness for others, which have endeared him to every Companion who has come into contact with him, and under his leadership we can rest assured that Capitular Masonry will grow and prosper in our fair State." Thus the biographer aforesaid. And of such as he describes is the kingdom of heaven, on earth.

A past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, Henery T. West, was not able to be present at this Convocation, but was represented by a remarkable letter. He wrote: "It would rejoice my heart to be with you to-day, but the distance"—he writes from Caldwell, Idaho—"and the weight of years (93) forbid my personal appearance. In spirit I am there, right up in the N.E. corner, where I stood for the first time 65 years ago." He then refers to the changes he has seen, saying, among other things:—

"In my youth, the bow and arrow were still weapons; matches were still unknown, and flint and steel were the main dependence to start a fire, though if you had neighbours near, you could borrow coals of fire if your own went out. I have been sent on such an errand several times, as our home was in a village. The flint-lock pistol and musket were in use, the cannon had to
be carefully 'primed' before using the torch to 'touch them off.'

"The ox-cart and 'the one-horse chaise' were the domestic vehicles, and the stage and the canal boat, the public. The use of electricity as a motive power was not thought of. The best we could do was to gather a little in a 'Leyden Jar' and circle around it and pass the current through the hand-clasped circle.

"The sickle and scythe were still in evidence in the harvest fields, and the ox that trod out the grain was not 'muzzled.' The grain-cradle was just coming into use."

The address of the retiring Grand High Priest, James Rumney Killian, was an able and eloquent one. One thing is particularly worthy of mention. He included "Tolerance" among the Masonic virtues, and referred to "the appallingly frequent lack of its exercise. I think that the most disappointing and discouraging experience that comes to a man is having to do with narrow-minded, intolerant people." Tolerance may well be classed with Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude, and Justice, though it may perhaps come within "Justice" and is certainly included in "Charity." Tolerance is a noble characteristic; there should be no danger of confounding it with indifference.

The following passages from the Grand High Priest's address are so admirable that we quote them without abbreviation:—

"While we have enjoyed a wholesome growth during the past year, the returns showing a net increase in membership of 343, which, as I am informed by our Grand Secretary, is the greatest increase in number in any single year in the history of our Grand Chapter, yet this record is not the most pleasing experience which has come to us. It denotes interest, activity, and zeal, without which, to be sure, no desirable degree of progress could have been made. However, a far more gratifying experience than the acquisition of numbers has been ours to enjoy. Not only does prosperity sit by our gates, but peace dwells within our walls. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances has not been called into service. The utmost harmony prevails
among the Companions in each Chapter, and the existing relations between the various Chapters of the Jurisdiction are delightfully fraternal.

"I am, therefore, most happy to be able to say that during my administration as Grand High Priest, not a single note of discord among our membership of more than 6,000 has reached my ears. This fortunate condition becomes all the more significant in view of the activity and growth that characterises the period.

"It has occurred to me that probably this manifest unity of spirit and purpose has resulted, in part, at least, from the experience which we are now undergoing because of the war in which our country is engaged. Masons, as a class, are serious-minded men. They have been trained to reflect upon wise and serious truths. Their thoughts, either consciously or unconsciously, turn to the more serious considerations under circumstances such as those with which our country is now confronted. Men of like spirit and aspiration naturally gravitate toward each other and seek each other's companionship.

"The historic fact that in our home-land, the spirit of Freemasonry has winged its flight with the highest patriotic impulse since the earliest days of its history, and that such is the condition in our country to-day, has been demonstrated to me most strikingly on many occasions during the year. Every meeting of the Royal Craft which it has been my privilege to attend has been characterised by timely expressions of patriotic sentiment.

"Loyalty and devotion to our country is the first consideration of every true Mason, as it is of all good citizens under present conditions. Let us, therefore, as Masons and citizens, be ready to make any required sacrifices. While the burdens and exactions of war may grow heavy, let us not be dismayed. The principles of liberty, equality, and justice, as embodied in our constitutional government and symbolised by our flag, will not perish from the earth.

"The tide of democracy in the rule of mankind is rising. Behold, it has but recently swept over the valleys and lowlands of China, it is now lapping over the
highlands and hilltops of Russia, and, in the course of human events, it will sweep over the plains of the Central Empires of Europe, and there forever submerge the defiant autocracies of the world! To this result we must be direct contributors.

"After all, this gigantic struggle will not eventuate without its compensations. Out of the horror of bloodshed, loss of life, and the destruction of property attendant upon its sway, mankind will emerge, chastened and refined, more capable of understanding and appreciating his higher duties to himself, to his fellow-man, and to his God, than ever before.

"With all good cheer that can be exercised under these conditions, and with the assurance born of true courage, may each Royal Craftsman within our borders, as well as those everywhere who have espoused our common cause, continue responsive to the call of duty."

There appear to be 47 chartered Chapters and 2 under dispensation; total membership, 6,086; net gain in a year, 344.

M.E. Comp. Ernest Le Neve Foster, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presents his 30th report. He is the senior member of the correspondence corps. He examines the proceedings of 49 Grand Chapters with accustomed care. A keen sense of humour and an excellent style make his report delightful reading. Canada (1917) comes in for a good share of his attention; but it is not under "Canada" that we find this remark, with which we thoroughly agree: "In Masonry there are no Judges, Doctors, Professors; we are all plain Brothers or Companions."

Comp. Foster appends his regular and useful "Digest of Decisions."

William S. Pickerill, Durango, Grand High Priest.
Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

**Columbia (District of).**

Read this, Gentle Skimmer, if you leave the rest.
Read what Rich Rare Reviewer Roe Fulkerson writes—or that part of it for which we can find space. Columbia has come to mean for us—Fulkerson.
APPENDIX

The proceedings at the 50th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, held at the Masonic Temple, Washington, on the 14th February, 1917, are before us. Fulkerson has become Royal Arch Captain, but remains Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and it is in that capacity that we know him. In "The Capitular World—Doings of the Various Grand Chapters"—he reviews 56 volumes. Hear his exordium, his Arizona bit, and his peroration, and from these disce omnes.

This is the introduction:—

"We wish some one would tell us whether with increased experience the correspondence writer grows finicky or discriminating.

"Is it that we are blasé and difficult to interest, or is it that we are better able to separate the wheat from the chaff, the bites from the nibbles, the false from the true?

"Have we seen the show so often that when the little lady walks the high wire we yawn and become interested in our manicuring, or is it we have learned that with the fancy parasol she carries she runs no risk of a tumble, and refuse to enthuse?

"Be that as it may, we find, as the years pass and report after report drifts across our desk, less and less which we think will interest the craft here at home.

"Each Grand High Priest is elected, installed, visits, makes an annual address, gives a few dispensations, makes a few decisions, gets his Masonic hardware, and drifts out of sight down the capitular stream, a mere bit of flotsam, momentarily on the surface of the Masonic river.

"But on and ever on in dignified majesty flows the capitular stream. Steadily and purposefully it pushes forward to its ultimate end. The human chips rise momentarily to its surface, wave their tiny arms in eloquence, gesticulate with puny dignity or wring their hands in silly despair, then sink forever with but an obituary ripple to mark the spot where they sank; while silently, with God-like serenity, the great underlying current of capitular principles moves on.

"Men are nothing—principles omnipotent!"
And this is from "Arizona 1916:"—

"The Past Grand High Priests of Arizona are going to have a happiness vouchsafed to few. Gee! How we would like to get a crack at it! In announcing the deaths of the great, the Grand Secretary has had trouble in getting needed data, and so he has had prepared a necrology blank, which he is forwarding to various Capitular big guns, and they are going to have the fun of writing their own obituaries! We suppose there will be blank spaces to fill in, telling if the undersigned liked his eggs soft-boiled or poached; whether his grandfather had a blue wart on the left side of his chin, and why; if he believed that Christian Science would grow a new leg on a man who had straddled a buzz saw . . . ."

Now behold the conclusion:—

"There is a Biblical or Shakespearean axiom to the effect that the pitcher which goes once too often to the box is liable to be batted all over the lot. This is the seventh of these reports we have written; and, while to an extent we find the "charlie horse" of experience dulling our work, we are still enjoying it ourselves; but it is said that the pitcher himself is the last man to know he is going back, and for this reason we sometimes wonder if a newer man just from the bushes would not—but, pshaw! We will never quit till they fire us! You know that! So do we! What's the use of making a modesty bluff?"

The Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. William C. Fowler, in his address noted the death of three distinguished members of the Grand Chapter: Joseph Sylvester McCoy, Grand High Priest in 1878; Francis Joseph Woodman, Grand High Priest in 1909; and Martin R. Thorp, Grand Treasurer from 1881 to 1912.

There are 13 Chapters in the jurisdiction—all of course in Washington. They were all visited by the Grand High Priest, as he relates, more than once.

"It is with no little pleasure," he says, "that I can report a revival of interest in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. It has been my earnest endeavour to stimulate this renewal of interest, and I feel that my efforts have not altogether been in vain. I have de-
voted a good deal of time to visiting the various Chapters and done everything in my power to promote the welfare of the Craft. I am pleased to report that the year just closed gives the jurisdiction as a whole a net gain in membership of 20. While this gain is small, it is encouraging, owing to the fact that the two previous years showed a net loss. The utmost good fellowship, peace, and harmony have prevailed throughout the entire year; and I believe that the coming year will be a most prosperous one in all respects."

The total membership appears to be 3,572.

The volume is adorned with a portrait of Grand High Priest Fowler and portraits and biographical sketches of other distinguished Capitular dignitaries.


Arvine W. Johnston, Masonic Temple, Washington, Grand Secretary.

**Connecticut.**

The 119th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, which was opened in Hartford on the 9th May, 1917, was notable, among other things, for the attendance thereat of the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, M.E. Comp. George E. Corson, who, in response to the welcome accorded to him, addressed the Grand Chapter in eloquent terms. Nothing could be better than his remarks upon the war, which we quote:—

"War, the world’s greatest scourge, humanity’s greatest foe, has been devastating for nearly three years the fair lands of Europe, and peace no longer smiles upon our fair land. Because of outrages unmitigated and atrocities unparalleled, and after waiting and hoping for their cessation with a patience unsurpassed, our nation is again marshalling its hosts on land and sea, fabricating huge engines of warfare, and making ready to fight for liberty and humanity and to uphold the honour of its flag. Our country stands for those things for which we as Masons contend, justice, humanity, right. Therein Masonry and patriotism go hand in hand. The flag of our country, which symbolises
the sovereignty and power of our nation, and the banner of the Royal Arch which symbolises to us friendship, union, fervency, and zeal, and purity of life and conduct, both demand and both should alike receive our fealty and support. But, my Companions, it is not of strife and contention that I have come to you to speak, but of that peace and harmony and brotherly love, which we practise, I hope, as well as preach, and of all those other things which make our Order great, and stimulate and strengthen us in the noble work of building the City of Peace and Brotherhood.”

The visitors included also a large delegation from the Grand Chapter of New York, headed by the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. C. Wesley Orr; and M.E. Comp. Joseph F. Crane, Grand High Priest of New Jersey.

M.E. Comp. Benton L. Tuttle, Grand High Priest, presided at this Convocation. His address was excellent, but of no particular interest to outsiders.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed 40 Chapters; total membership, 10,173; net gain in a year, 393.

George A. Kies, P.G.H.P., reviewer and humourist, begins his correspondence report thus: “We have the pleasure of presenting our 9th Annual patch-work, assembled during odd moments of the past year.” And ends it in these words:—

“In the foregoing pages, we have reviewed every U.S. Grand Chapter, except Mississippi, whose 1917 proceedings have not yet reached us.

“As to the Capitular outlook, we find it difficult to predict, especially in view of our country being forced into war. But we are confident that Masonry will live; and, although it may go through some trials incident to the present general demoralisation, we believe it will ultimately emerge as a stronger and greater force of good than ever before.

“Severance with Scotland has been very general among U.S. Grand Chapters. Comp. Holland (Kentucky) quite aptly opines: ‘Scotland has no more right to charter a Chapter in the Philippine Islands that we would have to charter a Chapter in Glasgow.’”
There are many good things in the "topical" notices of the Grand Chapters. Eight British Grand Bodies, including Canada (1917), are included in the review.

Edward W. Avery, South Windham, Grand High Priest.

George A. Kies, Masonic Temple, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

**Delaware.**

In a compact little volume—only 116 pages—the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Delaware at its 49th Annual Convocation, held in Wilmington on the 17th January, 1917, are contained. No doubt, there was a Convocation early in 1918 also, but the report of it, naturally, has not yet come to hand. The M.E. Grand High Priest, John W. Macklem (portrait and biographical sketch), opened the proceedings with an address in which he struck the now abandoned note of thankfulness that his country was at peace. (Remember that this was before April, 1917.) "We have been privileged," he says, "during the past 12 months, and for many years previous, to breathe the air of this glorious country in peace and free from the clouds of war. I sympathise with our Companions in the war-stricken countries of Europe and pray that the God of Peace will soon free them from the fetters of war"—a prayer that has been translated into action, as all prayer should be. "It is a pleasure and a great satisfaction to report that throughout this jurisdiction we have enjoyed prosperity, peace, and harmony during the year."

We also find in the address a paragraph relating to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. As this paragraph concisely gives some information that may be found in many other volumes of proceedings, we take leave to quote it:—

"It was not possible for me to be present at the 6th Annual Convention of this association, held in Alexandria on the 21st and 22nd February, 1916. . . . . I was fortunate in getting in touch with Companion Thomas J. Day . . . . and arranging with him to represent this Grand Chapter at the Convention. Companion Day reports that this was the most suc-
cessful meeting the association has held; that consider-
able progress has been made during the past year. The
association has secured a magnificent site, containing
about two acres, on Shooters Hill, at Alexandria. The
amount of money raised had increased from $15,000 in
1915 to more than $70,000. Thirty-two Grand Juris-
dictions were represented.

"The Seventh Annual Meeting of this association
will be held in Alexandria, Va., on Wednesday, Feb-
uary 21st, 1917, and I would recommend that this
Grand Chapter send a representative to that meeting."

There are only 4 subordinate Chapters—3 at Wil-
lington and the 4th at Georgetown; total mem-
bership, 1,273; increase in a year, 51.

The proceedings of 41 Grand Jurisdictions are
reviewed by Comp. Thomas J. Day, Correspondent.
Canada (1916) receives much attention.

R. Ex. Comp. George S. Scott, Canada's repre-
sentative near the Grand Chapter of Delaware, was
advanced per saltum from the office of Grand Principal
Sojourner to that of Grand High Priest. He is a Past
High Priest of St. John's Chapter, No. 4, Wilmington;
we can learn no more of him than that.

It appears to us—and we think we have made the
remark in another place—that, where the excellent
custom of publishing with the proceedings a portrait
and biography of the Grand High Priest obtains, it
should be rather of the in-coming than of the out-going
Most Excellent.

George S. Scott, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

Stuart J. Horn, P.O. Box 94, Wilmington, Delaware,
Grand Secretary.

**England and Wales.**

We have before us the minutes of Quarterly Com-
 munications of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master
Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and
Dependencies of the British Crown, held at Mark
Masons' Hall, London, on the 5th September and 5th
December, 1916, and the 6th March, 5th June, and
R. Loveland Loveland, K.C., Deputy Grand Master,
was on the throne. The business transacted, though
doubtless of importance, has no special interest for
Masons outside this Grand Lodge. Large sums are
collected, and mainly used for charitable purposes.

H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn,
Grand Master.

Arthur David Hansell, Mark Masons' Hall, Great
Queen Street, London, W.C. 2, Grand Secretary.

Florida.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the
State of Florida assembled in its 71st Annual Convoca-
tion, in the Masonic Temple, Jacksonville, on the 15th
May, 1917.

William R. O'Neal (portrait accompanying),
M.E.G.H.P., presided. The following sentences from
his address, highly expressive, and, we venture to think,
typical of the attitude of Masons in the United States
in regard to the war, must be quoted:—

"We come together to-day...under conditions
never known before in all the history of the world.
Almost the entire world is in a state of war—war the
like of which in death and destruction passes the com-
prehension of the human mind.

"Governments of the world, long established, are
tottering on their foundations.

"If there ever was a time when the principles of
our great Order should be given full force and effect,
it is to-day. The problems that may confront us and
be met before we shall again meet in Annual Convoca-
tion, are unknown.

"That they will be real ones, which will call for all
the skill of those in authority, is apparent. The die
has been cast. When the end will come, no man can
say; but, in the language of the President, ‘The world
must be made safe for democracy.'

"The great principles which the President enumer-
ates, are principles of a Royal Arch Mason:

"'We have no selfish ends to serve, we desire no
conquest, no dominion. We seek no indemnities for
ourselves, no material compensation for the sacrifices
we shall freely make. We are but one of the cham-
pions of the rights of mankind. We shall be satisfied when those rights have been made as secure as the faith and the freedom of nations can make them.’

"We have faith to believe that the Great Architect of the universe, in His all-wise providence, will, out of it all, work out that which is best for the human family; but it will be our duty and privilege, in the year which is to come, to encourage the Companions who are downhearted, bring flowers into the lives of those who may need help, and in our daily lives exemplify the true teachings of Capitular Masonry.

"When we have done this, we shall, at least, have done something towards alleviating some of the world’s sorrow."

The death of Samuel Pasco, Grand High Priest of Florida in 1909, was feelingly deplored in the address. He was born in England, reared in Massachusetts, graduated at Harvard University, a soldier of the Confederate Army, and elected to the United States Senate in 1887—a truly distinguished man and Mason.

The Grand High Priest also refers to the surplus of approximately $11,000 in the treasury, and suggests that it should be used for some beneficial purposes—he suggests the aiding of poor students who desire a college education. If the money cannot be so applied, it should be properly invested so as to yield more than bank interest.

The only outcome of this recommendation appears to be the authorisation of the investment of $1,000 in "Liberty Loan Bonds."

In closing his report, M.E. Comp. O’Neal said that, while Capitular Masonry in Florida was not making the progress that it should, a careful comparison with other Grand Chapters would show that few, if any, had a higher percentage of increase in membership than Florida.

From a statistical table appended by the Grand Secretary, we learn that Florida has 35 Chapters, with a present membership of 2,740—net gain in a year, 182.

There is a very good report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, signed by Comp. Ely P. Hubbell ‘for the Committee.’ It would of course be
presumptuous for so young a member of the Corps as the present writer to welcome Comp. Hubbell as a recruit; but it will perhaps not be regarded as a liberty if it is said that his ambition to supply something which will be both instructive and helpful is well realised in his review of 55 Grand Chapters, whereof Canada (1916) is one.

Dabney B. Palmer, Monticello, Grand High Priest.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

Georgia.

We hasten to atone for an injustice which, in our report of 1916, we did to this Grand Chapter, when we failed to include it among “the Notables.” In our review of 1917, “Georgia 1916” was included; and, if the word “notable” was not there used, “notability” was made quite apparent.

We now take up the volume containing the proceedings of 1917, and find that the 95th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia was opened in Macon, on the 25th April of that year.

The date of holding the Convocation was so close to that of the entrance of the United States into the war, that the address (prepared beforehand) contained no allusion to it. The Reverend Companion Charles L. Bass, of Atlanta, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, however, concludes his review with these words: “But the world is at war. The joy expressed by many that we were not a part of it is now turned to grief. In Europe the terrible conflict continues. Our Companions across the sea are clothed in the habiliments of mourning. Altars are draped in mourning. And we with drawn swords are entering the conflict. God grant our entrance may be as an agency for a readier peace. As patriots we must do our part for a triumph of our arms. As Masons we can pray for peace and endeavour to ally hate and malice and bitterness as a fruit of strife.”

Putting the cart before the horse, we have begun with the Correspondence Review, and may now be allowed to remark that it is an able and exhaustive one. The proceedings of 48 Grand Chapters are examined
with considerable detail. Canada (1916) receives a
great deal of attention.

At this Convocation, Grand High Priest J. F. Bell
(portrait) presided, and delivered an address which was
quite truthfully described, by the Committee to which
it was referred, as "eloquent and businesslike."

"We have now in Georgia," he says, "154 sub-
ordinate Chapters; and dispensations have been
issued for two new ones. The net returns last year
showed a membership of 9,307. Had all of the Chapters
made reports, however, the number would have been
increased, possibly, to 9,500. The returns this year
show the net membership to be 9,842. We can but
rejoice at this splendid showing, but it is unworthy a
Mason to look only at vulgar numbers; that which
should rejoice us most is the growth in appreciation of
its real purposes; a better understanding of its vital
teachings; a broader vision of its possibilities; and a
higher conception of the personal obligations which,
as Masons, we owe to our Creator, to our Brethren, to
the world at large, and to ourselves."

Special mention is made of the death of Luther
Martin Heard, who was Grand High Priest in 1909;
his demise occurred on the 21st January, 1917. He
was a successful banker in Elberton, a man in the prime
of life, and much beloved.

The Grand High Priest opines that the consolidation
of the offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer
was one of the wisest moves ever made by this long-
established Grand Chapter.

"The essential concept of Masonry is service" was
the text of a telling admonition to the assembled Com-
panions, forming part of the address of the Most Ex-
cellent.

Thomas H. Jeffries, Atlanta, Grand High Priest.
E. A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Idaho.

Proceedings of the 8th Annual Convocation, held
at Boise, on the 15th and 16th May, 1916—which
seems a long time ago, as we write in January, 1918.
It was even a long time before the entry of the United
States into the war; and indeed we find in the recorded proceedings no reference to the war other than a minute of the sending of a contribution to the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Horton F. Kimball, whose accompanying portrait shows him to be a man of about or less than middle age and full of "go," contains little of more than local interest.

This paragraph, however, is worth quoting:—

"Capitular Masonry in our State is but in its infancy. The gains we have made, while not rapid, are sure. We are all building for the future. As the merits of our State become better known, our population will increase, and also will the numbers of and memberships in our Chapters increase. I think we have one of the most brilliant futures of any Masonic body in the State."

The report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters gave the number of them on the 15th May, 1916, as 19, the total membership as 1,442, and the net gain in a year, 103.

The most notable occurrence at this Convocation was a tragic one. E. Comp. Henry C. Olney, Grand Principal Sojourner, was in his place, but, as it appeared, was in ill-health, and had, in spite of that, journeyed from Spokane to Boise especially for the purpose of being present at the meeting.

A member of Grand Chapter arose in open session and presented to Comp. Olney, on behalf of all the members, "a small token of their friendship and esteem," in the shape of "a Chapter and Commandery charm."

What followed is best told in the words of the record of the proceedings by the Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. Lewis W. Ensign:—

"Companion Olney arose to reply, telling us that the doctor cautioned him, before leaving Spokane, that he should not attempt the trip, that it would be a miracle if he reached Boise and another miracle if he returned. He said that the physician, probably to protect his own reputation, told him that he was
greatly improved in health, but refused to let him go. However, pig-headedness and a desire to have his own way prevailed; and in spite of the protests of his physician and his daughter, he was carried on to the train to bring him to Boise. 'But,' he said, 'one miracle has already been performed, and,' with a smile of confidence, 'another is about to be performed. I'm here because I'm here—because all the boys petted me, and did a good job of it, too. I may drop off at any moment, but what's the difference? I have lived a virtuous life as a Knight Templar for forty-five years, and tried to uphold the principles of our Order, and will do so in the few years left me.'

"Companion Olney then attempted to give us a reminiscence of the old days in Boise when he was a right of way man for the Oregon Short Line Railway, but in the midst of his story he called for a glass of water, grasped the back of his chair, and from this position slipped into the arms of Companion Aiken, who laid him gently on the floor. A doctor was immediately summoned, but in a few short minutes our Excellent Companion had gone to present his work to the Master Overseer on High.

"The Grand Secretary was instructed to send such telegrams as seemed best. It was announced that the plans for the entertainment of the Companions would be abandoned, and the seat of the Grand Principal Sojourner was draped for the remainder of the Convocation."

Instead of a Capitular Review, Comp. Ensign gives what he calls "Clippings from 1815 Proceedings"—rather an interesting collection and not a bad substitute for the more formal Review or Correspondence Report.

"Companion Reviewers," he concludes, "we regret that an apology is necessary this year. We are mighty glad to assure you, however, that a reliable Companion has been found who is preparing the 1917 report; and, from preliminary advices, he will have it ready for your eagle-eyes in time to include in our proceedings immediately after Grand Chapter adjournment."
But the "1917 report" has not yet (January, 1918) reached us.

Thomas M. Fleming, Lewiston, Grand High Priest. Lewis W. Ensign, Boise, Grand Secretary.

**Illinois.**

There are many features in the work of the Grand Chapter of Illinois that deserve attention. It is a matter of regret that the proceedings now before us are somewhat stale. We are now, in January, 1918, reading a report of the proceedings of the 67th Annual Convocation, held in Chicago (in the ball-room of the La Salle Hotel, to be exact), on the 26th October, 1916. No doubt, Grand Chapter was convened in October, 1917, but the report of that Convocation has not yet reached us. It will be observed that the proceedings at the October, 1916, Convocation related to the work done in the year then ending, so that actually we are touching upon doings some of which are as old as 1915. And so it will be from year to year, unless the Illinois Grand Secretary will take a leaf out of the book of our Grand Scribe E. and get out his volume of proceedings within, say, 10 weeks (which is long enough) after the close of a Convocation—not, mark you, to suit our convenience, but to bring his Grand Chapter into line and step with the majority of Grand Chapters.

*Liberavi animam.*

Harry W. Harvey, Grand High Priest, presided at this 67th Annual Convocation. Among other distinguished guests, he welcomed Joseph E. Dyas, Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and Ralph H. Wheeler, M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The latter, in a graceful speech, acknowledged the munificence of the Grand Chapter in contributing to the establishment and continuing to contribute to the maintenance of the Masonic Home and Hospital at Sullivan. "If there is anything in Masonry," said this distinguished Craftsman, "it is what we do for each other. It is not always in material giving; it is not always by the establishing of homes, hospitals, and other institutions; but it is by the helping of each
other to go through life and to make a presentable appearance when we come to the final review."

The Grand High Priest, Comp. Harvey, in his address, said that, in compliance with the law enacted at the last Convocation, he had divided the State into 27 districts for visitation and inspection, and appointed a District Inspector for each district.

Five Schools of Instruction were held during the year, each in a different town or city in the State; and commissions as Grand Lecturers were issued to five Companions, who had been subjected by a Board of Examiners to severe tests of their proficiency in the work, and had emerged triumphant.

Reports of District Inspectors are not so lengthy as our Canadian Grand Superintendents' Reports, but they take up a considerable part of the volume of proceedings, which runs to 289 pages.

The Grand Treasurer's budget is a large one—total receipts, $51,790.98; total payments, $25,147.92; balance on hand, $26,643.06.

The sum of $5,000 was appropriated to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to be used in the support and maintenance of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital; and $500 was appropriated to the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association.

There appear to be 209 active Chapters in Illinois; total membership, 1916 (one Chapter missing), 43,248; net gain in a year, 1,776.

"The Corner-stone in the Temple of Life" was the subject of an oration by Comp. Arthur J. Francis.

At this Convocation, James E. Jeffers was elected and installed as Grand High Priest. His portrait is in the front of the volume now before us, and a brief sketch of his life is hidden away on p. 134. He was born in 1865; has been a professional musician, also engaged in commerce, and later the founder and still engaged in the publication of the Illinois Masonic Review. An ardent and enthusiastic Mason, he has filled many places of honour in the Craft. "Comp. Jeffers is justly regarded as a high authority on all matters relating to the rituals, laws, usages and customs, of both Symbolical and Capitular Masonry, and
has long enjoyed the distinction of being one of the most impressive and correct workers in the State."

R.E. Comp. George W. Warvelle, Grand Secretary, presents his 15th Annual epistle—Correspondence Report. It is pleasant reading. We have described his methods in previous years—he still follows them. We had anticipated culling some of his flowers of fancy for the benefit of our readers (if any); but he hits us so hard in the very beginning with some alleged poetry that really—well, this makes it more involved, but here is the doggerel:

“The Reviewer sees and he notes, very often he quotes, and then, by the way, he has nothing to say. He gives all the news, but none of his views; a reviewer quite noted, but he cannot be quoted.”

We feel that this is meant for us.

And this too: “His style is what may be called the inventory style. He names all the goods on the shelves, but doesn’t say whether they are good or bad.”

In face of this, can we quote further?

No. But we may be permitted to say that 59 Grand Jurisdictions are noticed; and that the conclusion of the report deals with what has previously been called the Capitular Marathon.

Comp. Warvelle announces that Illinois leads the Capitular procession, having passed New York by a small but safe margin.

The figures are taken from the returns of 1915:

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James E. Jeffers, Arcola, Grand High Priest.
George W. Warvelle, Chicago, Grand Secretary.

**Indiana.**

Among Royal Arch Masons in the Hoosier State is to be found the true Masonic spirit. The quotations below will bear out this statement; but also it is instinct in every page and every line of the volume
before us—containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Indiana at its 72nd Annual Convocation, held at Indianapolis on the 17th and 18th October, 1917.

M.E. Calvin H. Ramsay, Grand High Priest, presided. From his report, which is mainly a business-document, we quote this pregnant paragraph:—

“Our nation has been drawn into the great maelstrom of war, into which many of our Companions have gone forth in the defence of civil and religious liberty, and to gain for the world the peace and goodwill taught and exemplified by the principles and precepts of this great Order. That the teachings of Masonry have not fallen upon deaf ears is proved by the fact that a great majority of the people of the world have dedicated themselves to the gaining of the “Brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God.” And, unlike the Psalmist of old who prayed for the peace of Jerusalem, I pray for the peace of the world and have faith that, when all is ended, this world will be purified and cleansed by the fiery struggles through which it will have passed, and will become a place of glorious companionship. Answering my country’s call, I volunteered my services and was rejected because of physical reasons.”

From the report of the Grand Secretary, M.E. Comp. Calvin W. Prather, we learn that there are 124 active Chapters under the Grand Chapter; total number of members on the 1st January, 1917, 20,627; net increase in a year, 1,108. The Grand Secretary adds: “It is a very great pleasure to advise the Grand Chapter that the net increase in membership, 1,108, is the largest in the history of the Grand Chapter. Reports received in the office indicate not only a vast amount of work done by the various Chapters, but the splendid spirit that prevails, with scarcely an exception, and the manifest disposition of the Chapters to accept none but the very best, and to confer the degrees with the dignity and solemnity consistent with the teachings of our great fraternity.”

The Grand Inspector, M.E. Comp. John J. Glen- denning, reports upon the work, with abundant detail. His report is a leading feature of the proceedings.
It was resolved by the Grand Chapter that the Chapters of Indiana be authorised to remit the dues of the Companions who have been called to the colours, each year and so long as such Companions are in the service of their country, and that the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed to credit Chapters remitting the dues of soldiers with the amount of Grand Chapter dues with which they are charged.

"This is my 7th Capitular epistle to the elect," says M.E. Comp. Robert Archer Woods, beginning his Annual Capitular Review. He deals with the proceedings of 54 Grand Chapters, and makes them all thoroughly interesting. Canada (1917) is included; modesty forbids mention of complimentary remarks made by Comp. Woods in reference to this series of reviews.

This is our Companion's conclusion:—

"Throughout the long journey just ended, the prevailing note of every address, of every oration, of every general resolution, has been the great war, its awful holocaust, its horrible cruelties, its devastating force, its blasting fury, its unprincipled origin. Our own beloved land has necessarily become involved, and in God's own good time victory must come to us, because we battle for the right. This is no war over national boundaries, or even of defence against invaders. It is a war for decency, humanity, and honour, and for the safeguarding of principles and ideals which men have for centuries held sacred, but which are now challenged and insulted by an armed philosophy of life that must be destroyed. The Divine Right of Kings must forever vanish before the Eternal Democracy of Man. But let us all pray for the bursting forth of that Masonic Love which is so deeply imbedded in the hearts of friends and foes alike, now unhappily lost sight of in the universal chaos of war, for surely there is no other agency so potent for peace as the Mystic Cord which binds so many thousands—to-day set in battle array—in love about one common Altar, and which can bring reason out of rebellion, candour out of bitterness, peace out of the vortex of despair. Let Masonry now awake to its supreme mission."
The war-note is indeed prevalent in all the Grand Chapters. We do not always remark upon it, but it may be assumed that mention is made of it in every volume of proceedings. What we have quoted above is so striking that we think it right to bring it to the notice of our Canadian Companions.

Elwood Barnard, Greenfield, Grand High Priest.
Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Iowa.

By good rights, we should have the 1917 transactions of this Grand Chapter before us. In 1916, we reviewed the proceedings of 1915, and recorded our impression that the report for that year was "perhaps the most interesting of all" those that had then come to hand. In our 1917 review, we had no Iowa. But now comes a belated, ante-bellum, volume containing the proceedings of this Grand Chapter at its 63rd Annual Convocation, held at Waterloo, in the State of Iowa, on the 12th and 13th October, 1916. The remark as to staleness which we made in the case of Illinois, supra, applies to Iowa. And the additional observation may be made, in regard to both, that the 1917 proceedings, being after the entry of the United States into the war, were, no doubt, of much greater interest than those of which the record is now before us.

But the proceedings of 1916 are by no means devoid of interest.

The presiding Grand High Priest, Frank Nickerson Fowler, was born at an ocean port in Maine, in 1858; and it is not surprising to learn from a biographical sketch, pleasantly written by George A. Rienicke, P.G.H.P., that, although Comp. Fowler was originally intended to grace the legal profession, he could not resist the lure of the sea, and for ten years followed it as a vocation. In 1886, he removed to Ames, Iowa, and became manager of a grain company there. In 1908, he was elected treasurer of Stony county, and still holds that office. He has had a distinguished Masonic career, and is described as genial, modest, and dependable—characteristics which indeed are stamped
upon the face revealed by a portrait occupying the place of honour in the volume of transactions for 1916.

Death removed from this Grand Chapter in 1915 and 1916 three distinguished men: William Fiske Cleveland, Grand High Priest in 1898, Committee on Correspondence from 1902 until his death, and Grand Secretary from 1914 until his death; Clinton Sollace Fletcher, Past Grand High Priest in 1893; and Alfred Wingate, Grand Secretary from 1887 to 1914, and Grand Secretary Emeritus at the time of his death.

Comp. Cleveland died on the 16th February, 1916. By appointment of the Grand High Priest, Comp. O. F. Graves became acting Grand Secretary for the remainder of the year, and at this Convocation was duly elected to and installed in that office for the ensuing year. We hope that next year he will issue his volume of transactions at an earlier date.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a large balance —$14,608.69.

The Grand Secretary's report is a good one: 128 chartered Chapters on the roll, all of which made their annual returns in time, and paid their dues in full; total membership at the end of December, 1915, 14,634; net increase in a year, 554.

The address of Grand High Priest Fowler, to which we are indebted for the mortality references, contains a full account of his official doings. One thing recorded by him, that in September, 1916, he attended "a booster meeting of a Chapter," we should like to hear more of. We can guess what a "booster meeting" is, though we never attended one; but we should like to know what the procedure was.

"There shall be no smoking in the Chapter-room or preparation-room during the time of the stated convocations or meetings called for work." The Grand High Priest suggested this form of a by-law for a Chapter which desired his approval of a somewhat similar one. We agree that there should be no smoking in the Chapter-room when the Chapter is meeting; but is not anything more than that a counsel of perfection, or a law which will come into contempt by reason of being unenforceable?
There is good and systematic organisation in Iowa. The work of the Board of Custodians, the Custodians and Deputy Custodians, and Schools of Instruction, is described in an interesting manner.

The Report on Correspondence is by Edward M. Willard, P.G.H.P.; 56 Grand Chapters are noticed. We understand that it is the Most Excellent Companion's first essay. If we may say so, with deference, it is an admirable symposium. Canada (1916) is appreciatively reviewed.


**Kansas.**

The 52nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas was opened in the Egyptian room of the Scottish Rite Temple, Wichita, Kansas, on the 19th February, 1917.

This Convocation synchronised with our own Convocation of 1917; and so, though the proceedings are before the entry of the United States into the war, they are the latest that are available for review.

M.E. Comp. John Powers, Grand High Priest, presided. This distinguished Mason is a native of England, but came with his parents to America when only 10 years of age. His father settled on a farm in Illinois, and the boy Powers not only tilled the ground, but studied the secrets of the soil and learned its productive possibilities. He became a successful farmer and soil-expert, and is now responsible superintendent of the vast Scully holdings, covering thousands of acres of Kansas farm and grazing lands. He is vice-president of the State Bank of Commerce; lives in Marion; and has filled various important public offices. All this is learned from a slight biographical sketch, which is accompanied by a portrait.

We have read with great interest the Grand High Priest's address at this Convocation, and venture to make two quotations from it.

But we should allude first to the recorded deaths of two eminent members of this Grand Chapter: R.E. Comp. William Mitchell Shaver, Past Grand

The first passage for quotation relates to the progress of the Grand Chapter, and it will serve instead of the usual summary from the Grand Secretary’s report:—

“When this Grand Chapter began life, there were within its jurisdiction 3 regular chartered subordinate Chapters, and the numerical strength of Kansas Capitular Masonry was 148. Our latest information reveals the fact that we now have 95 subordinate Chapters, and that our membership is 11,221, showing a net gain of 654 during the year. But it would be vulgar, indeed, to base the estimate of our true potency upon the result of a mere counting process. The real strength and promise of Masonry come from the fidelity of its veteran characters, and are continued through the vital manhood of its men.”

The second quotation is from Comp. Powers’ peroration:—

“Should the democracy of its character depart from Freemasonry, we should have little more than a cheerless remnant for our inspiration. Let us, then, be diligent in promoting the spirit of democracy and of uniform Brotherhood. There is little in life if we fail to live for one another as well as with one another, and the opportunity for such living must not be deferred if we hope to derive from life its fullest fruition.”

The Report on Correspondence is prepared for the Committee by Matthew M. Miller, P.G.H.P., Chairman. It is his “9th Annual Report upon the Capitular Masonry of the World, so far as contained in the proceedings received and reviewed by us.”

We are puzzled by this report: at p. 342 of the proceedings it is said that M.E. Comp. Miller submitted the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, “which will be included with the proceedings.” This was on the 20th February, 1917. But the report found in the appendix would appear to have been written at least as late as April, 1917, for the concluding words allude to the country—that is, the United States of
America—being "in the throes of war-preparedness." Another curious thing is that the report begins with "Alabama," goes on regularly and alphabetically to "New Mexico"—and then stops abruptly, without explanation. As "Canada" begins with C., it is included in the report. Comp. Miller has much to say about the Alberta difficulty, despite the fact that it was settled in September, 1916, and we do not in the least find fault with him for saying it, for the questions raised are interesting, and we should like to debate them with him, were it not that the subject has an unpleasant side, and further controversy may awaken ill-feeling.

The report—or the more than half of it which is published—makes excellent reading. Comp. Miller is a learned and scholarly reviewer.

Charles A. Conkling, Hutchinson, Grand High Priest.

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

**Louisiana.**

On the 6th and 7th February, 1917, in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, the Grand Chapter of Louisiana held its 70th Annual Convocation.

M.E. Comp. Sol. Levy, Grand High Priest, presided and made the usual address to the assembled Companions. He reported harmony, a reasonable increase in membership, and good work throughout the jurisdiction. Five Chapters were chartered during this Grand High Priest's year of office, and one dispensation for a new Chapter granted.

Two Past Grand High Priests died during the year: Henry Fisler Rugan, Grand High Priest in 1912; and George Washington Booth, Grand High Priest in 1905, and Grand Treasurer from 1914 until his death in December, 1916.

M.E. Comp. H. F. Grimm was appointed acting Grand Treasurer, and was elected to that office and duly installed at this Convocation.

The Grand Secretary's report showed 44 subordinate Chapters; total membership, 4,257; net gain in a year, 152.
The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by M.E. Comp. Herman C. Duncan, P.G.H.P.—his 22nd report. His place as reviewer was taken in 1916 by "another"—an excellent substitute—but the associates of the Round Table will be glad to welcome Comp. Duncan back to his place; his health, as he tells us, has been recovered, and he resumes labour. He reviews the proceedings of 51 Grand Bodies in quite his old form. Canada (1916) comes in for a due share of attention.

John S. Thibaut, Donaldsonville, Grand High Priest.

John A. Davilla, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Maine.

The 92nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maine was opened just after the declaration which brought the United States of America into the great war. The Grand Chapter met on the 1st and 2nd days of May, 1917. The proceedings make up a volume of goodly size; but the only allusion to the war which we find in them is in the last paragraph of the conclusion of the Report on Correspondence:

"The war across the water with all its horrors has seemed a monstrous thing. Now our own country has become involved, and we see our brothers, sons, and neighbours going into service. We cannot foresee what may come to pass, but may the Most High God change this dark and gloomy hour to a bright and glorious dawn, when all men shall become brethren and war can be no more forever!"

Perhaps the most impressive proceeding at this Convocation was the retirement of the veteran Grand Secretary, whose portrait is the frontispiece of the volume. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the Grand R.A. Chapter of Maine make our beloved Grand Secretary Stepehen Berry, who has served this Grand Chapter for these many years, Grand Secretary Emeritus, ad vitam, and that he receive the same salary as last year, payable monthly."
Comp. Charles B. Davis, Portland, was elected and installed as Grand Secretary.

At this Convocation, Grand High Priest James A. Richan, of Rockland, presided.

He recorded the deaths during his year of office of M.E. Comp. Henry S. Webster, Past Grand High Priest in 1895 and 1896, and of E. Comp. Leander M. Kenniston, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey and Past Grand Captain of the Host.

The Grand Chapter was declared to be "in a most harmonious and prosperous condition."

In Maine, as in Canada, there are District Deputies, called in Maine "District Deputy Grand High Priests" and in Canada "Grand Superintendents of Districts."

During the year, the Grand High Priest constituted two new Chapters which had been chartered by Grand Chapter.

There appear to be now 65 subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 10,966; net gain in a year, 249.

Comp. Thomas H. Bodge, who presents the Correspondence Report, is, we take it, a Round Table recruit; but he is evidently a practised writer, and, moreover, an experienced Royal Craftsman. In happy vein, he reviews the proceedings of 59 Grand Chapters —by no means forgetting Canada (1917).

We have given one extract from the conclusion of this report; and no one will be surprised that we also quote the following paragraphs—their matter commends them:—

"While some writers profess the belief that their work is little read, even in their own jurisdictions, I am of opinion that they are mistaken. I know I have read all Correspondence Reports issued in Maine for years, also all from other jurisdictions that came into my hands, and I believe many have done the same.

"In preparing this review, I have intentionally avoided reference to many matters that are frequently commented upon, as they are generally of local interest only. Almost every Grand High Priest expresses his appreciation of the assistance received from his Grand Secretary. If he does not, it is an oversight, but why
repeat it? Many report their visits to Grand Lodges and Grand Commanderies. I fail to see why they should do that any more than to colleges or friends. Jewels are usually presented to the retiring Grand High Priests, but that is a matter of local interest only in most cases.

"I regretted my inability to attend the Triennial of the General Grand Chapter at San Francisco; but, to read the reports as made to the various Grand Chapters, it would usually appear that there was nothing to it but a round of entertainments, for many failed to mention anything else happening. I sometimes wonder if the majority looked upon it as anything more than a grand junket."

Frederick O. Eaton, Rumford, Grand High Priest.
Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Maryland.

The volume before us contains the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, at its 119th Annual Convocation, held at Baltimore on the 23rd November, 1916.

The United States of America had of course not then entered into the war, and accordingly we find that the first words addressed by the presiding Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Edwin J. Griffin, to the assembled Companions, were these:—

"While other lands and climes are being despoiled and devastated and the lives of their people saddened, mined, and destroyed, we... are permitted to meet again, with peace and harmony prevailing throughout our jurisdiction... with peace, love and unity, prosperity and abundance, extensively distributed over our great country."

At this Convocation, the General Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. George E. Corson, was a visitor. It is recorded that "he made a most eloquent response to the cordial welcome" which was given to him by the Grand Chapter.

John James Foble, who was Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter in 1903, died on the 3rd January, 1916.
The Grand Lecturer and the Board of Grand Inspectors are not entirely satisfied with the work done in the Chapters, but report some improvement.

There are 24 subordinate Chapters; total number of members, 4,268; increase in a year, 135.

We have not found much to dwell on in the more or less formal proceedings of the Chapter; but the Report on Correspondence, by Comp. Henry Branch, a clergyman, is full of good matter. Of United States Grand Chapters, he has 47 under review; and 9 British, including Canada (1916). He is no perfunctory reviewer, for he has evidently dipped into what he justly calls "a remarkable report," namely, that of R.E. Comp. W. N. Ponton on the "Condition of Capitular Masonry," from which he extracts two telling paragraphs. It may be here said that we find few allusions in the reviews to these remarkable reports, and that we have found nothing like them in our Capitular explorations.

At this Convocation, Emmett L. Pettit, of Laurel, was elected and installed Grand High Priest.

The 120th Annual Convocation was also duly held, in Baltimore, on the 22nd November, 1917, as we learn from a circular letter received in January, 1918. The full report is not yet before us. The circular, however, contains the names of the Grand Officers elected and installed, and the pleasing information that the membership had increased to 4,497—a net gain of 229.

John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

**Michigan.**

Unlike Mr. Wegg, in his earlier reading of the 'Decline and Fall-off of the Rooshian Empire,' we have just now been "right slap through" the Michigan report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, at its 69th Annual Convocation, held at Jackson, on the 15th and 16th May, 1917. The volume containing the report is of large dimensions, but the reader is much assisted by the excellent arrangement of the proceedings, the
superior typography, and the superfine paper. Charles A. Conover, an eminent Royal Craftsman, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, is, as a permanent officer, a notable success in all that he undertakes, and that is much.

Michigan is one of our neighbours, and a close one; we know something of the character and spirit of its Masonry; and our respect for them is increased as the years go by.

The presiding officer at this Grand Convocation was Grand High Priest Robert Hanford Hunt (portrait, frontispiece), and we were pleased to find his activities, Masonic and otherwise, briefly sketched, at p. 73 of the volume. Genial, modest, dependable, large-minded, big-hearted, whole-souled, are some of the adjectives used in describing him. He was born in Jackson, Michigan, in 1873; began work as a printer as soon as he had left school; and is now a successful businessman in Detroit. He comes of a Masonic family; and his chief interests, outside of his business, appear to be military and Masonic.

He begins his address to the assembled Companions in these words:

"In this, one of the darkest periods of the world's history, it is fitting that we approach the deliberations of our Annual Convocation in a spirit of humility and submission to the will of the Author of our being.

"The time is rapidly approaching when the Masonic bodies of this country will be called upon, as never before in their history, to prove that our tenets are real, that our teachings are builded upon a rock from which they cannot be shaken. Our charity must be as broad as the world is large, as deep as the well of human suffering, and as insistent as the ebb and flow of the tide. In every walk of life there will be need—need to help and succour the sick and wounded. We know not how many fathers, mothers, widows, and orphans may require our helping hands. Under all these trying conditions, I have an abiding faith that the members of our Royal Craft will rise to their duties and privileges, and that the world at large will be better served
because the spirit of Freemasonry is abroad and leading in this noble work.”

Eugene Philip Robertson, Grand High Priest in 1887, died on the last day of 1916, at the age of 75; he was a banker in Albion, and had been Mayor of that city. Prominent in all branches of Masonry, he occupied a most honoured position in the community.

Theron Francis Giddings, Grand High Priest in 1884, died in January, 1917, at the age of 73. He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and lived there nearly all his life. His public life was largely a political one. He was admitted to the Bar in early life; but, when the civil war broke out, enlisted and served. In 1893, he was appointed Commissioner of Insurance for Michigan and served for 4 years. For the last 20 years he was superintendent of agencies for a Detroit insurance company, and lived and died in Detroit. He was active in Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery.

“The most unpleasant duty that I was called upon to perform during the year,” says the Grand High Priest in his address, “was that of reprimanding a High Priest who permitted the use of a substitute in order to make a team for the Royal Arch degree.” It appears that this is expressly forbidden in the Red Book. If it were not, the offence would seem a venial one.

There are 155 chartered Chapters in Michigan and one under dispensation; members, 25,691; net increase in a year, 858.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer, Comp. Horace S. Maynard, it was stated that the work of the Order was continually improving throughout the Jurisdiction; more work was accomplished in 1916 than before, and the attendance was greater.

This extract from the minutes is interesting:—

“General Oliver L. Spaulding, next to the senior Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, having come all the way from Washington, D.C., to be present at this annual convocation, was presented by Companion Lou B. Winsor, and was received with the Grand Honours of Masonry. Companion Spaulding is the only one now living who has been honoured with
the presiding office in all the Masonic Grand Bodies of Michigan. He is still hearty, though in his 84th year, and entertained the Grand Chapter with many interesting reminiscences of the early days of Michigan, particularly regarding the "Toledo war" and the acquisition of the then despised, but now highly valued, Upper Peninsula. He has only been present twice since 1889."

The following resolutions were heartily and enthusiastically applauded and unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

"Resolved, that this Grand Chapter tender to the President of the United States of America, the assurance of the loyalty and devotion of the 26,000 Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, to their country and to their President, and their readiness to dedicate their fortunes and their lives to the service of their country. As an evidence of their sincerity, be it further

"Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be directed to draw a warrant for the sum of $1,000 and forward the same to the National Society of the Red Cross as a contribution from this Grand Chapter; and be it further

"Resolved, that the Grand Treasurer be authorised and directed to subscribe for and purchase $5,000 worth of United States 3½ per cent. registered war bonds out of the funds of the Grand Chapter; and be it further

"Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to His Excellency the President of the United States of America."

Well done, Michigan!

An excellent Masonic map of Michigan, with a key, and a list of Chapters arranged by counties, the work of the Grand Secretary, has a place in the volume of proceedings.

Comp. Conover's "Annual Review of Capitular Masonry from the Printed Proceedings of other Jurisdictions"—his 16th report—is, as usual, full of meat. The introduction is well worth reading, but condensation would spoil it. The "Scrap-book," which is a part of the introduction, is composed of articles or
parts of articles taken from Masonic periodicals, books, and proceedings. In the review proper, Comp. Conover travels from Alabama to Wyoming, stopping at 51 way-stations. Canada (1916) is one.

The present reviewer's opinion on the subject of the introduction of verse into the reports of committees, and the quality of the verse introduced, is of no great importance; but Comp. Conover comments on it with much good nature, and scores a point when he says, "We note more poetry in the reports of Canada than in most of the proceedings," and pleads our example.

Elmer S. Atherton, Durand, Grand High Priest.
Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

**Minnesota.**

We have two volumes of proceedings before us—1916 and 1917.

Taking up 1916 first, we find that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota assembled in Annual Convocation for the 55th time on the 10th October, 1916, in St. Paul. The officiating Grand High Priest was M.E. Comp. James R. Morton, of Winona. In his address he referred to the deaths of two Past Grand High Priests: William A. Hawkins, on the 26th December, 1915; and I. P. Durfee, on the 6th May, 1916. The Grand Treasurer, Ralph D. Webb, died suddenly on the 25th September, 1916. His place was filled by the election of William W. Rowell, of Minneapolis.

The Grand High Priest visited many of the Chapters during his year of office, but was not able to visit all. As there appear to be 75 Chapters, there is no cause for surprise. The membership at the date of this Convocation was 9,894; and the net gain in a year, 378.

The Grand Chapter is prosperous and harmonious; and the proceedings are excellently reported by the Grand Secretary, R. Ex. Comp. John Fishel.

The reviewer, R.E. Comp. Irving Todd, is again in his place, and his report is as good as those previously noticed.
Trevanion W. Hugo was at this Convocation elected Grand High Priest; and, after the lapse of a year, we find him presiding at the 56th Annual Convocation, held in St. Paul on the 9th October, 1917. The first topic taken up in his address is, of course, the great war; he says, "Our daily talk is war and our dreams are horrible nightmares."

The next important matter taken up was termed "Grand Chapter Activities." The Grand High Priest thinks "it is time we should get Capitular Masonry into the Masonic circle, get on the Masonic map, into the Masonic sun of recognition;" and, as one means of securing this place, he suggests "that we subscribe from our funds, for which there is no immediate call or need, sufficient to give us an interest in the Masonic Home which will soon be built." The concrete recommendation is: "That the financial foundations be laid for a children's building or ward, or whatever may be found in the future, by the representatives of this Grand Chapter, acting under the instructions of this Grand Chapter, and in co-operation with the Masonic Home Board, to be most needed, and which will best serve the interests of the infants or children; and, to that end, there will be taken from the funds of this Grand Chapter the sum of $3,000, to which will be added, from and after the year 1918, 10 per cent. of the gross receipts of this Grand Chapter." This recommendation appears to have been referred to the Finance Committee; but we cannot find in the proceedings any further reference to it.

Grand High Priest Hugo concludes an excellent and spirited address with these words:—

"Unfortunately, ignorance, misconception, apathy, and indifference prevent many of our 10,000 members from being of much service, if any, and those who are willing are overloaded in doing their own share as well as that of the slackers in Masonry. But the work will go on, the faithful ones will continue to be faithful, and, let us hope, the unfaithful may be imbued with the Chapter Spirit, which alone is necessary in order that our glorious Temple of Capitular Masonry may be as nearly completed as it can be; that those who
owe to it their allegiance by right of their membership will be assiduous in their devotion to its principles; and that the hopes and aspirations of the members and the possibilities of the Craft be fully recognised as second to none amongst the civilising and humanitarian impulses and agencies of the World."

The Grand Secretary—the same officer whose work has been noticed—reports that the membership has been increased to 10,297; net gain in a year, 411.

The death of M.E. Comp. Ebenezer E. Corliss, who was Grand High Priest in 1902, was recorded.

The Correspondence Review is, as usual, excellent. Comp. Irving Todd passes upon the proceedings of 53 Grand Chapters; in 1916 there was one more—New Brunswick. Canada, both 1916 and 1917, receives favourable attention.

William P. Roberts, Minneapolis, Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

**Mississippi.**

John James McIntosh, the Canadian-born Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, presided at the 69th Annual Convocation, held in Jackson, Mississippi, on the 15th February, 1917, and delivered an excellent address.

According to the usual rule, the Deputy Grand High Priest, William Harrison Carter, was elected and installed Grand High Priest for 1917-18. His portrait and a brief biography form the preface of the volume of proceedings. He was born in Mississippi in 1868, and educated there, graduating from the University of Mississippi in 1892. He is now State manager for Mississippi of the Masons' Annuity; he has been a schoolmaster and a Professor of Mathematics. An active Mason, he is Chairman of the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge.

In the address of Grand High Priest McIntosh—in February, 1917, be it remembered—he says: "Let us hope and pray for peace before another year rolls around, and that even yet our beloved country may be spared the horrors of war."
He refers feelingly to the death of Past Grand High Priest William C. Boyd, on the 27th December, 1916. Comp. Boyd was born in Ireland in 1834; and fought in the Confederate army during the Civil war. He was an honorary Past Grand High Priest.

Of the Masonic Home Comp. McIntosh says:—

"I had the pleasure of visiting the Home in November; was there two afternoons; had the pleasure of taking a meal with the children and of talking to them as best I could of the love of the Masons for them. If there is a Mason in the State who grudges the per capita tax, I suggest to him a visit to the Home. He will come away a better man and Mason, and feeling proud of what we are doing for the little brothers and sisters there. I am glad to report that the children are not only getting a good education, but are being taught to work. Most of the work at the Home is done by the boys and girls, and they are just that much better prepared for useful citizenship. Brother Martin and his wife seem to be the right people in the right place, and it is beautiful to see how the children love and obey them."

The finances of this Grand Chapter being in good shape, the Grand High Priest recommends a contribution of $500 to the building fund of the Home; and, that wiping out the building fund debt, a reduction to $1.50 per member in the dues of subordinate Chapters to Grand Chapter.

The Finance Committee, in a report which was adopted, concurred in the recommendation as to the $500, but recommended that the reduction in dues should not be made this year, remarking that out of a total of 73 (the Grand Secretary says 67) subordinate Chapters only 26 had paid their dues.

A special committee reported that authority should be given to the Grand High Priest to use funds of the Grand Chapter for the purpose of making repairs and extensions to the boys’ dormitory in the Masonic Home. This also was adopted.

The total membership of the 67 Chapters is 4,197—a loss of 75 in a year.
M.E. Comp. Oliver Lee McKay begins his Annual "Report on Foreign Correspondence"—his 8th—with a list of the Grand Chapters whose proceedings are reviewed. There are 57—Canada (1916) is one. In lieu of an introduction, he copies from the "Texas Freemason" an address by Bro. W. S. Fry, Past Grand Master of Texas and a 33-degree Scottish Rite Mason, on "The Two Rites."

Comp. McKay himself says that his review is "careful and painstaking." It is that, but it is more. Good taste and discernment are shown in every section of the report. The treatment of Canada is generous as regards space, and discerning as regards the inclusion of a part of R.E. Comp. Ponton's report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

The graceful conclusion of Comp. McKay must be quoted:—

"A careful study of the proceedings reviewed reveals a field laden with peace, prosperity, and pure beneficence; in fact, such conditions are so marked as to leave the Correspondent little on which to comment. It remains for the General Grand Chapter of Scotland to furnish the only discordant note. Happily the Grand Chapters of Canada and Alberta have settled their differences in a manner satisfactory to each, and peace is now prevalent throughout the good old Dominion of Canada.

"Again, we close our report on the first day of the year, and again it is our pleasure to wish the Companions of the Royal Craft everywhere dispersed a happy and prosperous New Year, and to extend to the Companions of the Guild a heart full of love and appreciation of genuine fellowship."

William H. Carter, Columbus, Grand High Priest
Frederic Gordon Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Missouri.

The 71st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri was held in St. Joseph on the 24th and 25th April, 1917, Grand High Priest George Tegard Burnham presiding.
In a biographical sketch of this distinguished Royal Craftsman, pp. 112 and 113 of the volume of proceedings—there is also a portrait—we find it written that he was born in 1868, and is a lawyer, practising at Milton, and specially "engaged in the farm loan and title examination business." He has done efficient work in Masonry and has earned and received the highest honours.

In his address he says that the past year has been the blackest in the world's history; but, the meeting held just at the time of the declaration of war by the United States, he makes no allusion to it; nor do we find anything further about the war anywhere in the proceedings.

These paragraphs from the address are of much interest:

"For the first time in the life of our Grand Chapter, we are the guests of our good Companions of Mitchell Chapter, No. 14, here in the historic old City of St. Joseph, situated near the corners of four great States, and in the centre of the greatest agricultural district in the world."

"Peace and harmony, accompanied with zeal and energy, brought to us 1,475 new Companions during the year 1916; the number of exaltations being nearly 300 more than for the year 1915, and more than 400 more than for the year 1914. Our membership now exceeds 16,000, and by the end of this year will undoubtedly exceed 17,000. While the Companions have been busy along this line of work, they have also been busy getting rid of dead timber and suspended 402 for non-payment of dues."

"There is opportunity and work for us all. Every one of us will have an opportunity to make a personal sacrifice for humanity. It is a grand privilege to realise that we have been trained in an institution that has prepared us for this great work, and to know that no true Royal Arch Mason will falter. We know the world must come to her senses. We know that the great hosts of error must be guided and directed into a life of justice, honour, integrity, and love, and in the performance of that task, the humblest piece of work
may be the most powerful, as we realise that the stone which was rejected by the builders became the chief stone of the corner."

Turning to the Grand Secretary’s tabulated statement, we find 109 Chapters; total membership, 16,016; increase in a year, 789.

The many reports, resolutions, and other proceedings, show this Grand Chapter to be a truly active and progressive body.

The Rev. Comp. John Henderson Miller, of Kansas City, again presents the “Report on Fraternal Correspondence.”

He begins by descanting on the significance of the letter G. “Not every man,” he says, “can be a genius, but the letter G opens the way for each one of us to be good, generous, and gracious. It even endows us with the God-given ability to forgive and forget. . . . To forgive and forget, on the part of both Canada and Alberta, has been by all odds the greatest exhibition of true Masonic spirit that has been witnessed for many long years.”

Fifty-four Grand bodies are included in the review, which is able and thoughtful in an unusual degree.

The report ends as it commenced, with some thoughts suggested by the letter G:

“Generally speaking, the Companions who are elevated to the seat of the Grand High Priest are men of marked ability, men of grit, gravity, and gumption, men who persevere in the discharge of every duty without groaning, grumbling, or growling. The goal for which they strive is the good, growth, and greatness of Royal Arch ideals. In all of the two hundred and more addresses of Grand High Priests reviewed by your Correspondent, during the time of his service, he has never found a single discordant word or an expression indicating passion, but all were prepared under the influence of a spirit which tends to elevate and ennoble. With men of such calibre to give direction, Royal Arch Masonry is sure to have a leading part in the decision of matters of world-wide importance and the final adjustment of affairs affecting the destinies of countless millions of the human race.”
Albert E. Diamant, 722 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, Grand High Priest.
Robert F. Stevenson, 510 Pine Street, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

**Montana.**

Now (January, 1918) the present writer has before him for the first time a volume of Montana proceedings. In our 1916 review we noted that the 26th Annual Convocation was held in the City of Great Falls on the 14th of September, 1915, but that we had no report. In 1917, we had no report and no note. The proceedings now before us are those at the 27th Annual Convocation, held in the City of Butte on the 29th August, 1916—nearly a year and a half ago and of course long before the Republic was at war.

The presiding officer at this 1916 Convocation was M.E. Comp. Llewellyn L. Callaway, Grand High Priest, described in the brief biography which, with a portrait, prefaced the volume of proceedings, as of Welsh ancestry. He is a graduate in law of Ann Arbour and a lawyer of repute, now practising in Great Falls. He has filled various public offices, among them that of District Judge—and, says his biographer, has had "a splendid civic and Masonic career. As he is still under 50, we shall expect to enjoy the benefit of his ripened experience and his genial companionship for many years to come."

In his eloquent address Comp. Callaway says:

"The Capitular year just closing has been beyond compare the most prosperous in our history. And, if you follow my recommendation, you will celebrate this 25th anniversary by issuing a dispensation to the 25th Chapter of our jurisdiction—at Choteau, in due time to be numbered 25.

"While peace, harmony, and plenty have prevailed within the borders of our State, we again take occasion to express regret over the calamities and misfortunes which have overtaken our Companions in other lands which are stricken by the terrible hand of the Great War, and we extend to them our fraternal sympathy. We fervently pray that the Great I Am may be pleased speedily to restore peace through the world, and that
this cataclysm of the ages may be brought to a close; that the healing power of the Infinite may restore peace and tranquillity to the minds of those of our Brethren and Companions who survive, and to the widows and orphans of those who have been lost in the conflict."

Though the Grand Chapter is young, it has already saved up more than $8,000, which is invested in good securities.

A dispensation was granted for the institution of Choteau Chapter, as recommended.

The total membership of the 24 Chapters already chartered was, in 1916, 2,600—a net gain of 238 in a year.

There is no Correspondence Report.

R. E. Hathaway, M.D., Glendive, Grand High Priest.

Cornelius Hedges jun., Helena, Grand Secretary.

**Nebraska.**

The volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska at its 50th Annual Convocation, held in Omaha, on the 13th and 14th December, 1916, is not a bulky one, and because of that, and because its contents are well arranged, and well printed on good paper, we found the reading and comprehension of it an easy task; and we cannot do better than go methodically through the volume, from cover to cover, noting the points of interest, which are many.

The presiding Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Chauncey L. Wattles, is presented to us—by counterfeit presentment—on the first page, and we learn something of him also from his address, which was short and businesslike.

He noted first the healthy and prosperous condition of the State of Nebraska and of the Royal Craft therein.

Next, he referred to the death of Past Grand High Priest George S. Powell, who was Grand Lecturer, on the 20th December, 1915. He was Grand High Priest in 1911, and Grand Lecturer from 1911 until his death.

His place as Grand Lecturer was filled by the appointment of Past Grand High Priest John Harper.
In the address, reference was also made to the Nebraska Masonic Home, which was said to be in good condition.

The celebration of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Grand Chapter and several other matters also received attention.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of nearly $10,000.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, gave a detailed account of the Masonic Homes. The principal house is in Plattsmouth, where 22 men and 22 women are domiciled. At Fremont, there is a Home for girls, who number 11, and a Home for boys, also 11. The Homes are incorporated as a joint stock company; of 799 shares of stock issued, Grand Chapter owns 125. At this Convocation, a further sum of $2,000 was appropriated to the purchase of 20 shares of the stock.

There are 54 chartered Chapters, with a total membership of 5,240; net gain in a year, 135.

The new Grand Lecturer, already referred to, gives an account of his visits to the subordinate Chapters, and quaintly adds: "I expected to make more visits while holding the office of Grand Lecturer, but found that the Chapters that were in need of assistance from the Grand Officers were really the ones that did not desire their visits." (The Grand Lecturer uses the word "visitations." We don’t like that word—it reminds us of a plague or a pestilence or the verdict of a coroner's jury. Besides, why not "visits"?)

There was a full discussion of a motion to adopt the report of a special committee recommending the spending of $500 upon the celebration of the 50th Anniversary. The motion did not carry.

Other matters dealt with are of domestic concern only, with one exception—an interesting one.

Past Grand High Priest Frank E. Bullard, whose first Correspondence Report (1915) was noticed in our chronicle of 1917, and who was again the reviewer in 1916, announced with regret that business reasons necessitated his removal from the State of Nebraska; and a resolution was submitted and unanimously adopted, expressing the love for and confidence in him.
felt by his Companions, and recommending him to
the Masonic fellowship of all Royal Arch Masons
among whom he might cast his lot.

In his review, the proceedings of 53 Grand Chapters
are touched upon. Canada (1916) is not forgotten.
His conclusion, a real valedictory, must also not be
forgotten. It is:—

"Companions of Nebraska: This review is before
you; it was written for your edification, that you might,
without too much trouble, get some idea of what is
being done in other jurisdictions, and compare their
accomplishments or failures with our own. If you
do not read it, or if you do read it and are not edified,
our work has been time ill spent and your money wasted.

"We have taken up every report with the mental
question: 'What is this Grand Chapter doing, not
only for the betterment of its members, but for the
uplift of mankind? What benefactions is it fostering?'
And at the close we are obliged to say, in most cases
very little, in many nothing.

"We know that many weak Chapters would become
stronger if their interest could be aroused in some
worthy object outside of the guarded entrance to the
Tabernacle. With us the increasing interest in our
Home at Plattsmouth and our orphanage at Fremont
helps, but it is not enough. Get out of your shells,
and, by doing something for the advancement of civic
righteousness, extend your influence in the community."

After the above had been written, a notice was
received from the Grand Secretary, dated the 14th
January, 1918, stating that at the last session of the
Grand Chapter, which must have been held in De-
cember, 1917, the discontinuance of the Reports on
Correspondence had been ordered.

He does not tell us what else was done at this session,
and so we cannot give the name of the new Grand High
Priest; but he gives the new address of the Grand
Secretary.

Carroll D. Evans, Columbus, Grand High Priest
(1916-17).

Francis E. White, New Masonic Temple, 19th and
Douglas Streets, Omaha, Grand Secretary.
Nevada.

The proceedings at the 43rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nevada are somewhat stale at this writing (January, 1918), the days on which the Convocation was held being the 12th and 13th June, 1916. Possibly the volume of proceedings for 1917 has gone astray—it has not reached our Grand Secretary.

Grand High Priest Sidney Foster, who presided at the 1916 Convocation, is a young man, if we may judge from his portrait (frontispiece of volume).

Peace, harmony, and prosperity are the notes of Comp. Foster's address. He refers to the organisation of a new Chapter (under dispensation) by 11 Companions at Ely, White Pine County, and says: "Not in many years has it been the privilege of your Grand High Priest to report a new Chapter."

The address is excellent in tone and spirit, but the matters referred to are not of much concern to outsiders. Two short paragraphs from the conclusion, however, are of general interest:—

"Companions, the coming Mason, is he who wishes to know, is ready and begins to do; who realises, in doing, the growth of understanding and the triumph of achievement. There is no power in the universe that can defeat him, nor even stay his progress, except himself.

"He is his own judge, jury, and executioner; and he alone is responsible for the verdict, and knows perfectly whether it is just and true, and that his first duty is to deal justly, love mercy, and walk uprightly."

The Grand Chapter is one of the smallest. There are 10 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation; total membership, 505; net gain in a year, 13.

The Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. Edward D. Vanderlieth, is the writer of the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, which is excellent, if we may be allowed to say so. Canada (1916) has a place among the 56 Grand bodies whose proceedings are noticed.

After writing the above, we received (17th January, 1918) a neat volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Nevada at its 44th Annual Convocation, held at Reno on the 11th and 12th June, 1917.
Grand High Priest Charles H. Gorman, who was elected and installed at the June, 1916, Convocation, delivered an address, excellent in its way, which calls for no comment.

The Grand Secretary in his report says:—

“For the year a gain of 31, and the acquisition to our ranks, have been very satisfactory. The watchword of the Chapters is ‘quality, not quantity;’ and, so long as they adhere to this rule, continued harmony and prosperity will characterise the Royal Craft of our State, and our progress toward perfection will increase. Capitular Masonry is a factor as a civilising force; and, if its Craftsmen will give loyal and royal service in accordance with its teachings, they will hasten the approach of that blessed day when the fraternal bond of a common humanity is to be.”

The number of Chapters is the same as in 1916—the total membership is increased to 936.

Comp. Edward D. Vanderlieth is again the reviewer. This time he extracts the juice from the meat of the proceedings of 55 Grand Chapters.

When he comes to “Canada,” Comp. Vanderlieth makes a slight mistake. He reviews our proceedings of 1916, which he had already reviewed in his own 1916 report. This error, though pardonable, is regrettable, because he must have had our 1917 proceedings in his hands before he made his report in June, 1917. Having twice reviewed Canada 1916, and having contrived to make the two reports distinct—and both excellent—we hope that in the coming June he will give us “Canada 1917 and 1918.”

In conclusion Comp. Vanderlieth aptly writes:—

“Our journey is ended. Everywhere there is growth and everywhere the Royal Craft is holding fast to its ideals. Only the mad maelstrom of war fetters the world’s progress. May it end soon, and with its end come a lasting peace. In the meantime, Craftsmen, let us serve as never before, with our hand outstretched to man in helpfulness, remembering always that to give is to live, to deny is to die.”

Robert Lewers, Reno, Grand High Priest.
Edward D. Vanderlieth, Reno, Grand Secretary.
New Hampshire.

Though the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire at its 98th Annual Convocation, held in Freemasons' Hall, Concord, on the 15th May, 1917, are contained within the compass of a small volume—only 97 pages—we find a good deal in them which is notable and one matter of surpassing (though painful) interest.

Grand High Priest Edward Oren Fifield presided. His first duty was to welcome a distinguished visitor, the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, M.E. Comp. George E. Corson, of Washington, D.C., who was of course received with the highest honours and entrusted with the gavel.

Comp. Corson's address to the Companions, in acknowledgment of the homage which he received, was an eloquent one.

Among other felicitous things, he said:—

"To be permitted, amid the stirring events of these days of nation-wide activities, to put our country on a war-footing to maintain its integrity and the honour of its flag, to stand here in the East of your Tabernacle and preside for a short time over your Grand Chapter, is an honour I greatly appreciate, and a privilege most pleasing and gratifying."

"I am pleased to report that Freemasonry is flourishing in all parts of our land, even in our island possessions, and that Royal Arch Masonry is fast increasing in numbers and in influence and power. What influence the present conditions of military and naval activities in our country will have upon the Order, we cannot now predict. They will, no doubt, retard its growth by the taking of many of the young men from their homes and sending them into foreign parts. The loss to the ranks of Masonry will go to swell the ranks of our patriot armies, which will wage war to preserve to us, and to all the peoples of the world, the blessings of liberty and of humanity. Whether serving beneath the banner of the Royal Arch or fighting where Old Glory waves, they are serving the same divine purpose,
the cause of civilisation, humanity, and justice, and the welfare and happiness of the human race."

The New Hampshire Grand High Priest’s own address was an excellent one. Referring to the fact that the returns showed a net loss of one in the aggregate membership of the subordinate Chapters, he said that it was the first time in many years that there had not been a gain. Deaths and suspensions for non-payment of dues had been greater than usual. He suggested that every Chapter should clear its membership lists of delinquents once a year; and added this truly Masonic advice: “Make sure that you suspend only those who can pay their dues but will not do so. The suspension of one who literally cannot pay his dues is no less than a Masonic crime.”

We had occasion to refer, in considering the proceedings of another Grand Chapter, to the reprimand administered to the presiding officer of a subordinate Chapter for permitting the Royal Arch degree to be worked with a substitute or dummy candidate to make up a team. Grand High Priest Fifield gave a ruling that such a substitution amounted to a violation of the obligations of the Companions permitting it, but reversed his ruling in deference to a contrary decision of the General Grand Chapter. In the case of the other Grand Chapter to which we have referred, there was a direct prohibition in the Red Book. The decision of the General Grand Chapter appears to us to be good sense and good law.

The Grand High Priest with emphasis called attention to the lamentable exhibition which a Freemason makes of himself when he uses profane language. “I ask you,” he says, “to think of the pledges you have made and to let others see the influence of our Institution in your every-day lives.”

There are 26 Chapters on the roll; total membership in 1917, 4,598; net loss in a year, one.

E. Comp. The Rev. Josiah L. Seward was not present at this Convocation, but he sent in his Correspondence Report, prefacing it with a statement that it had been prepared under the most serious difficulties; he had been ill for several months. In-
stead of an elaborate review of each separate jurisdiction, he made his "comments as a whole without applying them to individual cases." Gains, Finances, Work, Harmony, Discipline, Masonry and the War, are the striking captions of some very timely and telling reflections.

The learned and much revered writer pens his conclusion—truly and pathetically a conclusion, alas!—in these affecting words:

"We cannot, at this time, engage further the attention of our readers. We have sent forth into the world a long series of these annual reports, and we do not wish the chain of continuity to be broken. This message, therefore, comes from a sick chamber, under difficulties such as we never before experienced and from which we hope to be delivered. If life and health are spared, we hope to do better another year. In the meantime we ask our readers "to pass our imperfections by," and give us their earnest wishes and united prayers for a more cheerful and comforting message next time."

"Note.—The Grand Secretary very sorrowfully announces that our Excellent and Reverend Companion Josiah Lafayette Seward died at his home in Keene on July 14, 1917."

Ephraim Frank Boomer, Dover, Grand High Priest.
Harry Morrison Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey.

The 61st Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey was convened at Trenton, on the 9th May, 1917. M.E. Comp. Frederick T. Crane, Grand High Priest, presided and delivered a businesslike address. The proceedings were enlivened and enriched by addresses made by eminent visitors; and the Great War, into which the United States of America had shortly before this Convocation entered, was in several instances the theme. The Grand High Priest of New York quoted a description of Masonry—new to us—which is worth re-quoting: "Masonry is an institution whose Esse is love; whose Existere is the exercise of universal
charity; whose Religion is without sect; whose Patriotism is without party; whose Creed is the Bible; whose Aim is the establishment of peace on earth and goodwill towards all mankind; whose very Embodiment is liberty.”

The report of Grand Secretary Peter McGill shows 43 chartered Chapters; total membership 8,371; net gain in a year 454.

A small increase in the surplus of revenue over expenditure is reported by the Grand Treasurer, Edward Mills.

In the report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers this is said: “We rejoice with our Grand High Priest at the happy termination of the differences that existed between the Grand Chapters of Canada and Alberta, and congratulate the Companions upon that wise conservatism which prevented our hasty recognition of the latter, thus giving proof of our old friendship for Canada and of our faith that her sense of justice, when properly appealed to, would put an end to fraternal strife within her borders. It is with the utmost pleasure that we endorse the recommendation that the Grand Chapter of Alberta be now fraternally recognised as a sovereign body, and that an interchange of representatives be established.”

District Deputies, or rather Assistant Lecturers with the powers and status of District Deputies, have now been added to the machinery of Grand Chapter. This departure was recommended and approved at the 1916 Convocation; by a report of the Committee on Ritual, adopted at this Convocation, the duties of these officers were defined, and it was laid down that they should “be recognised with appropriate honours upon occasions of official visitation.”

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence felt “it an unpleasant duty to report... that the hope entertained a year ago that the Grand Chapter of Scotland would recede from her unwarranted action in establishing and maintaining Chapters under her authority upon United States territory in the Philippine Islands has not been realised;” and recommended “that our fraternal intercourse with the Grand Chapter
of Scotland and with those of her obedience be severed, and so remain until the rights of the General Grand Chapter of the United States be recognised by her as having sole sovereignty and jurisdiction upon the territory in question.” There is nothing in the record to show whether this recommendation was adopted—but it probably was, for, as the report states, “Nearly all the Grand Chapters in this country have severed their fraternal relations with that Grand Chapter.”

We observe that our old friend M.E. Comp. Henry S. Haines is a member of each of the three committees last referred to, and we believe him to be the writer of the reports. He is certainly an industrious member of Grand Chapter, for he is, in addition, the reviewer of the proceedings of foreign jurisdictions, and President of the Grand Convention of Anointed High Priests of the State of New Jersey.

The Correspondence Report or Review is, as usual, both full and able. We venture to think that a perusal of it would astonish some Royal Arch Masons. It is all point and vigour. The reviewer himself says that he has been assured that his reviews are useful and a source of “salutary admonition.” We like the phrase. Canada (1917) is honoured with a sympathetic notice extending over several pages—pages of a most interesting volume.

William Herbert Lowe, Paterson, Grand High Priest.

Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.

New Mexico.

Something that we have already written applies to the volume of New Mexico before us. Its contents are most interesting, but its appearance tardy; its successor should be in our hands. We are writing, towards the end of January, 1918, about the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico at its 19th Annual Convocation, held in the City of East Las Vegas, on the 12th October, 1916. Doubtless, the 20th Annual Convocation was held in October, 1917; but the account of its proceedings has not yet reached us.
Grand High Priest Alfred C. Price presided at the Convocation of 1916. His portrait occupies the place of honour in the forefront of the volume before us, and we find also portraits of two Past Grand High Priests.

There is nothing of general interest in Comp. Price's address; it is largely devoted to the business affairs of the Grand Chapter; the remarks at the beginning and the end on Fraternity and Friendship are excellent in taste and expression.

There are 18 subordinate Chapters; total membership in 1916, 1,171; net gain in a year, 30.

R.E. Comp. James H. Wroth, of Albuquerque, Past Grand Treasurer and Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presents a valuable review of the proceedings of 56 Grand Chapters.

Dealing with the proceedings of our own Grand Chapter in 1916, he says: "While in no sense giving up our adherence to the American idea that a certain number of Chapters have a right, and a right belonging in themselves, to endeavour to form a Grand Chapter, yet I feel that Canada has acted kindly, plainly, and in a true Masonic spirit. Our hat goes off to Canada; and, just as a mother brings up her children, and in after years sits down and sees them progress, so Canada will sit down and see her other children progress and make her shine by reflected light."

"It is possible," says Comp. Wroth in concluding his review, "that this may be my last appearance on the stage. When a man gets past 60, it is time for him to give way to some younger and more able person."

We have reason to believe that most of the Merry Men of the Round Table have passed the 60th milestone in their life-journeys. The present writer has; but hopes to be able to do much work yet. We remind Comp. Wroth also that less than three last appearances would be decidedly irregular. There is the high authority of Mr. Crummles for this (overhaul your "Nicholas Nickleby" and when found make a note on). By the way, at p. 36 of this volume, we find that Comp. Wroth was again appointed "Committee on Foreign Correspondence."
Alexander D. Goldenberg, Tucumcari, Grand High Priest.
Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

**New South Wales.**

We had no report from New South Wales in time for our last (1917) review. Now before us are the minutes of the proceedings at six Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales, held respectively on the 9th February, 1916, the 10th May, 1916, the 9th August, 1916, the 10th November, 1916, the 14th February, 1917, and the 9th May, 1917; also of a Special Convocation on the 12th July, 1917. These were all convened in the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney. For the most part the proceedings are purely formal. But at each Convocation there was a report of the progress made in the negotiations for union between this Grand Chapter and the Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales working under the Grand Chapter of Scotland. The result appears from the following resolution, which was almost unanimously adopted at the Special Convocation of the 12th July, 1917:—

"As the Referendums taken by this Grand Chapter and by the District Grand Chapter of Scotland in New South Wales respectively, have resulted in the Companions under this Constitution having accepted while the Companions under the Scottish Constitution have rejected the Basis of Union agreed upon by the Conference of Companions of these two Constitutions, so that matters stand in the same position now as they did before the holding of the Conference, the suspension of the operation of the Resolution of this Grand Chapter of the 13th day of May, 1914, be and it is hereby rescinded, and that the said Resolution be and it is hereby declared to be in full force and effect again as from this date."

The resolution of the 13th May, 1914, was as follows:—

"Whereas the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland has recognised the Supreme Grand Chapter
of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales as a regularly constituted Grand Royal Arch Body, but, in spite of repeated requests, refuses to recognise it as sole Sovereign Grand Royal Arch Body in New South Wales, and claims equal sovereign rights with it, and continues to invade its jurisdiction by establishing subordinate Chapters within the territory occupied by it: Now it is hereby resolved and declared that the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales renounces all fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, until such time as the said Grand Body shall cease so to invade the jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales, and shall recognise the said Grand Chapter as the sole Sovereign Grand Body having the right to establish subordinate Chapters within the confines of the territory of New South Wales."

Most regrettable truly!

There appear to be 24 chartered Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter; the membership is not stated.

At each Convocation there is an address by the Grand Z., a report of the Grand Committee of General Purposes, and a report of the Grand Inspector of Workings.

Within the borders of the Grand Chapter harmony prevails and progress is manifest. The Grand Treasurer's budget does not deal with big figures, but a relatively large balance is shown.

There is no Correspondence Report.

A. Chandler, Grand First Principal.

Alfred J. Burbidge, 32 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

New York.

A large volume representing a very large Grand Chapter is now before the reviewer. New York has for the present sunk to third place in membership, but is still in the race. There is much cheer, though there is also a frank confession of failure in some quarters, in the pages which we have just perused.
The 120th Annual Convocation was convened in the historic spot, on the north-west corner of Maiden Lane and Lodge Street, in the City of Albany, on the 6th February, 1917.

The reception of distinguished visitors and Grand Representatives was, as usual, an interesting feature of the proceedings. The observations of the Grand High Priest in receiving them and the replies thereto are set out in full, and are very interesting.

The Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Jared A. Reed, very aptly combined Masonic business with Masonic lore in a capital address. "At no time," said he, "have I tried to rule, but at all times have I tried to serve, this Grand Chapter." And service was fittingly the key-note of his address. He had personally visited 73 Chapters during his year of office, and had travelled more than 20,000 miles.

Alluding to the fact that New York had been passed by both Illinois and Ohio in the Capitular race, he said:—

"As a result of my visits and from a study of the reports of my associate officers and Grand Chapter statistics, I am convinced that our constituent Chapters must solve two problems: one is, how to get members—the other, how to keep them. . . . If we lose more than we keep, if there is nothing in Royal Arch Masonry that appeals to and interests men, after they have been exalted, why go to the trouble of getting candidates? . . . The loss by death needs no comment. That is a natural and legitimate loss. The loss by expulsion is so small that it need not be considered. The losses by suspension for non-payment of dues and dismission are the only losses we need to discuss. . . . Between 49 per cent. and 50 per cent. of all our losses are due solely to lack of interest. . . . The one crying need of our Chapters is better ritualistic work. . . . Second, some importance should be given to the social side of Chapter life. . . . Another point . . . is the necessity of a closer bond between the Chapters and the Grand Chapter."

Comp. Reed recommends that the present system of Chapter "visitations" by the Grand officers be continued.
The Grand Treasurer, M.E. Comp. Joseph A. Crane, reports an invested surplus of $100,000 plus a general fund surplus of $41,162.28. From this latter sum $20,000 was added to the invested funds by resolution of Grand Chapter.

A sum of $650 was appropriated for charitable purposes beyond the usual ones.

The Grand Secretary, M.E. Comp. Charles C. Hunt, reports 209 chartered Chapters and 3 under dispensation; total membership on the 27th December, 1916, 42,077; net increase in a year, 855.

An interesting event—which incidentally brought out testimony to the value of service—was the presentation of a sum of money to Comp. William H. Gladding, after 40 years' faithful service as Grand Sentinel of Grand Chapter.

An instructive and interesting address on "Masonry our Monitor" was delivered by The Reverend and Right Excellent Companion Pierre Cushing, Grand Chaplain.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was written by Comp. Marvin I. Greenwood. He reviews the proceedings of 53 Grand Chapters. As becomes a man of taste and perception, he does not fail to notice, when dealing with "Canada 1916," the remarkable report on the Condition of the Royal Craft. Canada comes in for notice also in Comp. Greenwood's foreword, which we quote:—

"With full knowledge of the superstition and fear that hang around the number 13, we herewith begin our 13th Annual Report on the conditions existing in the several Grand Chapters, with which we are in correspondence, as we find them developed in their proceedings, as far as they have come to hand.

"We prophesied last year that, when Canada and her small child opened their eyes and saw where they stood, they would come to their senses and act like men and brethren, and so it has proved; and as the Grand Chapter of Canada has removed the ban she placed on Alberta, we anticipate that New York will at once recognise it as a member of the family" (this was done); "so we include it in our list."
The conclusion may also be profitably given:—

"We have gone over the list and you have the result. Aside from the bitter strife now going on between the warring nations, on the other side of the globe, there is nothing to cause uneasiness or unpleasant feelings. We hope and pray that the war will soon cease, and we know it should never have been begun, and that the pride, arrogance, and overpowering desire for supremacy on the part of the originators of the war may soon be cast aside, and the thought and desire for the welfare and uplift of all mankind, taught and advocated by our Fraternity, with peace profound, may everywhere prevail. Then will these warring hosts wonder how they were ever led into such confusion.

"So far as we are concerned, Scotland remains as the only source of discord in the Fraternity; but, so long as she chooses to go on her way as she does now, and slights our rights and claims, we can get along some way, if she does not associate with us; much as we would wish to have it otherwise. But some day, we know, she will see her error."

C. Wesley Orr, 100 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, Grand High Priest.
Charles C. Hunt, Masonic Hall, New York, Grand Secretary.

New Zealand.

The Grand Chapter is not a large one, and is not in undisturbed possession of the Masonic field, as is well known; but it is a brave little body, and carries on its work according to the best Masonic traditions and with enthusiasm.

The proceedings recorded of the 25th Annual Convocation, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Prince's Street, Auckland, on the 7th February, 1917, are quite interesting.

The Supreme Committee reported that they had held five meetings during the year. This paragraph from the report is apt for quotation:—

"As at the time of writing this report a number of returns were outstanding, it is quite impossible even approximately to estimate the numerical position of
the jurisdiction; but, if it is found that the progress of previous years is not being maintained, either by reason of fewer entrants or a larger number of demissions, no surprise will be felt when it is considered that this country has sent away to the war more than 60,000 men, all in their pride of manhood, and from whose ranks the additions to Freemasonry would largely be drawn. But, even should it be found that our numerical strength has not increased, there is compensation and cause for thankfulness in the somewhat remarkable revival of interest that has taken place in some districts that for many years were known as 'quiet.'

The Committee gave specific instances of revival of dying Chapters, and recorded the institution of a new Chapter at Waipukurau.

The "Semi-Jubilee" next received attention:—

"Though no special offices or celebration have been prepared for this, the 25th anniversary of Grand Chapter, Supreme Committee cannot allow so important an event to pass without offering its congratulations to Grand Chapter on the success which has attended the operations of Royal Arch Freemasonry under this jurisdiction for the past quarter of a century. The opening of Grand Chapter in 1892 was attended with many difficulties, and the action was to a certain extent forced owing to the direct association of some Chapters with English Craft Lodges, some of which did not transfer their allegiance at that time to the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. The difficulty of formation will be more readily appreciated when it is considered that the constituent elements out of which Grand Chapter was formed held origin from the English, Scottish, and Irish Constitutions, each of which had its own laws, ritual, and procedure, which it was naturally desired to perpetuate. After several meetings the fusion was effected with what may be considered, under the circumstances, as a minimum of discussion, and entirely without acrimony. And there is every reason for a feeling of satisfaction when it is considered that the 7 Chapters of 1892, 3 of which were exceedingly weak, have, after 25 years, virtually
increased to a roll of 39; that during this long period only 3 have been lost, one of which was almost in a dying state on joining the federation; that the amalgamation of 2 Chapters in Oamaru has produced and sustained one of the two largest Chapters in the territory. Without being guilty of undue laudation, Grand Chapter can fairly take credit for having placed Capitular Freemasonry on a better and firmer foundation than it occupied prior to 1892, and has more fully developed the working of the best elements of this Sublime Degree. Supreme Committee heartily felicitates Grand Chapter on having so successfully negotiated the first quarter of a century of its existence."

M.E. Comp. Thomas Ross, Grand Z., occupied the Chair during the first part of the proceedings.

The election of a new First Grand Principal was part of the order of business at the afternoon session. The way in which it was done was simple: "M.E. Comp. George H. Powley moved that R.E. Comp. Maurice Joseph Harris be elected G.Z. for the ensuing year. M.E. Comp. A. Clothier seconded the motion, which was carried by acclamation."

Comp. Harris had been Deputy Grand Z., and was "moved up."

The other Grand Officers were elected the same way. M.E. Comp. Ross delivered his valedictory; and Grand Chapter was called from labour to refreshment.

At the evening session, Comp. Ross again took the chair. "The warrant of the election of R.E. Comp. M. J. Harris having been read, he was admitted, and, having taken the obligation de fidele, was invested, enthroned, and proclaimed as the First Grand Principal of the Grand R. A. Chapter of New Zealand."

The other Grand Officers were invested and installed.

The M.E. First Grand Principal then delivered an eloquent address in which he traced the history of the Grand Chapter from its inception in 1892, and paid high tribute to the Grand Scribe E., M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, who had given uninterrupted and most valuable service in that office for the whole 25 years of the life of Grand Chapter.
"With regard to the policy of Grand Chapter," said the Grand Z., "there do not appear to be any questions arising of startling import. I understand nothing further has been done in connection with the interchange of fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland—indeed, it would seem that the next overture must come from that body, in reply to the applications that have been made through our G.S.E. and by our representative, M.E. Comp. Ross, for recognition. Doubtless the war has exercised some influence in causing such questions to be postponed sine die, and I think it is in the best interests of all branches of Freemasonry to leave ‘burning questions’ until the affairs of the nation, now so disturbed, are reduced to a state of tranquillity."

There appear to be 37 subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 1,612; net gain in a year, 33.

No Correspondence Report.

Maurice Joseph Harris, Paeroa, Grand Z.
H. J. Williams, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

**North Carolina.**

There appear to be 52 chartered Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. The charter of one was arrested during the year. There are three Chapters under dispensation. The total membership is 4,187; net gain in a year, 234.

The proceedings of the 69th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter (Fayetteville, 8th and 9th May, 1917) are recorded in a small volume. The address of the retiring Grand High Priest, H. E. Reid, was mainly statistical. The subordinate Chapters were, during Comp. Reid’s year of office, formed into groups of three, and "Triangle Meetings" were held. The plan was devised for the purpose of reviving and benefiting Capitular Masonry, and seems to have been fairly successful.

There is no Correspondence Review. We miss the genial comments of R.E. Comp. Leon Cash.

O. W. Spencer, Salisbury, Grand High Priest.
John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.
Of Charles Elmer Best, Grand High Priest for 1916-1917, who presided at the 28th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, held at Grand Forks on the 20th and 21st June, 1917, the Grand Secretary, in a brief biographical sketch, writes affectionately. Comp. Best was born in Minnesota in 1864; brought up on a farm; became a telegraph operator; was Postmaster of Enderlin, North Dakota, for 8 years; and is now County Auditor of Ransom County. He has been active in all branches of Masonry. "With him," it is said, "it is not merely membership that counts, but rather a desire to serve his fellow-men because he loves and believes in them." A portrait accompanies the sketch.

M.E. Comp. Peter Pickton, who was Grand High Priest in 1886-87, the senior Grand High Priest in the jurisdiction both in point of service and in years (87 years young), "was cordially welcomed by the Grand High Priest and given the Grand Honours of Masonry. He replied very feelingly to his welcome. It was a pleasure for the Grand Chapter to testify in this way its regard for one of those simple, kindly, true men who are the Crown of Masonry at all times and in all places. The name of Peter Pickton is a synonym for the highest Christian character."

The Grand High Priest in his address said:—

"It gives us pleasure to make known to you that, despite the depressing conditions of an almost total crop-failure and severe winter, with railway lines frequently blockaded, making it almost impossible for Companions to reach their Lodge rooms on Convocation nights, we have not retarded, but have experienced a substantial gain in our membership.

"The past year has been one free from differences and dissensions. Peace and harmony and the best of good fellowship and brotherly love prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

"No dispensations have been issued to new Chapters though there is one prospect.

"Some of the Chapters whose membership is principally located on branch lines, owing to the
blockaded condition during the winter, have made no gains. Others have made a splendid showing.

"During the year we have written many letters of inquiry and encouragement to the constituent Chapters. Every Companion who has asked counsel has received it. Every visit that could be made has been made."

The death of M.E. Comp. Theodore F. Branch, who was Grand High Priest during 1895 and 1896, was feelingly referred to.

The Students' Loan Fund, established at the last Annual Convocation, and referred to at p. LIX. of our 1917 review, was the subject of remark by the Grand High Priest. The sum of $450, appropriated for the purpose, was lent in various sums, and had "been the means of enabling eight worthy young men to complete their education." There is "no more worthy purpose than helping men to help themselves." The sum of $600 was appropriated for the same purpose in the coming year.

The Grand High Priest was of opinion that the time had come when Capitular Masonry should stand alone, and recommended that the date of the Convocation of Grand Chapter should be changed and two whole days given to its work, instead of merely the evenings of the two days on which Grand Lodge met. This recommendation was acted upon, and the time of holding the Annual Convocations in future fixed for the Thursday and Friday following the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

June, 1917, being the date of this Convocation, the minds of the Companions were, no doubt, fixed upon the war, into which their country had, not long before, entered. And the presiding officer naturally did not ignore the subject. "As to the outcome of the war itself, he said, we are not alarmed. There can be but one end. No one man, nor one nation, can or ever will rule over all the people of the world. But after the victory, what? There will be a readjustment... Will democracy stand the test?... As example is always more forceful than precept, let each Companion and Mason resolve to clear away the rubbish of selfishness, ignorance, and vice from his own mind, and
build for himself a character that will pass the test of the Master Overseer's square. Then the example so set by the two million Masons of this country will constitute a power for righteousness so great that we need have no fear for the future, but will have a permanent peace, established upon the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

The Grand Treasurer's Report showed a surplus of more than $11,000.

According to the Report of the Grand Secretary, there are 24 Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 3,048; net increase in a year, 163.

The "Report of Fraternal Correspondence" was submitted by Past Grand High Priest E. George Guthrie—his third report and an excellent one. In his "foreword," he speaks of "the splendid fellowship existing in our membership." The doings of 52 Grand bodies are reviewed with care and in the best Masonic spirit. Under "Canada" our proceedings of 1917 are noticed at considerable length, and some very nice things are said. Comp. Guthrie's comments on all the matters with which he deals are just and generous.

Emil L. Mackenroth, Fargo, Grand High Priest.
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

**Nova Scotia.**

Misfortune dogs us in regard to the Nova Scotia Grand Chapter proceedings. In 1916, we reviewed the proceedings at the 45th Annual Convocation, held in June, 1914. In our 1917 report, Nova Scotia did not appear at all. And now (January, 1918), we have only the 1916 proceedings—having apparently missed 1915 altogether, and 1917 being "yet for to come."

In spite of our seeming neglect, the Nova Scotia Grand Chapter appears to enjoy a measure of prosperity.

The 47th Annual Convocation was held in Annapolis—"the cradle of Masonry in the Province"—on the 13th June, 1916.

M.E. Comp. Walter P. Doull, Grand High Priest, presided, and in his address referred to the deaths of several distinguished Companions: M.E. Comp. S. W. Crabbe, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge

The Grand High Priest told the Companions that he had visited every Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction, spent five weeks in doing so, and travelled 3,000 miles. As Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland are included in the Grand Jurisdiction, the duty so well done was by no means an easy one.

Speaking of his visits, the Most Excellent says:—

"Without a single exception the reception has been most cordial, and the visit in every way satisfactory and pleasant, and has revealed the fact that peace and harmony and a considerable measure of prosperity have marked the passage of the last twelve months. Several Chapters have shown activity perhaps unexampled in their entire history, while others have scarcely shown their accustomed progress. On the whole it might probably be termed an average year. The titanic European struggle, which appalls the world, has no doubt exerted an influence all around, striking in some cases with special force, as in the case of old Royal Union, of Halifax, where 55 members (over half its membership) are on military duty, either overseas or on active home service."

One of the recommendations made in the address was, that Grand Chapter should hold one of its regular Convocations in Newfoundland. We note, however, that the 1917 Convocation was fixed for Truro, Nova Scotia, and was doubtless there held.

There are 17 subordinate Chapters; membership in 1916 (April 30), 1,548; net gain in a year, 20.

There is no Correspondence Report.

Frederick L. Shaffner, Middleton, N.S., Grand High Priest.

S. J. Waddell, Truro, N.S., Grand Secretary.
Ohio.

Behold two goodly volumes, one bound in cloth—a rare luxury—the other in paper, perhaps a war economy. Ohio’s proceedings seem to come to us in bunches. In 1916, we reviewed Ohio 1914 and 1915. We had no review in 1917. And now (January, 1918) we have 1916 and 1917. On looking again at the 1916 volume, we discover the reason for the binding in cloth. It has special anniversary significance. In 1916, on the 4th October, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio held its 100th Annual Convocation in Columbus. “The officers and members of the Grand Chapter assembled at the Deshler Hotel and were escorted to the Masonic Temple by Mt. Vernon Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templars, led by the Fourth Regiment Band.”

M.E. Comp. Frederic J. Crane, Grand High Priest, opened a very largely attended Convocation. All Past Grand High Priests were present, except one who was ill; and there were two distinguished visitors, M.E. Comps. Frederick T. Crane, Grand High Priest of New Jersey, and George T. Burnham, Grand High Priest of Missouri. In the course of the introduction of these and other visitors several excellent speeches were made.

The Grand High Priest in his address naturally referred first to the history of the Grand Chapter, of which he spoke briefly but eloquently. He then recorded the death, during his year of office, of several eminent Royal Arch Masons—E. Comp. Walton H. Parker, Grand Captain of the Host; M.E. Comp. George D. McBride, Grand High Priest in 1897; and M.E. Comp. Edward H. Archer, Grand High Priest in 1908. The address covers many points. The provision made for the regular and systematic inspection of subordinate Chapters received attention. The Most Excellent told of a visit made by him to the Springfield Masonic Home, to the management of which he gave high praise. We mention only a few of the many good things which the address contains.

The Grand Treasurer’s Report showed a surplus of nearly $30,000, which was in large part appropriated to benevolent purposes.
APPENDIX.

The Grand Secretary deals with big figures—185 active chartered Chapters and 2 under dispensation; aggregate membership in 1916 (end of July), 41,715; net gain in a year, 2,579. Prodigious!

During the second day's session (October 5), a special Committee was 'appointed to arrange, if possible, for the final acquisition by the Grand Chapter of its birthplace, the John Snow residence in Worthington, Ohio, with the relics contained therein, and report plans, if any, to the next Annual Convocation for approval.' Grand Chapter made a contribution of $500 to the Masonic War Relief Association of the United States, and the subordinate Chapters added, among them, $2,143.50.

The Annual Reports of the Officers of the Ohio Masonic Home occupy a prominent position in the volume before us. It is a great institution and a flourishing one. Large sums were at this Convocation appropriated by Grand Chapter to its various purposes.

Appendix I. contains an account of the proceedings which had special reference to the 100th anniversary—the Centennial Celebration of the birth of the Grand Chapter. We can only name the principal features:—

Souvenirs, "beautiful nickel copper-bronze trays about 6 by 4 inches in size" with appropriate words and emblems raised in the centre, and the official programme—both in excellent taste.

An engraved announcement and invitation sent throughout the Chapter World.

Pilgrimage to the birthplace of the Grand Chapter—a Barbecue served on the lawn of the old Snow homestead.

Centennial exercises in the Great Auditorium of the Columbus Temple, comprising: organ recital; invocation by the Grand Chaplain; historical sketch of the Grand Chapter by Jacob H. Bromwell, P.G.H.P.; soprano solo; address by the Grand High Priest; recitation by Nelson Williams, P.G.H.P., of Centennial Poem written by himself; Male Chorus by Scottish Rite Choir; the felicitations of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, conveyed by Joel C. Clore, Deputy Grand Master.

The celebration was quite successful.
The report on Foreign Correspondence by M.E. Comp. Orion P. Sperra is up to its usual excellent standard. The proceedings of 56 Grand bodies are systematically noticed. When he comes to Canada—1916, of course—he has nothing but kind things to say. Especially does he commend the "extended report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry," which, he truly says, "was an excellent paper. It would interest every Ohio Companion to read it all, and the intense earnestness displayed in this Grand Jurisdiction would prove a helpful lesson."

Let Comp. Sperra's conclusion be also quoted:—

"We have again travelled the road and have again reached the end. There appears to us to be very little more than the ordinary to recount. Progress in numbers and conditions are generally apparent. In many of the jurisdictions death has called from the ranks of the Craft many who have given a life of helpfulness, but the younger ones are coming forward and filling the places thus made vacant. Nowhere is there lack of enthusiasm because 'the sound of the grinding is low.' This is a reason for congratulation and reminds us of what we have chosen to term Lowell's masterpiece:—

"'Life is but a leaf of paper, white
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two, and then comes night.
Tho' thou have time but for a line,
Make that sublime.
Not failure, but low aim, is crime.'"

This we find most excellent.

At this Convocation William A. Belt, of Kenton, was elected and duly installed as Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Edwin Hagenbuch was re-elected Grand Secretary.

We now come to the proceedings of 1917—notable, _inter alia_, for the presence of a distinguished visitor, M.E. Comp. George E. Corson, General Grand High Priest, who has been a very active participant in Grand Chapter functions, and who was on this occasion presented by the Ohio Grand Body with a fine leather travelling case. The record of this appropriate gift
we find hidden away in Appendix E. of the proceedings at the 101st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, held at Toledo on the 3rd and 4th October, 1917.

M.E. Comp. William A. Belt, Grand High Priest, presided and welcomed not only the General Grand High Priest, but also Elmer S. Atherton, Grand High Priest of Michigan, and the celebrated Charles A. Conover, General Grand Secretary. The address of the eloquent Corson in response to his welcome was a magnificent one. We cannot forbear to quote at least a part:

"Our own proud nation, a peace-loving and God-fearing people, and the exponent of all that is for the betterment of humanity, after submitting for many long months with increasing anxiety and ever-growing indignation, has been drawn into this fearful holocaust. And why? Because an autocratic ruler of a great European State insulted our flag, denied us our rights on the great highways of commerce upon the seas, and therefore, in the exercise of that God-given right to defend that which we hold most dear, declared war, and we stand ready, as did the fathers of our Republic, to wage war even unto death, to protect our citizens and to preserve those sublime principles which have made us a happy, a prosperous, and a mighty people.

"We now know that this autocratic monarch, actuated and inspired by a craving and greed for world domination and power, has for a score of years been casting longing eyes upon our fair rich land and expected to add it to his other trophies of conquest.

"These thoughts, my Companions, must from very necessity in these times be uppermost in the mind of every loyal American—for our lives, our fortunes, our sacred honour, and the life of our nation are at stake.

"Taking into consideration, Companions, the character and standing of the men who compose our great fraternity, I deem it hardly necessary to ask what Royal Arch Masons are doing at this critical period in our country's history to support its cause and to defend and maintain its honour and its existence as a nation?"
Grand High Priest Belt, who is a physician, we gather, in beginning his address, referred again to the war into which his country had just entered; he insisted that Masonry and Democracy are synonymous, and that it was imperative that Democracy—Masonry—should be passed on to all men.

Referring to the condition of Capitular Masonry, in Ohio, he stated that the preceding year had been the banner one in all the history of the Grand Chapter. More had been exalted, more had been reinstated, fewer had been withdrawn, and fewer had been suspended for non-payment of dues, than in any other year of the history of Grand Chapter. This had not come about by chance. Per contra, he was sorry to report, many more had died than in any other year. The net gain, however, was 2,875, or 296 more than in the Centennial year—the membership was now 44,590. It appeared also that the number of active chartered Chapters had been increased to 187 and that there were again two under dispensation.

The most notable of the dead was William E. Evans, Past Grand High Priest in 1914.

Upon the subject of inspections, Comp. Belt recounted that he had divided the State into 19 districts, and apportioned the districts for inspection purposes among the Grand Officers and Past High Priests. "The plan," he said, "had worked perfectly. Every Chapter in the State was inspected promptly, and some more than once." The Grand High Priest himself did the inspecting in one of the districts.

Financial prosperity was also apparent—the Grand Treasurer's surplus had grown to nearly $32,000.

The Annual Reports of the Ohio Masonic Home showed growth and progress.

And the apparent surplus was decreased by the appropriation of the sum of $10,454.25 to the payment of the per capita tax for the support of the Home, $6,000 to the general fund, and $1,000 to the endowment fund. The actual balance remaining when these amounts and others were deducted was less than $3,500.
Comp. Sperra is again the Correspondence Reviewer. From the Grand bodies whose proceedings he reviews, Scotland is significantly omitted. Fifty-one jurisdictions remain, and with these the reviewer deals sagely and sympathetically—he does not forget Canada's Grand Chapter, the proceedings reviewed being of course those of 1917.

In concluding his review, he says:—

"We have again reached the end of the journey. And again we have endeavoured to furnish our Companions with an account of our travels through the printed proceedings of the various Grand Jurisdictions. The inspiring patriotic talk, song, and donation have been very pleasing innovations, calculated to make one love the Order more than before. But with it all a condition of quiet sincerity appears to permeate the work on every hand, in every Grand Jurisdiction, and so evident is this to our mind that we are constrained to the belief that their only need, if that it can be called, is congratulation, and we are glad to extend it."

John H. Baehr, Cleveland, Grand High Priest.
Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

Oklahoma.

Two circumstances made the 28th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma one to be long remembered. This Convocation, held at Tulsa, on the 17th and 18th April, 1917, coincided in date with the entrance of the country into the great war which had been raging for three years.

"I had about decided," said Grand High Priest James A. Scott, in his address, apparently written just before the meeting, "not to mention the cruel and unnecessary war that is now devastating the great Nations of Europe, but, as I write, the newsboys on the street are shouting Extras. War is declared, and we are already engaged in that terrible struggle, not for conquest, glory, or territory, but to preserve human liberty, democracy, and civilization; to assist in winning a world's peace, based upon equal rights to all. The hour has come when the honour and integrity of our Nation must be defended. Many of our Com-
companions will go to the front; all will not return, and many will be maimed for life. This Grand Chapter cannot afford to be less patriotic than our Companions, and I recommend that at this Convocation the Grand Chapter increases its dues 50 cents a member or charge $2.50 for every candidate exalted during the year, the increase going to create a fund to take care of those Companions who may be crippled or maimed, and their dependents.

"Or—better still—change from annual to biennial Convocations, thereby saving $2,000 per year, which you can devote to this fund. You will also secure greater efficiency, for one year is entirely too short a time for a Grand High Priest to be of much benefit to the Order."

The other circumstance was one which cast a gloom over the proceedings—the serious, and, as it proved, fatal, illness of the Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Correspondence Committee, Leo Edmond Bennett, of Muskogee.

Of Comp. Bennett, the Grand High Priest, in his address, said:

"The annual address of the Grand High Priest has invariably included a compliment to the Companion Grand Secretary. As the Grand Chapter enters upon its various tasks this year, it will be with reports, tables, and statistics in perfect order, all complete, the result of the same efficiency and diligence with which Companion Bennett has always performed his duty. Much of this arduous task was done while our Grand Secretary walked n the Valley of the Shadow of Death. With mind clear, nerves strong, and loyalty to the Craft his only ambition, although emaciated in body, he dictated his work, a stenographer upon one side and a nurse or a physician on the other. He made his final entries under circumstances which would have completely overcome most men, yet, with courage undaunted and a determination to serve the Grand Chapter while life lasted, he has given us an example which I am sure will sustain us and encourage us for years to come.

"It was 30 years ago that I received my first appointment in the Grand Lodge. It came as a compli-
ment from Companion Bennett, then Grand Master. Even before that time we had laboured together in the upbuilding of Freemasonry at Muskogee and vicinity. With the passing years have come many changes, but in all that time there has never been a moment when his interest waned or his efforts abated.

"Companion Bennett is not with us to-day in person. But his work is here; it does not all lie upon the secretary's desk; evidences of his earnest zeal are to be found in almost every subordinate Chapter; in every committee of this Grand Chapter; his influence is felt in each of the other Grand Bodies and their constituents.

"What the future has in store for Ancient Craft Masonry in Oklahoma, time alone can tell; which of the rising generation will step forward and take the places which we are vacating, is not for us to know; but, as the years roll on, as this Grand Chapter grows, as our standards continue to rise, even when we shall have reached the Celestial Lodge on High, the name of Companion Leo E. Bennett will be enrolled among those who lived and worked for the Institution we all love so well."

Special reference was also made in the address to the death of two other members of the Grand Chapter: Charles Alston Cook, Past High Priest of Muskogee Chapter and a member of the Jurisprudence Committee of Grand Chapter; and Frederic Harrison Smith, also a Past High Priest and of high rank in other branches of Masonry.

The place of meeting was one that called for mention. For the first time in its history, the Grand Chapter had convened north of Muskogee. The Grand High Priest was able to recall the early days of Tulsa. His reminiscences were of a somewhat lawless community as late as 1883, when he visited it.

Then he asks:—

"What of Tulsa to-day? We are assembled in a commodious hall, furnished with every possible comfort and convenience; busy railroads extend in every direction, carrying millions of dollars worth of commodities; trolley-cars, heavy with human freight,
traverse the busy streets; massive buildings stretch toward the clouds; automobiles are so numerous that we must have policemen to escort us across the teeming streets; a modern city, the home of 50,000 people who have brain, brawn, and wealth, the wealthiest city in the State. In fact, our Tulsa Companions have become so wealthy, so chesty, so self-reliant, and so ambitious, that I would not be surprised to read in the morning paper that the city council had invited Congress to hold its next session in Tulsa, the centre of the Universe."

The Report of the Grand Secretary, read by Past Grand High Priest Ira B. Kirkland, acting Grand Secretary, though, as has been said, the work of Comp. Bennett, showed 75 Chapters; total membership 6,160; net gain in a year, 504.

A Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, which was adopted, recommended that action upon the suggestion of the Grand High Priest to increase the dues paid by the Chapters to Grand Chapter for each candidate exalted, should be "deferred until such time as we may actually have crippled or maimed Companions who may need assistance."

The other suggestion—Biennial instead of Annual Convocations—was apparently not acted upon, for we see that Grand Chapter is to hold its 29th Convocation at Enid in April, 1918.

For purposes of Inspection, the State is now to be divided into 12 districts.

Grand Secretary Bennett was re-elected at this Convocation. His death occurred on the 29th May, 1917; and M.E. Comp. James A. Scott, of Muskogee, whose year of office as Grand High Priest had ended, was appointed Grand Secretary for the remainder of the year.

Comp. Scott's life and Masonic career are well described in a short biography, which, with an accompanying portrait, is found in the volume before us. He has been Grand Master, Grand High Priest, and Grand Commander respectively of the three Masonic bodies in Indian Territory or Oklahoma. He was

The Report on Correspondence was only partly written by the lamented Bennett. It was ably finished by a modest Companion (whose name is not given) after Comp. Bennett's death, and forms part of the printed proceedings. We find no review of the doings of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Bert Duncan Ashbrook, El Reno, Grand High Priest.

James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.

**Oregon.**

The 57th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Oregon was held in the Masonic Temple, Portland, on the 11th June, 1917. M.E. Comp. Septimus S. Spencer, Grand High Priest, presided. He delivered an address, brief and business-like, in which we find nothing of outside interest.

The financial statement of the Grand Treasurer was a very satisfactory one, showing $9,000 invested, and a surplus of nearly $7,000 in the current account.

There are 36 subordinate Chapters; aggregate membership, 4,203; net gain in a year, 14.

The address of Frederick Stanley Dunn, Grand Orator, was an eloquent one—the theme being, the triumph of Democracy, the overthrow of dynastic absolutism.

The Grand High Priest, we are told, in a short sketch of his career—there is also a portrait—was born in the Beaver State more than 50 years ago, and is in business as a banker in Eugene, Oregon. He is a graduate in Arts of the University of Oregon; has been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon; and has a large circle of friends.

In the Report on Correspondence, written by Henry B. Thielsen, P.G.H.P., the proceedings of 50 Grand Chapters are reviewed—among them being Canada (1917). The report is well written and quite interesting.

Silas M. Yoran, Eugene, Grand High Priest.

James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.
Pennsylvania.

Quarterly Communications of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania were held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 2nd March, the 8th June, the 7th September, and the 7th December, 1916. The Annual Grand Communication was held at the same place on St. John's Day, the 27th December, 1916. Naturally, the volume containing the minutes of the proceedings at these Communications is the latest that has reached us; although we are now writing towards the end of January, 1918, the proceedings for 1917, terminating on St. John's day, cannot well be expected to be in shape for publication.

At the Annual Communication of 1916, M.E. Comp. Porter W. Lowry, Grand High Priest, presided, and in the beginning of his address deplored the death of M.E. Comp. George Washington Kendrick the younger, who was Grand High Priest in 1885-1886, a very eminent Mason, and that of M.E. Comp. Stockton Bates, Grand Secretary, to which we referred in our last report.

After the reading of the address, the new Grand Officers, who had been elected at the Quarterly Communication on the 7th December, were installed and proclaimed. The new Grand High Priest, Thomas McConnell the younger, then addressed the Companions.

Past Grand High Priest George B. Wells, who had taken the place of the late lamented Stockton Bates as Grand Secretary, read excellent memorials of the two distinguished Companions who had passed away.

There appear to be 143 subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, as well as two Mark Lodges (both in Philadelphia), and the total membership on the 27th December, 1916, was reported at 37,161; net gain in a year, 1,197.

By far the larger part of the fairly large volume before us is taken up with the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, prepared not by one but by five members of Grand Chapter—William B. Meredith, P.G.H.P., A. G. Criswell Smith, P.G.H.P., William R. Murphey, John M. Core, and Walter T. Taggart.
They divided 57 Grand Chapters among them, and made a very good report. Comp. Meredith is the reviewer of Canada (1916). He quotes with high commendation two paragraphs from the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry. Every discerning reviewer picks out this report for special mention. "Would that every Royal Arch Mason in our Jurisdiction could read it!" says Comp. Meredith. The introduction to the Report is also by Comp. Meredith, who laments the comparatively slow growth of Capitular Masonry; and the conclusion is by M.E. Grand High Priest McConnell.

Stockton Bates is greatly missed in his own Grand Chapter and also by his brethren of the Round Table. Wise, witty, genial, and devoted to the service of his fellow-men, he was one of the Order of Perfection.

Thomas McConnell junior, 133 South Twelfth Street, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.

George B. Wells, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Quebec.

The 40th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was held in Montreal on the 28th March, 1917. Although the interval between the 1917 Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada and this Quebec Convocation was so short—our Grand Chapter met on the 28th February, 1917—the proceedings of our Grand Chapter in 1917 are noticed by the Chairman of the Quebec Committee on Correspondence in his review. This circumstance speaks well for our Grand Scribe E. and also for the Quebec reviewer.

We find M.E. Comp. Edward O. Dyer, Grand First Principal, presiding at this Convocation in 1917. He is a physician, who lives in Sutton; but we have no further account of him in the volume before us. His address—an able one—speaks for him, however.

"We now enter," he says, "the third year of the terrible struggle in Europe, where the democracies of the world are in a death struggle with the greatest of autocracies. The end is approaching"—but alas! the end is not yet—"for the Allies with a supremacy
in guns and ammunition both on land and on the sea, and with a steadily increasing pressure all along the line, will ere long force a lasting peace from the would-be War Lord of Europe, even if it is not accelerated by inward troubles, which will probably occur. Our men from Canada have taken no small part in this fearful struggle, and our losses have been heavy. Unfortunately, our Royal Craft has not escaped, and our hearts beat in sympathy for those who mourn."


From the address it appears that the year was a quiet one in Royal Arch Masonry. No new Chapters were constituted, there were no district meetings, "and," adds the Most Excellent, "no dissensions of any kind."

The Grand Superintendents' Reports were ably and carefully prepared.

The report of the Grand Scribe E. shows 14 Chapters on the roll, with a membership of 1,743; net increase in a year, 63.

The Grand Lecturer in his report states that Capitular Masonry in Quebec occupies a healthy and sound position.

Excellent charitable and relief work done by the Chapters is noticed in more than one of the reports.

Comp. Dyer was re-elected Grand Z.

M.E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.Z., submits a comprehensive and lucid "Report of Foreign Correspondence," taking up in order the proceedings of 51 Grand Chapters.

We have already made a reference to the review of "Canada 1917;" we should now mention that "Canada 1916" is also reviewed. In that review the present writer, who never aspired to be a prophet, is compli-
mented in that character. From "Canada 1917," we extract this, which refers to the address of M.E. Comp. Murch:—

"One suggestion contained in the address rather looks to the establishment of a General Grand Chapter for the Dominion and the subordination to it of the Grand Chapters of the several Provinces. The committee on the address suggested that this matter had better be deferred until after the war. Until a very long time after the war, we hope!"

For reasons which M.E. Comp. Chambers will readily grasp, we do not now say any nice things about his work; the nicest things that we could put upon paper would be true, nevertheless.

Dr. E. O. Dyer, Sutton, Grand Z.
Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

**Scotland.**

We have the usual—rather meagre—reports from the Grand Chapter of Scotland, recounting the proceedings at Quarterly Convocations held in Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 15th December, 1916; the 2nd March, 1917; the 15th June, 1917; and the 7th September, 1917; as well as at the Annual Convocation "for the Installation of Grand Office-Bearers," held on the 21st March, 1917.

The Earl of Cassilis is still Grand Z., and is still serving with His Majesty's Forces abroad, though on occasions of short leave he is able to put in an appearance at Convocations. Sir Robert K. Inches is Depute Grand Z., and is usually the presiding officer.

At the first of the Quarterly Convocations, a petition was presented for a charter for a proposed Chapter ("Scotia") at Penang, in the Federated Malay States. It was pointed out that this was an index to the very healthy vitality recently evinced by Scottish Masons in that distant quarter of the Globe; and the charter was unanimously granted.

At this Convocation, also, "it was specially resolved to recognise the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and at the same time to express formally to it in these Minutes
the hearty goodwill and hearty good wishes of the Scottish Craft."

The celebration of the Centenary of Royal Arch Masonry was postponed until "time of peace."

At the Quarterly Convocation in March, the deaths of three eminent Royal Craftsmen were deplored: M.E. Comp. James Cruikshanks of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Glasgow; M.E. Comp. John C. Cunninghame, of the Province of Galloway; and M.E. Comp. Henry Dyer, the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

At the Annual Convocation, the officers were duly installed, the two chief ones being those already mentioned, who had been re-elected.

The following paragraph is worthy of quotation; and we wish the example set might be followed here:—

"The M.E. Grand Z. expressed a desire that the members of the Craft, during the continuance of the war, should conduct their proceedings with all practicable simplicity. He himself intended to set the example of not wearing evening dress at Masonic functions; and, while leaving it optional for every Companion, it is wished to be known that morning dress is in order on all such occasions, and that it is not considered desirable that, as long as the war is in progress, Chapters should order or expect their members to attend in evening dress. In regard to what are generally known as "the after proceedings," he did not think that Grand Chapter had either the right or the wish to intervene in regard to the expenditure of private Chapters in a time of national stress on objects legitimate in themselves and long accustomed to be enjoyed; and he believed they could trust with all confidence the patriotism and good feeling of the Chapters to ensure that Freemasonry sets a worthy example at a period of unprecedented difficulty and strain. That trust has, in the past, been fully justified; but the increased and increasing food restrictions and need for national economy render it more than ever necessary to continue the effort, each Chapter determining for itself the extent of the informal proceedings.
attending its meetings, with the position of the country always in view."

At the "simple repast" which followed the Installation ceremonies, some excellent speeches were made, and much good feeling shown.

The proceedings at the Quarterly Meetings of the Supreme Grand Committee are minuted and reported with the transactions of the Grand Chapter. We read that at a committee meeting held on the 1st June, 1917, "a letter from Judge MacWatt, a native of Nairn, who is now our Grand Representative in Canada, was received with great pleasure," and Grand Scribe E. was directed to acknowledge it suitably.

The proceedings at the June Quarterly Convocation were brief, but not without interest. The death, at the age of 90, of Lord Haddington, an enthusiastic Companion, "who held the high office of Grand Master Mason of Scotland, and presided over Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland from 1891 till 1901, with the exception of two years," was the subject of a resolution expressing deep regret. At this Convocation, too, it was intimated that the Companions of Scottish Chapters in the District of New South Wales had, by a large majority, decided to retain their Scottish allegiance.

The Earl of Cassilis, Grand Z.
Alfred A. Arbuthnot Murray, Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.

**South Carolina.**

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina at its 106th Annual Convocation, held at Columbia, on the 10th April, 1917, were of considerable interest.

In the first place, we there met again the General Grand High Priest, George E. Corson, a most indefatigable and of course always welcome visitor at Convocations of State Grand Chapters. His utterances on these occasions are always worth quoting, but we think that on this occasion he excelled himself. In answer to the welcome of the Grand High Priest, he said, among other things, after a reference to the war:—
“Patriotism, my Companions, and love of country and of home, are not foreign to the teachings of Masonry. We were Americans before we were Masons. We learned for what the flag of our Nation stands and what it represents, before we knelt at a Masonic Altar, and before we were taught the meaning and significance of the symbols which adorn and beautify the banner of Royal Arch Masons. We, as loyal Americans, will ever uphold and maintain unsullied the flag of our country and nation, which signifies to us liberty and justice, as we as Royal Arch Masons will ever carry aloft and keep free from tarnish and disgrace the Royal Arch banner, which signifies to us all those virtues which enoble the human mind and character.”

In reviewing, last year, the proceedings of South Carolina 1916, we referred to the death of the Grand Treasurer, R.E. Comp. Charles Frank Jackson, which occurred on the day before the opening of the 1916 Convocation. We find in the proceedings now before us a full account of the life and services of Comp. Jackson, the length of whose term of office as Grand Treasurer, 58 years, is unsurpassed. He was actively engaged in commercial life in Columbia up to the time of his death, at the ripe age of 85. Born in England, he came to America as a child; he fought in the Civil war; he was beloved and respected by all with whom he came in contact.

Another Grand Chapter light was extinguished in April, 1916, when R.E. Comp. William Pinckney Smith, Grand Chaplain, passed away. He was born in South Carolina in 1848. He too, as a very young man, fought in the civil war. He was afterwards ordained to the ministry of the Baptist Church, and continued in it until his death. “His walk among us has been a benediction,” is said of him in memoriam.

The Grand High Priest who presided at this Convocation was the same M.E. Comp. George Twiggs Bryan of Greenville, of whom we wrote in our last report. He served for two years. On this occasion he read an excellent address, in which he expressed the opinion that the growth of the Craft and the interest evinced in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction were never so great and far-reaching as during the past year.
There appear to be 34 subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 3,297; net gain in a year, 87.

Past Grand Priest J. L. Michie again reviews the proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions—52 of them. When he comes to Texas, he pleads guilty to the charge of being a Scotsman, and says he was raised on oatmeal, the Shorter Catechism, and Metaphysics. He has a good Scots name—properly pronounced "Meekie," not "Micky," which would savour of an Irishman; and we hail him as a brither. We are sorry, however, that he did not review "Canada 1917" in this report of his. We think he had ours in good time—but perhaps not. His review of our 1916 proceedings is all that we could desire; and he evidently appreciates the humour of the Report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s address, in which we can easily detect the fine Italian hand of a genial and witty Past Grand Z. of our acquaintance.

Comp. Michie, by way of conclusion to his report, gives an excellent statistical summary showing the standing of the various Grand Chapters.

William A. Giles, Graniteville, Grand High Priest.
O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

South Dakota.

The 28th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota was held in the City of Hot Springs on the 14th June, 1917.

John A. Cleaver, M.E. Grand High Priest, presided and delivered an address of which the first head was naturally the war. In eloquent words he pleaded with the Companions to place patriotism and duty above selfish, private, and personal interests.

The Grand High Priest next made a feeling allusion to the death of M.E. Comp. George Herbert Parry, who was Grand High Priest in 1904. He was born in 1849, and died at his home in Sioux Falls, four days before the assembling of the Companions.

The arrest of the charter of a Chapter which had ceased to meet, and was in a hopeless condition, was one of the official acts of the presiding officer during the year.
The Grand Secretary reported 36 Chapters on the roll; aggregate membership, 3,817; net gain in a year, 112.

A resolution authorising an investment of $2,000 in Liberty Bonds and the giving of the bonds to the Grand Lodge of South Dakota for the Grand Charity Fund, was unanimously adopted.

M.E. Comp. Louis G. Levoy, of Webster, the Committee on Correspondence, writes an able review of the proceedings of 52 Grand Chapters.

Canada is not forgotten—the 1917 proceedings being those which were upon the reviewer's desk. The salient points in our transactions were picked out with sagacity and without comment. Comp. Levoy has a crisp style and a sense of humour. We were disappointed when we found that he made no remarks of a general nature either in opening or closing his report.

West Babcock, Sioux Falls, Grand High Priest.
George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee.

A very interesting report comes to us of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee at its 89th Annual Convocation, held in Freemasons Hall, Nashville, on the 29th and 30th January, 1917. It seems a long time ago—much has happened since—but we cannot reasonably expect to have before us the proceedings of January, 1918, seeing that we are writing now in that very month.

M.E. Comp. Philip N. Matlock, Grand High Priest, of whom we told something in our review of 1917, was the presiding officer at this Convocation.

Among the departed members to whom Comp. Matlock, in his excellent address, feelingly referred, was Caswell Anderson Goodloe, who died on the 12th July, 1916. He was Grand High Priest in 1898, and, as was said, "as a citizen, soldier, and Mason, was a success, because he deserved it."

The Grand High Priest recommended an appropriation of $1,000 to the Widows and Orphans' Home Endowment Fund, and of a like sum for the benefit
of the Old Masons' Home. These Homes are in the neighbourhood of Nashville, and are the pride of all Tennessee Masons. Needless to say, the recommendation was endorsed by the Grand Chapter.

On one important subject the Grand High Priest spoke very plainly. He had referred, in an earlier part of his address, to the arrest of the charter of a Chapter which had been dead for two years. He appeared to be apprehensive that others might be decayed or decaying, for he spoke thus:—

"We have only 86 Chapters in the State... One-half of the Chapters cannot confer the several degrees intelligently, owing to lack of knowledge of the ritual. Companions, this is the great and main cause of so many Chapters settling into that apathy and indifference which is worse than death. But I am satisfied that, with an earnest effort, these Chapters can be aroused to new life and a promising future."

And he recommended the appointment of Grand Lecturers, "with authority of entrance," as a remedy for the diagnosed disease of creeping paralysis.

This recommendation was concurred in by the Committee on Jurisprudence in a report which was adopted; and the appointment of the Grand Lecturers was placed in the hands of the Grand High Priest.

Charles Henry Smart, who had been Deputy Grand High Priest, was at this Convocation elected and installed as Grand High Priest. A portrait and pen and ink sketch of this eminent Mason form part of the proceedings as recorded. We learn that M.E. Comp. Smart was born in New Hampshire in 1845, and at the date of his installation was, therefore, in his 72nd year. He began life as a printer, and, developing a decided literary talent, became a contributor to Nashville newspapers and a Masonic historian of repute. A paper prepared by him on the "Early History of Capitular Masonry in Tennessee" is bound into the volume now before us. His portrait gives the impression of a man of physical as well as intellectual vigour.

The Grand Secretary makes the number of Chapters on the roll, 87; the total membership, 5,846; and the
There are some very prosperous Chapters; and we see no reason to disagree with Grand High Priest Matlock in his view as to the revival of the less progressive ones.

The Report on Correspondence was written by Comp. J. H. McClister, P.G.H.P.

Thus, right pleasantly, does he begin his discourse:—

"We have trimmed our Faber and sharpened our scissors and started on our 14th journey through the Capitular world. The pile of books before us to be carefully read and studied looks appalling, but we remember what the poet said:—

"'This is the gospel of labour,
    Ring it, ye bells of the kirk;
    For the Lord of love came down from above
    To live with the men who work.

'This is the rose that He planted
    In this thorn-cursed soil;
    Heaven is blest with perfect rest,
    But the blessing of earth is toil.'"

"We set forth upon this pleasant duty, commencing, as usual, with Alabama."

And he continues in great good humour even unto Wyoming, describing and commenting upon the proceedings of 49 Grand Chapters, including Canada—1916 of course. He finds no fault with us and rejoices at the termination of our "late unpleasantness." The whole report is well worth study.

Charles Henry Smart, Nashville, Grand High Priest.

Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Texas.

Several distinguished visitors were present at the opening of the 67th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, in the Masonic Temple in the City of Waco, on the 4th and 5th December, 1916. Chief among them was M.E. Comp. George E. Corson, General Grand High Priest, who, the record
says, "responded in a most appropriate and pleasing address" to the welcome given to all the visitors by Grand High Priest William Madden Fly.

In the address read by Comp. Fly to the assembled Companions he referred to the Texas Home for Aged Masons and to "the splendid spirit of philanthropy exhibited by the Royal Arch Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction."

In the early part of the year 1916, occurred the death of M.E. Comp. B. F. Frymier, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Treasurer; and, towards the end of the year, that of Ex. Comp. W. S. Warner, Grand Marshal.

All the subordinate Chapters whose charters were restored at the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter were, with one exception, set to work; six Chapters, to which charters had been granted, were formally instituted; and dispensations were granted for the formation of two new Chapters.

The Grand High Priest made several recommendations, of which perhaps the most notable was, to repeal the laws now providing for the accumulation of dues during suspension for non-payment.

We find this statement in the Grand High Priest's address: "Ours is the only Grand Chapter in the world which contributes every cent of dues collected to charitable and benevolent purposes without retaining any for expenses." And this was the text of an appeal for increased membership made by the Grand High Priest during his year of office. There were 1,500 non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons in Texas, and 45,000 Masons who had not taken the Chapter Degrees, he told the Companions. There was a considerable increase during the year, as will appear.

The Grand Treasurer, R.E. Comp. W. W. Peavy, reported a surplus of $17,142.70, more than $4,000 of which was added during the year 1916.

The Grand Secretary reported 279 chartered Chapters on the roll and 2 under dispensation; total membership, 21,616; net gain in a year, 916.

In the evening of the first day of meeting, General Grand High Priest Corson and the other distinguished
visiting Companions addressed the Grand Chapter upon the question of affiliating with the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Comp. Corson pointed out that there was nothing in the defined powers of the General Grand Chapter which in any way abridged the powers or privileges of a State Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter of Texas has not been represented at any Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter since 1859.

On the morning of the following day, the 5th December, the majority of a Committee of five members of the Texas Grand Chapter, appointed in 1912, brought in a report, recommending the re-affirmation of the action unanimously taken in 1894, and the adoption of the same resolution, reading:

"Resolved, that, while entertaining the highest respect and most cordial brotherly feeling for the General Grand Arch Masons who are members of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, as well as for all those Grand Chapters which acknowledge its jurisdiction and supremacy, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas deems it inexpedient to surrender its own sovereignty as an independent Masonic Body, and believes that the true interests of Capitular Masonry will be best promoted by adhering to the action it has already taken toward the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

There was a minority report, signed by two members of the Committee.

A discussion followed, and a vote was taken, which was very largely in favour of the majority report; that report was accordingly adopted; and Grand Chapter adjourned till the afternoon.

At the afternoon session, much business was transacted. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the recommendation of the Grand High Priest that a change should be made in the laws as to the effect of suspension for non-payment of dues should receive favourable consideration, and submitted a draft resolution for the amendment of an article of the Constitution in accordance with the recommendation.
The minutes of the proceedings contain a detailed report of the affairs of the Aged Masons' Home at Arlington. The sum of $15,139.50 was paid by the Grand Chapter to the Treasurer of the Home during the year.

The Annual Review of the Proceedings of Capitular Grand Bodies was presented by Carlton E. Mead of Marfa, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. It was his fourth review; and it is not too much to say that his work is of the very best quality. He is a ready writer and is endowed with a clear head and a sense of humour. Only 40 Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed. Canada is not included, but New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are. That "Peace, harmony, and general prosperity prevail in the Royal Craft," is his conclusion.

Ben F. Dwiggins, Fort Worth, Grand High Priest.
T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.

Utah.

We find most of our "meat" for this review in the address of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Howard P. Kirtley, who presided at the 6th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Utah, held in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, on the 9th May, 1917.

Comp. Kirtley had then served out his second term of office, and was retiring from the Throne. In his address, he said that he was out of the jurisdiction for the greater part of his second year. For several years he had been commissioned in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army, and in June, 1916, was sent to duty at Fort Douglas, and from there ordered to the Mexican border, where, in spite of having the distinction of being surgeon to the first volunteer organisation to reach the line, he remained until Christmas. It is good to read of distinguished Masons being usefully and honourably employed in the service of their country.

The Grand High Priest was very glad to report that the membership had been increased to 749—or 28.5 per cent. of the membership of the Grand Lodge of Utah. One Chapter under dispensation received
its charter at this Convocation—making 6 Chapters. The net gain in a year was 29.

"I know of no discord whatever in any quarter, and Capitular Masonry continues to be the quiet, sane, stable, and substantial institution we are all so proud of." Thus the Most Excellent; and he added: "The Grand Chapter of Utah is to-day, next to the Grand Lodge, the largest Masonic body in the State."

The Grand High Priest made four recommendations, and to three of the four we must briefly refer:—

(1) That all of the chartered Chapters of Utah be made of concurrent jurisdiction.

By-law 58 reads: "Until otherwise provided, the jurisdiction of each of the several Chapters of Utah shall be determined by imaginary lines drawn equi-distant between adjacent Chapters; actual distance and not facilities for travel shall govern."

By-law 59: "Two or more Chapters in the same city shall exercise concurrent jurisdiction, except when otherwise specified."

The Committee on Jurisprudence proposed that these two by-laws should be repealed and the following substituted:—

"58. Each of the several Chapters in this jurisdiction shall have concurrent jurisdiction with every other Chapter; but that Chapter first receiving an application for the degrees of membership shall have exclusive jurisdiction of the application and of the applicant until such application shall have been acted on."

This was adopted.

(2) That by-law 23 be revoked.

"23. Chapters under dispensation cannot affiliate."

The Committee recommended the repeal of this regulation, and the recommendation was adopted.

(3) That by-law 107 be made simpler by removing the words "known to be able."

"107. The non-payment of Chapter dues by a Companion known to be able is cause for discipline under the head of Unmasonic Conduct."

The Committee recommended the striking out of the words italicised, and the recommendation was adopted.
Some further amendments were also recommended and adopted.

The first of the amendments set out above is certainly radical; it was ably advocated by the Grand High Priest in his address; and we hope it will work well. One phrase, attributed by Comp. Kirtley to the Patriarchs in Masonry, "Free they come and free they go," is strikingly illustrative of the right of a Mason at least to select the Chapter to which he shall belong.

The Correspondence Report is again written by Comp. A. Scott Chapman, whose portrait is in the front of the volume of proceedings. It appears that he is a physician—but he writes almost as well as a lawyer or a preacher. Fifty Grand Chapters are laid on the operating table. Canada is not one of these; but we cannot complain, as in his 1916 review he took up Canada in both 1915 and 1916; and probably he wishes to have 1917 as well as 1918 for his 1918 diet.

Sam H. Goodwin, Provo, Grand High Priest.
Walter Daniels, Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

Vermont.

Another Centenary Grand Chapter! The Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont held at Burlington on the 15th June, 1917, was the 100th Annual, and of course plans had been made for the fitting celebration of such an anniversary. The distinguished visitors who had been invited arrived on the day before the opening of Grand Chapter, and were entertained at a banquet in the evening. Among the many men of mark who came from afar was the General Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. George E. Corson. There was also a large delegation from the Grand Chapter of Quebec, including M.E. Comp. Edward O. Dyer, Grand Z. At the banquet, it was said, "every one was animated by the spirit of the times; and the relations of Masonry to the war were fully discussed. The presence and temper of our Canadian Companions gave a tone of reality and earnestness that deeply impressed every one present and struck the note of patriotism and loyalty."
At the opening of Convocation, on the following day, Grand High Priest James Ross Roberts, of Burlington, presided, and welcomed the visitors aforesaid. M.E. Comp. Corson, in response, addressed some eloquent words to the Companions. Among other things, he said:

"Every Grand Chapter should, in my opinion, invest some of its surplus funds in Liberty bonds, and there is hardly a Royal Arch Chapter in our land so poor that it cannot purchase at least one of these bonds, and thus help the cause, and at the same time show to our Government and to the world that the professions of Royal Arch Masonry of brotherly love, relief, and devotion to humanity, are something more than sounding brass and tinkling cymbals."

The Grand High Priest's address was also an eloquent one. After some comprehensive remarks upon the history of the Grand Chapter, he referred to the death, in June, 1916, of Charles Arba Calderwood, Past Grand High Priest; and also to that of the "great and good Kittredge Haskins," who died in August, 1916. Haskins, too, was a Past Grand High Priest and a very special pillar of the Grand Chapter. He was born in 1836, was a veteran of the civil war, lawyer, statesman, churchman—"genial and witty, of childlike faith, yet profoundly versed in intellectual lore." We know him as the writer of the Correspondence Report for 1916, to which in 1917 we ventured to give a humble word of praise.

Many matters of domestic interest were discussed by the Grand High Priest in his address; but the war and the "centennial" were of course the most prominent subjects.

The statistical report of the Grand Secretary showed 30 chartered Chapters; number of Royal Arch Masons, 1917—4,599; net gain in a year—107.

The Grand Treasurer's report exhibited a balance of more than $14,000.

The report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted, recommended the investment of $5,000 in Liberty bonds.
At the request of the Grand High Priest, an historical address was prepared by Past Grand High Priest George W. Wing, and read by him in open Convocation. "Nathan B. Haswell and Philip C. Tucker," he said, "will ever be remembered as the two Masonic giants who piloted the institution through the excitement of the anti-Masonic craze and re-established it upon firmer foundation than ever before. It is well, as we meet here to-day in this magnificent temple, erected by and now owned by the Masons of Vermont, after an unexampled course of prosperity of more than 50 years, to reverence the memory of these ancient Brethren and Companions who exercised the qualities of men at a time when courage was needed, and whose fortitude and judgment were equal to the exigency forced upon them."

The place of the lamented Comp. Haskins as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence was taken by Eugene S. Weston, P.G.H.P. With much care and ability, he reviews the proceedings of 51 Grand bodies, of which Canada (1917) is one. Comp. Weston's opening remarks were evidently penned after he had written his report on the proceedings of the various Grand bodies—and we fancy that is the way in which most of us work—for he says: "While, at times, I have felt some weariness, I have enjoyed the trip, with its frequent oases, where I have found refreshment and rest." In his conclusion proper, he makes some valuable remarks upon what he has discovered in the quarries. "The day of uniform ritual is far in the future, if it ever be reached." This is one of his reflections. And he also says: "We are disappointed in not finding more contributed to charity by the Royal Craft. A few do give abundantly, but the majority fail to show anything so given."

George N. Tilden, Barre, Grand High Priest.
Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Victoria.

Quarterly Communications are the rule in the Grand Chapter of Victoria. The 95th, 96th, 97th, and 98th Quarterlies were holden in Freemasons' Hall,
Collins street, Melbourne, on the 19th July and 18th October, 1916, and the 17th January and 18th April, 1917, respectively. M.E. Comp. A. T. Holden is still First Grand Principal, and is perhaps, like Mr. Richard Swiveller, the "Perpetual Grand."

The volume containing these proceedings is a very small one, but excellent in make-up and of such temper as "fully to compensate for the diminutiveness of its size," to quote the somewhat flowery language used in a traditional ceremony well-known to Masons.

At the 95th Quarterly, the death of R.E. Comp. Angel Ellis, Past Grand H., was reported. He was the first Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and for many years had earnestly worked for the good of Royal Arch Masonry in Victoria.

The sum of ten guineas was appropriated as a gift to the Belgian Orphan Fund.

The Grand Z. announced that the Government desired him, in his military capacity, as one of the four Chaplains-General to the Australian Forces, to proceed to England, France, and Egypt for the purpose of visiting all hospitals, camps, and depots where Australian soldiers were quartered. He was a good deal concerned about leaving his duties as First Grand Principal to others. He was re-assured on this point, congratulated upon the opportunity afforded him for service, and bidden Godspeed, by his Companions.

At the 96th Quarterly, M.E. Comp. Philip Cohen, P.G.Z., presided, and a letter from the Grand Z. was read. He was on a transport, near Cape Town, on the date of his letter, the 22nd August, 1916. He reported that "Freemasons make good soldiers, and they can always be depended upon, in whatever circumstances they are placed."

The death of R.E. Comp. H. J. G. Armstrong, P.G.H., was reported and greatly deplored.

An address on "The Banners of Israel" was given by R.E. Comp. Rodda, P.G.J., Grand Representative of Missouri.

M.E. Comp. Philip Cohen also presided at the 97th Quarterly (January, 1917).
A post-card from Paris, dated the 30th October, 1916, had been received from the Grand Z., conveying heartiest fraternal greetings and best New Year's wishes to all the Companions.

An investment of £300 in War Loan bonds was sanctioned. But a suggestion that from £55 to £75 should be expended in the purchase of "distinctive regalia" for Grand Officers did not seem to meet with much favour. The suggestion was referred for report to the Committee of General Purposes.

Sympathetic reference was made to the death of R. Ex. Comp. James Ure, P.G.J., and ordered to be recorded in the minutes.

It was announced that in a few days V.E. Comp. J. E. Kennedy, Grand Treasurer, would be leaving Victoria on a trip to Canada. The Grand Chapter wished him bon voyage and a safe return.

R.E. Comp. Rodda read another paper—on "Ancient Hebrew Temples."

The last Quarterly of which the proceedings are recorded, viz., the 98th, held in April, 1917, was presided over by M.E. Comp. Holden, who had returned, and was re-elected Grand Z.

The death of R.E. Comp. W. N. Hall, P.G.H., was reported. He had been for 11 years a member of the Committee of General Purposes, and was a very active Royal Craftsman.

A change was made in the representation of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the Grand Chapter of Victoria. M.E. Comp. J. d'Amer Drew, P.G.Z., retired; and R.E. Comp. C. Carty Salmon, P.G.H., was appointed in his stead. Our new representative is a physician.

The Grand Z., Comp. Holden, gave an address after his re-installation. He referred to the membership of the Chapters, which had increased slightly, and was now 1,000.

There appear to be 21 constituent Chapters, and the net gain in membership in a year was 34.

The Most Eminent stated that, in his judgment, "our ceremonies might be made even more impressive and attractive by the addition of suitable music, and
by a wider distribution of the work of the Exaltation Ceremony. Let every Chapter form a choir and make use of approved odes."

He concluded by expressing his pleasure that throughout all the Chapters, Peace, Love, and Harmony prevailed in no uncertain measure, and trusted that this happy condition of things would long continue."

He gave no account—so far as recorded—of his experiences during his seven-months' absence.

George L. Marquard, 317 Collins Street, Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

**Virginia.**

The 109th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was held in the Masonic Temple, Richmond, on the 24th and 25th October, 1916. This was a long time ago, some time in the dark ages as we reckon time now. But we see that in 1917 we were reviewing the 1915 proceedings of Virginia, and so in 1919 we may be spared to see what Virginia did in 1917.

Grand Chapter was opened by Grand High Priest James W. S. Butt, whose first official duty was to receive two distinguished visitors—M.E. Comp. Thomas H. Bodge, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maine, and M.E. Comp. Nelson Williams, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio. "Both Companions made happy response to the cordial greetings extended them by the Grand Chapter of old Virginia."

"No discord has arisen, no discipline has been necessary," said Comp. Butt, addressing the Companions, and referring to his year of office. He deplored the conditions caused by the war—into which his country has not yet entered—and urged the members of the Royal Craft to do their part towards relieving the distress and suffering incident thereto. He suggested a contribution to the American Masonic Relief Association at Cincinnati. (This does not seem to have been acted upon.)

In feeling words, the Most Excellent referred to the death of R.E. Comp. John Robert Charleton, who was
elected Grand King at the Annual Convocation of 1915, but died a very few days afterwards. He was identified with the commercial life of Richmond, and "was a man of high though practical ideas and strong convictions founded upon love of justice." Not less notable was the removal by death of M.E. Comp. Edward S. Conrad, a lawyer of Harrisonburg, Virginia, who was Grand High Priest in 1904.

The address was not a long one. Reference was made to the Masonic Home as having "reached the point of secured helpfulness;" to the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association; and to several subjects of local or minor importance.

The Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. James Braxton Blanks, presented his 21st Annual Report.

There are 69 Chapters in the Jurisdiction; total membership in October, 1916, 7,861; net gain a year, 268.

In 1895, there were only 34 Chapters, with a total membership of 2,407—a large gain in 21 years.

J. E. W. Timberman, Grand Scribe, became per saltum Grand High Priest at this Convocation, being duly elected and installed.

When we come to the Report on Correspondence, the staleness of the proceedings is even more manifest. Under "Canada," for instance, we find R.E. Comp. Joseph W. Eggleston, Chairman of the Committee, reviewing the proceedings of our Convocation held in February, 1915, nearly three years ago! We are now writing in January, 1918. In Comp. Eggleston's notice of our proceedings, we find the remarks of Daniel MacWatt, Grand Z., and George J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., quoted with approval, and the Alberta difficulty discussed with fervour as in full swing. The review is most entertaining—and this remark applies to all that Comp. Eggleston writes. The explanation of part of the staleness—and we are not to be taken as complaining of it—is to be found in the concluding remarks of the sage, which are quoted in full:

"Here is your Correspondence Report, finished months before the Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, by a man, no longer young in years, who never
missed a train or boat, or was ever behind time in keeping an appointment. The work was a joy, but hard persistent work. Much fine oratory is quoted and more omitted because so many Grand High Priests dwelt upon the war. To quote too much of this would be tiresome repetition. Compliments are few, though many were deserved. Criticisms are meant in the most kindly, fraternal spirit. Pardon the touches of Irish humour here and there; and, having read the work, again I ask let's have your opinion, good or bad."

J. E. W. Timberman, Alexandria, Grand High Priest.

James Braxton Blanks, P.O. Box 55, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.

Washington.

This Grand Chapter is enthusiastic for the march of democracy and the support of the allied nations fighting against tyranny and reaction. The proceedings at the 33rd Annual Convocation, convened at Bellingham on the 10th and 11th September, 1917, teem with references to the great war. From the address of the retiring Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Frank G. H. Baker, we quote:—

"Appropriately emanating and spreading from Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, and largely from the hearts, mouths, and inspired pens of Masons, those principles—the great principles upon which the American Revolution was successful and the American Republic established—have in the march of time converted the most ancient monarchy of China into a firmly-established free Republic; they have in this very year overthrown the mighty Czardom of Russia and substituted for it an untrammelled democracy; they have impelled the British House of Lords, that apparently impregnable fortress of aristocratic rule and property dominance, to declare itself on the side of universal democracy; they have brought to the United States the trusted leader of British aristocracy and class privilege in the British House of Commons, as the head of a delegation proclaiming to the American people his acceptance and advocacy of the republican
programme, ideas, and sentiments enunciated by our great President; they have brought Japan into the line of democratic countries and caused it to send to us one of its trusted statesmen to assure our President and our Congress of its loyal devotion to the principles and purposes promulgated by us; they have made essentially free republics out of the great British dependencies of Canada, Australia, and South Africa; they have democratically liberalised every monarchy in Europe outside of the four countries with which we are at war; and we have, within a month past, served notice upon those countries that they can have peace with us only upon the condition that their peoples, apart from their present rulers, guarantee fulfilment of the terms and conditions upon which we will enter into a treaty of peace and amity with them."

The Grand Orator, Ex. Comp. Charles H. Steffen, enlarges upon the same theme.

This Grand Chapter having made no definite provision for the instruction of the subordinate Chapters in the work, the Grand High Priest recommends that the Grand Officers shall constitute a corps of Grand Lecturers; that they shall visit and supervise the Chapters, under the direction of the Grand High Priest.

The work in some of the Chapters is at present not good, though it is excellent in many. One Chapter has not conferred a degree in seven years, although it is situated in a particularly prosperous community and has several Blue Lodges to draw from. The Grand High Priest is anxious to improve the conditions which he finds existing. The recommendation was adopted by Grand Chapter.

The dues of members serving in the war were remitted.

A Past Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Andrew Nilsson, described "as a staunch and rugged Mason," died within the year.

The veteran reviewer, M.E. Comp. Yancey C. Blalock, presents his 27th Annual Correspondence Report. It is brief, but satisfactory. Canada (1917) received due recognition.

Wyoming.

The proceedings at the 9th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, held in the Masonic Hall, Sheridan, on the 15th March, 1917, were not of an exciting nature.

Comp. Samuel Corson, M.E. Grand High Priest, presided and read an address in which he spoke of the war and of "the inestimable blessings of national peace and prosperity" then enjoyed by his "own beloved land of liberty and freedom," which was so soon after to assume its full share in the fight for the preservation of liberty and democracy.

Coming to the domestic affairs of the Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest said: "No dispensations or charters for the formation of new Chapters have been applied for or granted during the past year; and, while the year that has just closed has not been marked by any very special or extraordinary occurrences or uncommon events in this Grand Jurisdiction, it has, nevertheless, been a good working year, marked with satisfactory Masonic growth and progress."

There are 12 subordinate Chapters; aggregate membership, 1,021; net gain in a year, 25.

M.E. Comp. Adrian J. Parshall, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary, is also the writer of the Report on Correspondence—his 7th. He says that the year has "been a quiet one, in that very little has transpired calling for comment or criticism." The transactions of 52 Grand bodies are recounted and commented upon with fairness and ability. When he comes to Canada—1916 of course—he has much to say anent the Alberta difficulty, of the happy settlement of which, in September, 1916, he had been advised.

In conclusion, the Most Excellent reviewer says:—

"On the whole, Capitular Masonry seems to have held its place in the line of progress among Masonic Bodies; and, while perhaps not given to exploiting its charitable and benevolent acts to the world, has at the same time been an important factor in the uplift of humane principles."
"The spirit of harmony and good fellowship prevails throughout the Order. Canada has held out the olive branch to Alberta, and the one small cloud on the Capitular horizon of a year ago has been dispelled.

"Evidence of apathy in Chapters here and there is not lacking. We believe the cause can usually be traced to Chapter officers. Our experience teaches us that excellence in ritualistic work will often revive and restore lost enthusiasm; and we recommend a trial of that remedy for those who are suffering from Masonic ennui."

Robert I. Turner, Rawlins, Grand High Priest.
Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary.

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**Conclusion.**

There is really nothing to say in conclusion; and, contrary to the well-established rule, we shall be very brief in saying it. The war is really the only thing in our thoughts and the principal theme of every speaker whose utterances have been quoted or referred to in the foregoing pages; and, with singular unanimity, all speakers fasten upon the identity of Masonic principles with the principles which we and our noble Allies to the south are upholding in a death-struggle. Freemasons at least cannot be indifferent to the call to fight for Freedom and Democracy; and, amid all the awful things that are happening, and in the dread anticipation of what is yet to happen, we can still rejoice in the feeling of Brotherhood which brings us together so closely, and shows us to be one—for God and the Right!

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD B. BROWN,
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
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To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

According to the Grand Scribe E, the record of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter,
the original year of Subordination shall end on the 1st December, and Scribes E are required to forward their reports to the Grand Scribe F, immediately thereafter.

With the names of Commanders, in full, please, at the instance, so that there may be no errors in filing with the Grand Chapter Secretary. Also see that the age, occupation, and place of residence are all reported. When these are provided the date of decease should immediately be noted.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.
ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1913

M. Ex. Comp. A. M. Campbell, B. O. Regalia, Sec. General

B. Ex. Comp. W. N. Patison, R. F. Sutherland, Sec. Commander

P. Ex. Comp. H. H. Small, A. M. B. MacMillan, Sec. Grand Secretary

M. Ex. Comp. George Mason, Hardisty, Sec. Grand Treasurer

R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Small, Treasurer East Grand Secretary

& Ex. Comp. William Small, Lawyer, Sec. Grand Secretary

R. Ex. Comp. L. W. Friend, Treasurer East Grand Secretary

R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Campbell, Engineer, Sec. Grand Registrar

Camp. G. & S. Weir, Registrar, Clerk, Registrar

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M. Ex. Comp. A. M. Campbell, A. M. T. Regalia, Sec. General, Calgary, Alberta

R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Small, Grand Secretary, Edmonton, A. M. B. MacMillan, B. O. Regalia, Sec. Commander, and R. F. Sutherland, Sec. Commander, Calgary, Alberta

G. Ex. Comp. William Small, Lawyer, Sec. Grand Secretary, Calgary, Alberta

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The Thirty-third Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada will be held in the City of Toronto, city of Wednesday, February 11th, 1913.