Masonic Calendar

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.), "in the year of light."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year when the second Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A. Inv.), "in the year of the discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except that Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi (A. M.), "in the year of the world."

Knights Templars commence their era from the organization of their Order, Anno Ordinis (A. O.), "in the year of the Order."

Rules for Masonic Dates

Ancient Craft Masons—
Add 4000 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1920 and 4000 = 5920

Royal Arch—
Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1920 and 530 = 2450

Royal and Select Masters—
Add 1000 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1920 and 1000 = 2920

Scottish Rite—
Add 3760 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1920 and 3760 = 5680

Knights Templars—
From the vulgar era take 1119. Thus: 1119 from 1920 = 801
Grand Chapter Officers
1920
Proceedings
of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Canada
at the
Sixty-second Annual Convocation

A.D. 1920
A.Inv. 2450

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

Wednesday, February 25th, A.D. 1920, A.Inv. 2450

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved

W. N. Ponton, K.C., Belleville, Ont.
Grand Z.

Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Ont.
Grand Scribe E.
The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, was held in the New Masonic Temple, City of Toronto, Wednesday, February 25th, A.D. 1920, A.Inv. 2450.

Present

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton............. Grand Z.
R. " " H. S. Griffin............. Grand H. Grand Council.
R. " " R. H. Spencer............. Grand J.
M. " " George Moore............. Grand Treasurer.
R. " " Henry T. Smith............. Grand Scribe E.
R. " " W. J. Wadsworth............. Grand Scribe N.
R. " " T. F. Campbell............. Grand Principal Sojourner.
R. " " D. R. Gibson............. Grand Registrar.
R. " " E. B. Brown............. Grand Historian.
R. " " J. B. Nixon............. Grand Lecturer.
R. " " J. H. Shaw............. as Grand Senior Sojourner.
V. " " E. W. Case............. as Grand Junior Sojourner.
V. " " J. E. Cameron............. Grand Sword Bearer.
V. " " A. D. McIntyre............. Grand Master 1st Veil.
V. " " L. E. Bowerman............. Grand Master 2nd Veil.
R. " " Edwin Smith............. as Grand Master 3rd Veil.
V. " " W. A. Lyon............. as Grand Standard Bearer.
R. " " R. J. Gibson............. as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.
V. " " Chas. A. Herald............. Grand Organist.
V. " " W. R. Ledger............. Grand Pursuivant.
V. " " W. Whipps............. as Grand Steward.
" " J. C. Bennett............. as Grand Steward.
" " A. I. Katz............. as Grand Steward.
" " S. G. Newdick............. as Grand Steward.
" " B. J. Miller............. as Grand Steward.
" " C. H. B. Johnson............. as Grand Steward.
" " R. J. Gaylorl............. as Grand Steward.
" " W. J. Armstrong............. as Grand Steward.
" " Ed. Lankin............. as Grand Steward.
" " J. Herriot............. as Grand Steward.
GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Ross Russell Fleury......Windsor Dist. No. 1
" " A. M. Trick.................London " " 2
" " M. E. Sherwood............Woodstock " " 3
" " James D. Weir.............Kitchener " " 4
" " James Henry Bates.........Dundas " " 5
" " Leon G. Constable........St. Mary's " " 6
" " A. L. Tinker...............Toronto " " 8
" " John A. Fleming..........Prescott " " 12
" " Robert S. Simpson........Ottawa " " 13
" " A. D. Meldrum ............Sudbury " " 23

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Sixty-second 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. R. W. Clewlo, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Chapters, reported that there were 151 Warranted Chapters and 1 under Dispensation on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 92 were represented by the following Companions:

No. 1. Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.

No. 2. The Hiram, Hamilton.

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

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

No. 22.  
Grenville, Prescott.  
R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Fleming, (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 23.  
Ezra, Simcoe.  
R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Shaw, (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 26.  
St. Mark's, Trénton.  
V. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre; R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer (Proxy), P.Z.'s.
No. 27. Manitou, Collingwood.

No. 30. Huron, Goderich.
R. Ex. Comp. Joseph Beck, P.Z.

No. 31. Prince Edward, Picton.
R. Ex. Comp. E. W. Case, P.Z.

No. 32. Waterloo, Galt.

No. 34. Signet, Barrie.
R. Ex. Comp. Alexander Cowan (Proxy), P.Z.

Ex. Comp. F. G. Erskine, P.Z.

No. 36. Corinthian, Peterborough.
Ex. Comp. J. D. Cameron, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. R. S. Cotton, P.Z.

No. 37. Victoria, Port Hope.

No. 40. Guelph, Guelph.

No. 41. Harris, Ingersoll.
Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid, P.Z.

No. 44. Mount Sinai, Napanee.

No. 46. St. James, St. Mary's.
R. Ex. Comp. L. J. Constable (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 52. Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.
Ex. Comp. H. E. Nichols, P.Z.

No. 54. Palestine, St. Thomas.
No. 59.  
Sussex, Brockville.
Ex. Comp. C. W. McLean, J.

No. 60.  
Doric, Newmarket.
Ex. Comps. W. R. McQuade, Z.; M. Cameron, H.

No. 62.  
York, Toronto.

No. 63.  
Havelock, Kincardine.
Ex. Comp. R. A. Coutts (Proxy).

No. 64.  
Willson, Welland.
Ex. Comp. J. W. Holstock, J.

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

No. 67.  
Enterprise, Harriston.

No. 69.  
Grimsby, Grimsby.

No. 71.  
Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.
Ex. Comp. W. S. French, P.Z.

No. 74.  
Beaver, Strathroy.
R. Ex. Comp. John Nunn, P.Z.

No. 75.  
St. Clair, Milton.

No. 76.  
Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.

No. 77.  
Occident, Toronto.
No. 78.  Minnewawa, Parkhill.

No. 79.  Orient, Toronto.
J. C. Bennett, R. J. Gaylord; V. Ex. Comp. S. P. Ward;

No. 80.  Ark, Windsor.
Ex. Comp. W. F. Waddington, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. R.
Fleury, P.Z.

No. 81.  Aylmer, Aylmer.
Ex. Comp. R. W. Stratton, Z.

No. 83.  Ionic, Orangeville.
Ex. Comp. A. T. Howard, Z.

No. 84.  Lebanon, Wingham.
Ex. Comp. R. A. Coutts, Z.

No. 95.  Tuscan, Sudbury.
Ex. Comp. L. Fowler, Z.; R. Ex. Coinp. A. D. Meldrum,
P.Z.


No. 100.  St. Lawrence, Brockville.
Ex. Comp. C. H. Begley, (Proxy), P.Z.

Ex. Comp. E. W. Hitchcock, Z.

No. 103.  St. John's, North Bay.
Ex. Comp. R. Y. Angus (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 113.  Covenant, Cornwall.
Ex. Comp. W. W. Sheets (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 114.  Bonnechere, Renfrew.
Ex. Comp. H. J. Smith, Z.

No. 117.  Kitchener, Kitchener.
Ex. Comps. J. A. Hallman (Proxy), R. J. Kerr; R. Ex.
Comp. J. D. Weir, P.Z.'s.

No. 119.  King Cyrus, Leamington.
Ex. Comps E. C. Awrey, Z., Charles Johnston, P.Z.
No. 121. Wascana, Regina.
M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, P.Z.

No. 130. Chantry, Southampton.

No. 133. St. Francis, Smith's Falls.
Ex. Comp. Andrew Boucher, Z.

No. 135. Succoth, Uxbridge.

No. 136. King Edward, Neepawa.
Ex. Comp. Fred Leach (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 138. Shekinah, Toronto.

No. 140. Fort William, Fort William.
Ex. Comp. John Cooper, Jr. (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 144. Presqu' Isle, Brighton.
Ex. Comp. Vernon Coulter, Z.

No. 145. The St. Patrick, Toronto.

No. 146. Bernard, Listowel.
Ex. Comp. John Watson (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 151. Laurentian, Pembroke.
R. Ex. Comp. R. S. Simpson (Proxy).

No. 154. Klondike, Dawson.
V. Ex. Comp. James Craig (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 155. Ancaster, Ancaster.

No. 156. Avondale, Hartney.
R. Ex. Comp. J. C. W. Reid, (Proxy), P.Z.
No. 160.          Prince Albert, Prince Albert.
M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt (Proxy).

No. 161.          Madoc, Madoc.
Ex. Comp. George M. Wright (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 163.          The Beaches, Toronto.

No. 165.          Saskatoon, Saskatoon.
R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Rea (Proxy).

No. 168.          Ionic, Campbellford.
R. Ex. Comp. D. F. Robertson (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 169.          Temiskaming, New Liskeard.
Ex. Comp. W. J. Fuller, Z.

No. 175.          The Hamilton, Hamilton.

No. 184.          Hugh Murray, Bridgeburg.
Ex. Comp. John G. Watts (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 185.          Toronto, Toronto.

Ex. Comp. John Parton (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 192.          Trinity, Melville.
Ex. Comp. T. L. Cochrane (Proxy.)

No. 198.          Couchiching, Orillia.
V. Ex. Comp. F. S. Lewis (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 203.          Cobalt, Cobalt.
Ex. Comp. H. Wallace, Z.

No. 205.          Victoria, Thornhill.

Ex. Comp. R. S. Page, Z.
No. 212.  Mount Sinai, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. A. Brookstone Z.; R. Ex. Comp. E. J. Repath, P.Z.

No. 215.  Mimico, Mimico.
Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley, Z.

Forty-four Chapters were represented by regular officers, 44 were represented by proxy, 4 were represented by Past Z.'s, making the total Chapters represented 92. Sixty Chapters were unrepresented. There were 219 delegates registered, making a total of 422 votes.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. W. Clewlo,
W. H. Davis,
J. M. Malcolm,
E. J. Repath,

Committee.

On motion of R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Clewlo, 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 E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Sixty-first Annual Convocation held in the City of Toronto, Tuesday, June 17th, 1919, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and

Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Tuesday, June 17th, 1919, 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.
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

M. Ex. Comp. Richard S. Kinghorn, Grand Z., of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown; M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was introduced by M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell; M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw, as Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templars, was introduced by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, and M. Ex. Comps. E. T. Malone, George Moore, and V. Ex. Comp. Hugh A. MacKay, as representing the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada, were introduced by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt. These distinguished Companions were received in cordial terms by the M. Ex. the Grand Z., were accorded Grand Honors, and they gracefully acknowledged the greetings extended to them.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

R. Ex. Comp. Arthur L. Tinker, on behalf of the Chapters of Toronto, read the following address of welcome, which was acknowledged in suitable terms by the M. Ex., the Grand Z.

Lt.-Colonel William Nisbet Ponton, K.C.,

Grand Z.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Most Excellent Companion:

The Companions of Toronto, greet you as their Grand Z., at this Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and in doing so desire to express their appreciation of the fact that Grand Chapter should once more meet in their midst.

In extending their congratulations to you on the exalted position you have attained, and now occupy, in the Royal Craft, they believe that nothing but good can result from the efforts you have put forward for the furtherance of their beloved Order.
Your activities in the interests of Capitular, as well as Symbolic Masonry, are well known throughout the whole of the North American Continent and your name is spoken of in connection with loyalty to Canada, wherever Masons are assembled in the British Empire.

The Companions feel that Grand Chapter is particularly fortunate in having, as its responsible head, one who is so well known as an earnest worker, as well as an Imperialist in the broadest sense of the word, to control the destinies of the Order during these unsettled times.

It has been the privilege of the Toronto Companions to welcome you at a number of their Chapter meetings since your installation as Grand Z., and your courteous and dignified manner has endeared you to the hearts of your Companions. The coming year, they believe, will be an epoch in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in Canada, and it is their hope that you may be spared for many years to continue the good work, not only for the welfare of the Order, but for the unity of the Glorious British Empire.

Signed on behalf of the Toronto Chapters, by the undersigned First Principals, February 25th, 1920.

E. Lankin, St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4.
W. H. Hoare, King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8.
F. Markham, York Chapter, No. 62.
A. W. Laughlen, St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65.
W. Geo. Varty, Occident Chapter, No. 77.
David S. L. MacDougall, Orient Chapter, No. 79.
W. J. Armstrong, Antiquity Chapter, No. 91.
T. C. S. Harrison, The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145.
W. H. Cunningham, The Beaches Chapter, No. 163.
W. H. Wright, Toronto Chapter, No. 185.
A. Brookstone, Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212.

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 welcomed them, and invited those in attendance to seats on the dais. The following answered to their names:
The Representatives were accorded Grand Honors, and a suitable response was made by M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, representing Texas, on behalf of his colleagues.

The Grand Z. then presented the following:

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THE GRAND Z’S ADDRESS.

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

Companions:

We are again permitted in the providence of the
God of our forefathers and our own—to meet in our
usual trysting-place in this Masonic Temple to mark
another milestone of progress, to greet one another and
share our experience, to present our work for inspection,
and to legislate and deliberate on behalf of the members
of that great living Capitular organism whose privileged
and responsible representatives we are. I feel sure that
I interpret the feelings of every present Ruler of this
Body of Royal Arch Masonry in saying that we appreciate
deeply and truly the honour you have conferred
upon us, and trust that we have proved in some small
degree worthy of the trust reposed in us, by “something
attempted, something done” and service heartily if
imperfectly rendered to the Royal Craft—of which work
as a labour of love—is the main-spring, and in which we
must all be “loyal to the Royal in ourselves” if we are
to be worthy of the name of Excellent, under the test
of the three great stones—the foundation cube of truth—
the keystone of unity—the copestone of the finished
work. Holding to the high traditions and significant
passwords of those who have gone before by the path of
duty, yet we press onward in a great Forward Move-
ment—together—a great co-operative commonwealth of
Capitular Craftsmanship whose chief factor is wise work
well done, the essence of wisdom and strength—the
stability of true citizenship and brotherhood.

"According as her Labours rise
So her rewards increase,
Her ways are ways of pleasantness
And all her paths are peace."

It is the Mission and Ministry of Capitular Masonry
—first to maintain harmony and cohesion in the house-
hold of the faithful—with benevolence—the practical
good will of friendship—adding its fine flavour thereto—
but also and beyond that circumference and horizon—
yet working from the same centre—to serve humanity—
and especially our own blessed British Country to which
we owe allegiance, to make and keep her a land of
settled Government, to restore and straighten the paths
to dwell in—to efface the scars of the ruthless war—to
built bridges over which confidence may return, and to
link up in the ties of brotherhood and conciliate elements
which appear discordant and selfish, by preaching,
teaching and exemplifying the great altruistic maxim of
man's interdependence—"all for each and each for all,"
in our human intercourse and relationships. In the
annals of valour of our sons and brothers are recorded
the tenacity of purpose, the galantry in action, the unity
of spirit by which they won the war; be it ours as the
Builders to share in the victory of Peace—the true Pax
Britannica in all its satisfying and productive fulness—
so that at these crossroads of crisis—amid the fanatic
agitation of frenzied license—(miscalled liberty)—we
may preserve stable equilibrium and ordered freedom—
respecting the sacredness of life and property—and in-
voking the beneficent intervention of the great and
loving Lawgiver.

"Around Thy gift of freedom draw
The safeguards of Thy righteous law."

Counteract dangerous propaganda—discourage dallying
or compromising with socialistic anarchy, (always dis-
integrating and destructive), and maintain fearlessly and
determinedly both Church and State (in the broadest
sense) and home—as our ancient Brethren did—if
necessary with the trowel in the hand and the sword by
the side, spread the cement of truth and right on the
tried and tested base of "law, order, duty and restraint,
obedience, discipline"—remembering that blest is the tie
that binds, drawing by the cords of a man and the bonds
of love—and realizing too

"What constitutes a State?
Men who their duties know,
And know their rights—
And knowing dare maintain,
And Sovereign Law, that State's collected will
Sits Empress, crowning good, repressing ill."
The lesson of the Arch that never sleeps—that resists undue pressure either downward or lateral—that supports by the power of its co-ordinated parts—that dignifies by its beauty—is surely also the lesson of the community whose altar fires we must keep burning—whose anvils we must keep ringing. Our men having come through much tribulation, (some through immortality) to victory, let us complete the edifice, consolidate the gain, capitalize the life, stabilize the superstructure. Be steadfast and abounding—men of confident to-morrows in this cosmopolitan Country of ours (part of God's terrestrial Throne), and above all "Hold that fast that thou hast, that no man take thy crown." To do all this effectively we must safeguard the quality and calibre of our membership—which should be hand picked, heart picked and head picked, but we must also live and move and have our being as men in a world of men, conscious of our concerted strength to influence and elevate and fortify public opinion—transforming stations where formulas become facts—potentialities become powers, and ideals become realities in God's service, in creative citizenship. Then we the burden bearers become the blessing sharers. The greatness of our heritage is the measure of our responsibility, the two right angles of our human triangle.

These are spacious days, and in them we must enlarge the curtains of our habitation—the doors of our tents, lengthen and strengthen our cable tow—Great ships require deep waters, and great ships of state require strong men of light and leading. Are our Chapters aiding in qualifying us for our task and duty; is each laboratory a matrix of manhood? We owe it to Him who slumbers not nor sleeps—to the memory of those Companions who have passed the portals of the life Elysian in a great cause—that we should mark well our duty public and private and fraternal and rise to our opportunities—quit us like men and be strong under the great Standards of the King of Kings, for, "He has strengthened the bars of thy gates, He giveth peace in thy borders, He filleth thee with the finest of the wheat." All these are ours if we have the will to work well and squarely together—not merely in the quarries of toil,
but bringing up our work from the quarries into the sunlight of the Master Overseer.

Realizing the importance of the human touch—of the continuous contact between Officers and Members, and of the contagion of congenial work shared, and the resultant advantage from the knowledge of current conditions and events in the Chapter life, I issued a circular letter regarding Chapter summonses which has already had an appreciably beneficial effect. The bare, bald, cold, bleak mechanical notices of meetings are now few and far between, and most of the Chapters are instinct with life—in touch with the centre.

The following is the appeal made and responded to

Office of Grand Z.,
Belleville, Ont., October 15th, 1919

TO BE READ IN OPEN CHAPTER

Companions:

The Summons, or Notice of Meeting, should be, as far as possible, a constant bond of union between the Executive and the Companions—both unifying and vivifying. The personal touch; a paragraph on matters of current interest; a Masonic quotation, will stimulate good work regular attendance and good companionship. Encourage the workmen in the quarries and offer them good tools and ample material, and beneficial results will follow.

Invariably there should appear on each Notice, the names of the Grand Z., the Grand Scribe E., the Grand Superintendent of the District, those of the Officers of the Chapter, as well as of any Special Committees. In the smaller Chapters a list of all the Members printed once for the whole year, on the back of the Summons, has been found beneficial and adds little to the cost. Identify the present with the history of the Chapter, by printing the names of the Past First Principals in chronological order. They will respond if they are alive.
The Companions, young and old, should also be taken into your confidence, by letting them know, not merely the work to be done, but how they may assist in the work. Each Summons should be a rallying appeal. Put life into it. Every Scribe E. who does his full duty in issuing such a Summons is worthy of a substantial honorarium from his Chapter.

Fraternally yours,

W. N. PONTON,
Grand Z.

I am aware that opinions differ as to the extent to which a Royal Arch Mason should go in inducing or soliciting a Brother Master Mason to crown the work by being exalted to the Supreme Degree—the fulfilment and essence of the Craft Degree, the primal degrees, whose home is in every land and clime,—the story fully told—but I have no hesitation with regard to one whom I personally know as a friend to be tried and true—tested and trusty. There can and should be no unreasonable limit, where such a pillar and column and ornament may be added to our Royal Palace. Nevertheless let him be “fully persuaded in his own mind,” for this Companionship too has all the elements of voluntary spontaneity—as well as being an intellectual and educative degree. We need the triplicate perfection of body, mind and spirit. Man is a soul—he wears a body—he uses a mind—and in the Royal Arch we “draw now the three fold knot firm on the ninefold band.” To do good and to communicate to “sow the good seed that will good Companions breed,” is the duty and privilege of all constituent members as well as Officers of a Chapter. Master Masons are all right within the limits of the Square and Compasses (as we all are) but even St. Paul, learned in the mysteries, said “yet show I you a more excellent way.” The way of the Sojourner that finds a satisfying goal.

At Christmas and New Year’s we sent out to the Companions our greetings in that gracious season—when men and angels sound the truce of God—in the following words:
The Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada, Royal Arch Masons, extend most cordially at this gracious Season
To our Friendes Greeting! Happilie are we stille
Upon this fayre Earthe left by God's goode wille,
So may we, once again, this Christmassetide
Renew our Friendshippe, and in Love abide.
Healthe may you have, for it Content doth give,
Fayre Peace, without which it were ille to live,
And sweet Successe your highest Hopes o'erleapinge!
And so Farewell! God have you in His keepinge!

Faithfully and Fraternally yours,
William N. Ponton, Grand Z.
Herbert S. Griffin, Grand H.
Richard H. Spencer, Grand J.
George Moore, Grand Treasurer.
Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.

The responses received were most cordial, gracious, appreciative and encouraging.

The Rulings I have given during the year were few in number and not of such general importance as to require to be set out in this address. I have had a good deal of diplomatic correspondence with Grand Scribe E. and through "living epistles" difficulties often vanish. I have issued many dispensations—and I have refused some that were applied for. The Constitution, co-operative common sense, consultation with other Grand Officers and experience, are all good guides in administration.

Practical Benevolence has not been wanting during the year as the Reports will show, but Reports can only vaguely reflect the gladness of heart that comes to giver and to recipient, when at the time of need the spirit speaks in the doer of the deed.

"It is not what we give but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare."
But do we Royal Arch Masons do enough here and now? Are we making due and thrifty provision for the future? We are, I am sure, all agreed that no Mason—or dependent or descendant of a Mason—must ever be a hungered or athirst or not properly clothed—in this our Canada, with its chameleon-like climatic and statistical conditions. Masons like Governments, have many problems yet to solve. We must set an example of economy and moderation in this extravagant age, but hoarding is not conservation. All Chapter Membership Fees on admission should be increased. We will need the resources in the near future.

My immediate colleagues on the Grand Council, the Grand H. and Grand J. and all the Grand Officers have done their full duty indefatigably. There has been of course no grudging and no friction—for have we not your corn, wine and oil—and are we not after all in the Grand East, just what you make us. A mirror—a composite photograph. We take our impulse and inspiration from you—and all together I hope that whatsoever things are true—honest and of good report—if there be any virtue, any praise, we think on these things. We have not merely pride in the past, but thank God, the vision splendid of seedtime and harvest, of fruit and sheaves.

I have travelled many hundreds of miles. I have visited many Chapters, since you entrusted me with one of the three sceptres, yet I have only begun to realize the great potential work of our Great Jurisdiction. I have not been able to reach Manitoba or Saskatchewan. Correspondence however, with Chapters and Companions in those two rapidly developing Provinces has been delightful and I trust that the Grand Z. may next year "come but and come ben" within their hospitable doors in contact with their virile and generous personalities. Our relations with our children, Alberta and British Columbia, give unfeigned satisfaction and we are glad to know that our parental love and pride, are filially and mutually reciprocated. Grand Scribe E. will read some charming correspondence from all the Provinces of Canada and other Jurisdictions, and we have the honour and heartfelt pleasure of having Quebec with us in person.
to-day. Ancient Frontenac No. 1 and the historic City of Kingston—(the Bay of Quinte District is the cradle of Canadian Masonry)—formed the happy point of meeting between the Grand Chapters of Canada and Quebec.

Among the pleasures and treasures of memory which I will always cherish, are the delightful evenings spent with my Companions throughout the year. There is a new wind blowing clear and strong through Royal Arch Masonry. There is a zest and vitality and purposeful efficiency that speaks of a resourceful reservoir and a healthy aspiration, and there is apparently a realization of the happiness of duty and the duty of happiness. In the Holy Royal Arch too there is not forgotten the Holiness of beauty, and the beauty of Holiness.—It were invidious to discriminate or to single out one for special mention, but I feel sure that all will rejoice in the great contribution to the common good made by the wonderful Reunion of the Chapters held at Ottawa as the centre of a fertile District, at which gathering I was accompanied by Grand J., Grand Scribe E. and other Grand Chapter Officers. There is ample room for two more Chapters at Ottawa—our capital. Let our Companions there endeavour to make it a Capitular capital as well.

The return of the Travelling Triangle to St. Patrick Chapter by Ancient Chapter No. 1, New York, and the presentation of the beautiful emblem, with all its gathered associations, and wonderful records of chronology and itinerary urbi et orbi, are events of more than local colour or passing moment. The ceremonies and functions were dignified yet cordial, and our American Brethren participated in them most heartily and pleasingly.

Mere words are inadequate to express the warmth and sincerity of the reception accorded to myself and to Grand H. by the Grand Chapter of the State of New York at Albany. We were deeply touched by the honours accorded Canada by our Companions of the Empire State, and the personal courtesies and boundless hospitality will never be forgotten. We expect that the Representative of the Grand Chapter of New York will be present with us to-day and it will give us unfeigned
pleasure. These exchanges of International visits must work together for good. We understand better the relative perspective and points of view. Mutual respect is engendered and intensified. Have no fear, Companions, America will drink the common cup, will share the common burden of humanity—after the fitful fever through which we are all just now passing. We know, for we have met the good men and true. God grant that men of English speech together will always occupy the post at once of honour and of danger—at the head of the column.

On behalf of this Grand Chapter I have accepted invitations to visit the Grand Chapters of Rhode Island, New Jersey and Connecticut in March and May and other States at later dates.

We may anticipate with much satisfaction the Report this year of the Historian of Grand Chapter, R.E. Companion E. B. Brown, K.C., and I trust that every Chapter and many Companions will support him in his great undertaking and supply him with material for his historical Temple. R. Ex. Comp. Brown's Report on Fraternal Correspondence is an annual masterpiece of summarized wisdom and literary form.

The Report on the Fraternal Dead will this year for the first time be a special and separate and honoured part of the Proceedings, and I will not anticipate it, save to record with deep regret the passing of that strong and rugged personality, M. Ex. Companion Judge D. F. MacWatt who made his impress broad and deep alike on Craft and Capitular Masonry. Beneath the dominant and stern manner and method, there beat a warm heart, and who can say that he was not faithful to his trust, who can deny that we did not all sometimes need his iron discipline—his outspoken frankness and sincerity. I accompanied him to New Jersey last year and was proud of him as a Canadian and a Compañón. God rest his spirit in perfect peace.

Our own and sister Jurisdictions have this year as every year—many vacant chairs. Many whom we delighted to call "Companion, guide and own familiar
friend," have passed through the porch and veils of life, and have answered "adsum" at the Roll Call of Him that inhabiteth Eternity. May we have absorbed and may we reproduce some of their virtues—may we realize "an answering glance from higher radiance caught." May each of them have merited, may each of us merit, when the clock strikes twelve, the very human epitaph.

"From her red veins the Mother fashioned him, But moulded him to quick warm sympathies; Earth is the poorer for his passing—Earth Richer for that he stayed with us awhile."

And this Grand Chapter of Canada will never forget, or omit to honour ourselves by honouring the memory of those Brethren and Companions and sons of sires who are Companions, who "nobly fighting, nobly fell" for us, and for our near and dear ones—during the Great War. The finest tribute I have read is a memorial dedication worthy of the noblest cenotaph, which I am permitted to share with you by a friend, W. Brother Carnegie, prefacing the Roll of Honour of the Black Watch District in Scotland—among them those who served in our own Canadian spearhead—all of them like ourselves "Sons of the Blood," and we are stirred to the depths of our emotions as we read of the heroic living and holy dead, who saw the "Broad arrow of the Great King—carved on all the stores of His Arsenal."

And the Broad Arrow is our Triangle.

"Thankfully, proudly, lovingly, we, People of Arbroath, have made this Roll wherein are inscribed the names of those our brothers who have died in a great cause.

They who are in this Book enrolled are set apart from those who have received all other battle honours by that frontier which runs through the Valley of the Shadow; by that No-Man's Land which divides the Battlefields from the Threshold of Valhalla and the Fields of Elysium; for herein are to be found those only who, having paid the highest price, have earned the highest reward.

Far be it from anyone by lightest word or thought to dim the lustre of those shining honours worthily conferred by men; of which the foremost is that Cross bestowed "For Valour" only, which who so wins and wears is ever after regarded by his fellows as ennobled; still less would one detract from the fair renown of those who have yielded up agility of limb or clearness of sight or health or vigour that their country might gain in like measure as they sacrificed.
But, high above all, enthroned like Cherubim in the superior galleries, are they who gave all that was theirs to give; and so giving, have gained that which whosoever will gain must give and suffer as they gave and suffered—that peace which passeth all understanding; who, having “outsoared the shadow of our night” and passed beyond all earthly dignities, have assuredly received the freedom of that city whose builder and maker is God.

Ye lie, ye lads of ours, in Flanders, in Artois and in Picardy, where from your dust, mingled with that of the heroes of Crecy and Agincourt, shall grow lilies upon whose petals will be written “Faithful unto Death” in characters of gold; in Palestine, where your bones share with the dauntless Crusaders, with Abraham and with David and the prophets and righteous men of old, that place of holiest sepulture; your graves are on the rocky hillsides in rugged Macedonia, whither ye had gone, like Saint Paul before you “assuredly gathering that the Lord had called him,” to help the afflicted and to rescue the oppressed; yet rest in the land in the Middle of the Rivers, where the sun rose on the morning of Time and God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good; deep in the dim silences of the mighty ocean ye sleep until the sea shall give up its dead.

But the memory of your unfaltering courage and your unswerving faithfulness shall live for evermore.”

So mote it be in Canada, as in the little Mother Isle, God bless her!

**Appointments**

Vacancies having occurred in the Representatives of other Grand Bodies near the Grand Chapter of Canada, I recommended the names of the following who were approved:

- British Columbia—Edmund M. Carleton, Toronto, Miss.
- Mississippi—John J. Farley, M.D., Belleville, Ont.
- Tennessee—Walter G. Price, Port Credit, Ont.
- Virginia—Douglas Ponton, Toronto, Ont.

Scotland will be filled at an early date.

Vacancies having occurred in the Representation of the Grand Chapter of Canada near the other Grand Bodies, I approved of the following recommendations:

- British Columbia—H. H. Watson, Vancouver, B.C.
- Ohio—Wilden E. Joseph, Columbus, Ohio.
- Wisconsin—David Harlowe, Milwaukee, Wis.
There were consecrated during the year two Chapters, Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins, Ont., by R. Ex. Comp. Robert LeHeup, P.G.S., who kindly represented us by request, and on the 21st of October, Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Toronto, was consecrated and dedicated by myself and other Grand Chapter Officers in due and ancient form. During the coming year it is anticipated that the impressive ceremony will be again performed in the "House Beautiful" at several centres.

I addressed the Principals' Association of Toronto District last month, and was convinced of the great potentialities of this union of the "Stewards of the Mysteries" who meet together to exemplify that mutual and correlative duty and privilege, expressed by our forefathers as:

"And gladly would he lerne and gladly teche." I would suggest that the Grand Lecturer and Grand Chaplain of New York be invited to address a Canadian Capitular gathering under the auspices of the Principals' Association. Both are outstanding men of continental repute.

The Grand Superintendents have been truly and efficiently the District Standard Bearers, and are entitled to unstinted commendation for duty done. A rare combination of the Lion, the Ox, the Eagle and the Man, is required to make an ideal Grand Superintendent. Their Reports on the Principals and officers are most encouraging, and my own impressions of those selected by the Chapters to administer their affairs, confer the degrees, apply the cement, harmonize the intercourse, and infuse the right spirit, lead me to believe that the phenomenal growth of Royal Arch Masonry during the past year, has not been numerical or statistical only, but that quality as well as quantity, good work as well as good words—the real substance as well as the polished surface, are sought and found in most Chapters throughout the Jurisdictions. The Principals must lead—and there is such a thing as "transmitted enthusiasm"—see that the spectrum is clear. Outsiders will never place
a higher value on Royal Arch Masonry than Royal Arch Masons themselves put upon it. The key, the tone, the note, largely depend on the Principals and Past Principals. See to it that the note is both concordant and vibrant.

The wonderful forward stride made by our Royal Arch, all along the line—is indicated by the fact that the numerical reduction occasioned by the graduation of our youngest daughter, British Columbia, into full fledged young motherhood of her own, has been more than met by the increases in the Chapter membership—and I believe that I am conservative in estimating that by 1922 we, now 21,000 strong, will have attained over 25,000. What a concerted power for good in building up Canada on a firm, well ordered and productive basis. What an antidote to diseases of the body politic! But let us remember that the strength of Masonry as a whole is the collective moral strength of individual Masons, and therefore conscience, reason and will, bring home to each of us a share of responsibility—an opportunity for practical service.

I cannot too highly commend those Companions who generously give of their talents in the rhythmic musical rituals and in entertaining their Companions when we pass from labour to refreshment—and I am convinced that we have within our own fraternity ample accomplishments to satisfy and charm the most cultured gathering of men, without drawing singers and elocutionists from beyond our circle. There are of course exceptional cases, but they are rare. Latent possibilities spring to life with a little encouragement. Try it! Be not merely your Brother's keeper, but your Brother's encourager and developer. And let the Cities share with the rural Chapters—out of their abundance. "You hold your being on the terms, each aid the other!" as Burns says. The exchange of visits in and out of the City between Chapters should be fostered and developed. Such an evening for instance as that shared by St. Andrew and St. John and Couchiching Chapter, is capable of in- calculable if imponderable results. It is by the "Imponderables" we Masons will conquer—if at all. This is
not the stone age nor even the bronze. We can make the bronze breathe and the stone speak if we will.

I have only had occasion to issue two mild warnings in individual cases during the year—one with regard to the alleged misuse of the ballot (always a delicate subject), and the other with regard to the Order of the Eastern Star which—with all its many merits—the companions will remember from the very nature of our Institution is not Masonry, not identified or allied with Masonry (as such) in any way. Masonic titles should therefore not be used, if Companions in their individual capacity, happen to visit outside organizations of this kind—and their attractions are cheerfully admitted.

One of the most cheering and pleasant observations made during the past two years especially, has been the growing harmony, understanding and co-operation between our Mother Lodges and our Mother Chapters. There is really no vital distinction between the Craft and the Capitular; one is the evolved completion of the other—one is as symbolic as the other. Both carry on and hand down. Both seek light at the same centre, and under the Arch of Peace (where all the tints unite) eventually find it. So the officers of the Chapters and the Lodges are being interchanged, and activities in one are being succeeded by activities in the other. To this happy consummation the genial personality of the Grand Master, M. Ex. Companion F. W. Harcourt, whom we welcome to-day in his double capacity, has largely contributed, and I have no doubt but that the Grand Masters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan maintain the same sympathetic and constructive attitude—a beatitude.

My Companions, the windows of the future are lit up with promise—if we have the eyes to see, the faith to trust, and the will to work. Half interrogatively, Professor Clifford said "The Great Companion is dead," as he realized war deeds of such revolting sin and shame—that made of Europe a Chamber of Horrors—the cruel and remorseless work of the three Ruffians now given over to a reprobate Judgment. But while the war made us realize the deviltry to which men could
descend—it also revealed the Divinity to which men might attain. While we have our discouragements and our misgivings, yet we must recognize the immutable bases—the indestructible forces, the tides still ebb and flow, day still follows night, the Rivers still run down to the sea. We go about our daily work as before, using—let us hope not abusing—God's gifts, and the real truths, the eternal verities—remain yet unshaken. No the Great Companion is not dead—Life is worth living still—for we whom our charters call the enlightened citizens of the world and servants of the omnipotent, we know or should know that there flows:

"God's greatness round about our incompleteness,
Round our restlessness, His rest."

The King's Highway is still clear, and to our earthly Sovereign and to his Royal son, our Brother, and to the house of Windsor, we of the Royal Craft pledge anew our loyal allegiance, as we pledge our faith and worship to the King of Kings, and may He endow you all,—you who recognize and realize in life and action together the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man—endow you and adorn you with all signal gifts and graces:

"The gifts of kindness and of laughter,
And all the gifts of love and faith and friends,
Of Justice and of truth—
And while life lasts and till the journey ends,
The priceless gift of youth—
Hope that inspires, and courage that endures,
May all these gifts be yours."

[Signature]

Grand Z.

Belleville,
February 25th, 1920.
ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1.

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 take advantage of this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the representatives of this District in recommending me to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., for the appointment of Grand Superintendent to St. Clair District No. 1, for 1919.

Since Grand Chapter did not meet until June last year, and the fact that most of the Chapters were closed during the summer, it only left about three months for me to visit all the Chapters, which was somewhat difficult, particularly in the Chapters that only meet once a month. However, I visited all the Chapters and am delighted to say that St. Clair District is in better shape than ever before and the prospects for the future are very favorable.

I regret I was not able to have a Chapter of Instruction. R. Ex. Comp. Laird, my Predecessor, held such a Convocation at Chatham last March and it seemed to be the sentiment of the Officers of most of the Chapters not to hold one till later in the season, at which time I would have been retired from office.

Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne.—My Official visit to this Chapter was on the evening of October 15th, and I was well received by the officers and Companions. The membership of the Chapter is drawn largely from the other nearby towns and rural districts, and owing to a very heavy rain storm that night, the attendance was small. The Mark Master Mason degree was to have been conferred, but the Candidates could
not possibly get in, so after the regular meeting a social hour was spent. Some of the new officers are young and energetic; several applications were received and everything goes to indicate that Lorne Chapter will have a prosperous future.

Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham.—I visited this Chapter on October 16th. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a delightful manner by the officers. There was a large attendance, and the best of good fellowship prevails in this Chapter which is one of the largest in the District. A very elaborate banquet was in waiting after the Chapter closed, also a good programme was presented, and the toasts were responded to in a very able manner by some of the finest speakers in the Maple City. It is indeed very inspiring to note, that some of the greatest and most successful business men of the City, take such a great interest in Capitular Masonry. R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Copus accompanied me on this visit and we were given a Royal welcome.

Erie Chapter, No 73, Ridgetown. I visited this Chapter officially on the evening of November 10th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Armstrong and his officers. This Chapter has fallen into a bad habit of starting late, it being nearly ten o’clock before the officers were all there so they could open. The meetings I believe are called for eight o’clock, which is a reasonable hour, thus giving plenty of time for the work and allowing the Companions to get away in good time. The Chapter, however, is in good shape and the membership steadily increasing.

MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden.—This Chapter was visited on November 13th and despite the bad weather there was a good attendance of Companions. They have a fine Chapter room, also a very nice banquet room adjoining. The officers conferred the Royal Arch degree which was done in a very impressive manner. The work was well done, not only by the senior officers, but the younger officers and veilsmen were well informed. I was glad to see this as it showed that much interest
is being taken in the work. This Chapter has had a good year and the prospects are good.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor.—I paid this Chapter my official visit on the evening of November 24th and although it is the Chapter where I belong, the officers went to much trouble to make this a big event. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Sauburn and his officers, and needless to say, the work was as near perfect as possible. Of course, this is a very busy Chapter accepting about seventy-six applications this year, so it can readily be seen, the officers have had plenty of practise. This Chapter has grown so fast in the past few years that it has grown almost out of its present quarters, but it is expected that the new Masonic Temple will be started this spring, and in it will be a Chapter room which will be second to none in Ontario. After the Chapter closed we adjourned to the banquet hall where an elaborate dinner was served, also a fine programme of speeches and songs presented. The officers and Companions all work together in this Chapter, everyone is interested in his neighbor and thus a goodfellowship prevails.

Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg.—I visited this Chapter officially on the evening of January 2nd, 1920, it being the occasion of their Installation of Officers. We got a party of about thirty members of Ark Chapter, chartered a special car which arrived in Amherstburg shortly after eight o’clock. We were all royally received by the Officers and Companions of Prince of Wales Chapter. The installation ceremonies were performed by R. Ex. Comp. Dixon, and much credit is due him for the impressive manner in which the work was done. He is indeed a Past Master at the art and is one of the “Old faithfuls,” of Prince of Wales Chapter. After the Chapter closed, a lunch was served and we all returned to Windsor feeling much better for our outing as everybody had a good time.

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington.—I officially visited this Chapter on the evening of January 6th. The car being late getting into Leamington, the
Chapter had opened and were at work when I arrived. It was the first regular meeting of the year and a large number of applications were received. There was a good attendance of Companions and the prospects for this year look very encouraging. After the business was over, the Officers for the year were installed by R. Ex. Comp. Baker. The work was well done and King Cyrus Chapter is to be congratulated upon the able and energetic young men chosen to guide the destinies of the Chapter for the ensuing year. An enjoyable repast was served after the ceremonies.

In conclusion, I desire to again express my grateful appreciation for the honor conferred by electing me to this high and important office, and for the courtesy and kindness with which I was received everywhere throughout the District. I have fulfilled the office to the best of my ability and I sincerely hope that my efforts may have some good results.

Fraternally submitted,

ROSS R. FLEURY,
Grand Supt., St. Clair District, No. 1.

Windsor, Ont.
## ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

| CHAPTER       | Number | LOCATION       | Regular Meetings | Emergent | Total | Average Attendance | Members | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues, per Member | No. Members last Return | Petitions Accepted | Candidates Initiated | Affiliations | Withdrawals | Suspensions | Deaths | Present Membership | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No Members 12 Miles in Arrears | Liabilities | Assets (L.) | Cash or Securites (L.) | Property (L.) | Dues Outstanding (L.) | Amount Insurance (L.) | Amount Expended in Benevolence (L.) | Can Ex. Z. work all Degree? | Prospects |
|---------------|--------|----------------|------------------|----------|-------|-------------------|---------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Wellington    | 47     | Chatham        | 10               | 14       | 24    | 22                | 3       | 3.00                   | 240                  | 323                  | 31               | 31                  | 31            | 1275        | 38           | 31     | 31                | 274.00       | 1500.00     | 750.00                  | 490.00                  | 500.00                  | 30.00                         | Good                      | Yes                     |
| Prince of Wales | 71    | Amherstburg    | 7                | 6        | 13    | 13                | 1       | 1.20                   | 125                  | 9                    | 6                | 6                   | 6             | 122         | 6          | 3       | 14                | 50.00       | 900.00      | 500.00                  | 400.00                  | 130.10                  | 400.00                  | 20.00                    | Fair                      | Yes                     |
| Erie          | 73     | Ridgetown      | 11               | 11       | 14    | 14                | 1       | 1.50                   | 101                  | 14                   | 8                | 8                   | 8             | 2          | 105         | 8       | 6      | 62                | 532.60       | 103.32      | 175.00                  | 15.00                   | Good                    | Yes                     |
| Ark           | 80     | Windsor        | 12               | 24       | 36    | 50                | 3       | 3.00                   | 375                  | 79                   | 76               | 66                  | 66             | 450         | 76          | 74     | 66                | 3726.98     | 3026.98     | 700.00                  | 834.00                  | 400.00                  | Excellent                  | Yes                      |
| MacNabb       | 88     | Dresden        | 9                | 1        | 10    | 13                | 1       | 1.70                   | 67                   | 7                    | 7                | 7                   | 7              | 63          | 7           | 9      | 8.14              | 642.00      | 225.00      | 350.00                  | 120.00                  | 250.00                  | 20.00                         | Good                      | Yes                     |
| King Cyrus    | 119    | Leamington     | 10               | 4        | 14    | 18                | 2       | 2.00                   | 111                  | 15                   | 13               | 13                  | 13             | 118         | 13          | 13     | 15                | 723.00      | 478.30      | 703.30                  | 185.80                  | 200.00                  | 25.00                         | Good                      | Yes                     |
| Lorne         | 164    | West Lorne     | 6                | 2        | 8     | 10                | 2       | 2.10                   | 59                   | 6                    | 6                | 6                   | 6              | 64          | 6           | 6      | 625               | 374.00      | 174.00      | 200.00                  | 134.50                  | 200.00                  | 5.00                         | Good                      | Yes                     |
LONDON DISTRICT No. 2.

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 honor to submit for your approval my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in London District No. 2, for the year 1919.

With the exception of Sombra Chapter No. 153, I have visited all other Chapters in the District, and I wish to express my thanks to the officers and members of the Chapters visited for their loyal receptions to me as your Representative.

Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas.—On Thursday, September 11th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood and Ex. Comp. J. W. Wallace, I paid my first official visit to this Chapter. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. James Bristow, First Principal, and his officers in an impressive manner. This is a live Chapter, with the officers and members enthusiastic in their work. The financial condition of the Chapter is good, the books are neatly kept and the dues well paid. Credit is due for this condition of affairs to the Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. Idsardi. After the degree work had been completed a pleasant hour was spent in the banqueting hall.

Vimy Chapter, U.D., Inwood.—Accompanied by Comp. Charles Heaman on Monday, October 11th, I visited this Chapter and received a warm welcome. There was a splendid attendance of Companions and the Second Principal, Ex. Comp. Johnston Vance and the officers conferred the Most Excellent Master degree on three candidates in a faultless manner. The removal of the First Principal and Scribe E. from the District has been somewhat of a handicap to the Chapter, but with the assistance of the officers of the Chapter at Petrolea regular Convocations have been held. The
Chapter has made splendid progress in membership and financially is in good condition. I have every reason to believe if Grand Chapter grants Vimy Chapter its Warrant there will be one more Chapter that will do honor to Capitular Masonry in London District. I would recommend that this Chapter be granted a Warrant.

Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolea.—I visited this Chapter on October 13th. The attendance of members was fair. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Johnston Vance and other officers of the Chapter on one Candidate. The work of the First Principal was excellent. Bruce Chapter has a loyal number of Past Principals, but there seems to be a lack of interest among the younger Companions. This Chapter I was assured had better prospects in the future. The books are in splendid condition and all communications are promptly acknowledged by the Scribe E., Ex. Comp. John Sinclair. After the work in the Chapter had been concluded an hour was spent socially and some splendid addresses given by Past Principals of the Chapter.

Aylmer Chapter, No. 81, Aylmer.—On November 7th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, Ex. Comp. Wallace, and other London Companions, as well as Companions from St. Thomas, I visited this Chapter officially. There was a very small attendance of members. The First Principal had not attended since his installation, and no doubt this had an undesirable effect on the Chapter. Ex. Comp. Stratton, I.P.Z., acted as First Principal. There was no work done and very little business to transact. Aylmer Chapter at the outbreak of the War was one of the best in the District, and some of the most proficient Royal Arch Masons in the District belonged to this Chapter. I was informed that Aylmer Chapter will soon again regain a proud standing in the London District. An adjournment from the Chapter room to the banqueting hall was made, where the balance of the evening was spent in partaking of refreshments and in listening to speeches.
Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill.—Accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. W. Wallace, Comps. Blay and Alford on November 12th, I officially visited this Chapter and was accorded a splendid reception. There was a fair attendance of the members. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by the Third Principal, Ex. Comp. Rev. Stanley Cree and the officers of the Chapter in a very commendable manner. The Chapter has a number of Past Officers who take a keen interest in its affairs. The books are in fair condition, but I suggested some improvements as well as in the monthly notices sent to the Companions which were kindly accepted. I can assure my successor in office that he will find Minnewawa Chapter in a much more improved condition this coming year than I found it. An adjournment was made to the Hotel close by, where a splendid banquet was provided and addresses given by prominent Companions of the District. The First Principal Ex. Comp. Dr. Racey acted as Toastmaster.

Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy.—On December 1st I visited a poorly attended meeting of this Chapter, but was given a loyal reception by those present. During the War period there has not been as much enthusiasm as desired in this Chapter by the officers, but prospects for the coming year appear to be much brighter. Ex. Comp. A. Stoner, First Principal is an efficient officer and conferred with his Staff of Officers the Mark Master Mason degree in a manner satisfactory to all. The books of the Chapter are in splendid shape and its financial condition fair.

St. George’s Chapter, No. 5, London.—On my first official visit in London on December 2nd to this Chapter I was greeted by a largely attended Convocation of members and visitors. St. George’s Chapter is one of the best in the District, and has done excellent work throughout the past year, leading the other Chapters in the number of Candidates accepted and all being of the best material. The books of the Scribe E. show the results of efficiency and the excellent financial condition of the Chapter is due to his credit. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Frank S. Campbell,
and the officers of the Chapter, in such an impressive manner that I was unable to point out any deviation from the authorized work. A splendid programme of speeches and songs was provided in the banqueting hall. The future of this Chapter is exceedingly good.

**Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia.—**December 12th was the date I selected for my official visit to this Chapter, and was accompanied by Ex. Comp. J. W. Wallace. Ex. Comp. W. A. Saurweni, I.P.Z., acted as First Principal, owing to the absence of Ex. Comp. J. E. B. Phelps, who was out of the City, and I was tendered a warm welcome. This being the night of the annual election of the Officers there was much business to be transacted, so that I did not have the pleasure of witnessing any degree work, from what I know, and also from the reports of Past Grand Superintendents, the officers of the Chapter are well skilled in the work of the several degrees. Comp. Robt. Garrett, Scribe E. now has the books in splendid shape, and much outstanding dues have been collected. I am safe in predicting a better year for 1919 and 1920 for this Chapter. After the work of the evening a social time was spent in listening to music and speeches, Ex. Comp. O. S. Clark, and other prominent Companions of the District taking part.

**St. John’s Chapter, No. 3, London.—**I visited officially on December 17th this Chapter, which is my Mother Chapter, and received a hearty welcome. There was a large attendance of Companions and Visitors to greet me. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. J. W. Wallace, the First Principal, and his staff of officers. Each officer showed care and study in his preparation for the work he had to perform. This old Chapter still continues to hold its proud position in Capitular Masonry in London District. It has enjoyed a most prosperous year and peace and harmony prevail among its members. The Chapter is fortunate in having the services of R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, as Scribe E., and he possibly deserves the credit for the excellent financial condition of the Chapter. An adjournment was made to the banqueting hall were an
excellent repast was provided and a splendid programme of addresses and songs presented.

LONDON CHAPTER, No. 150, LONDON.—My last official visit was made on January 20th, when I attended this Chapter and was received with a large attendance of members and Companions. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. J. H. C. Woodward, and his Officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in an excellent manner. London Chapter has, like the other Chapters of the City, enjoyed a splendid year, having had much work to do. With a staff of interested and proficient officers this Chapter is one of the bright ones of the District. Ex. Comp. Reed, Scribe E., shows great pride in the manner in which his books are kept. The condition of the Chapter is good, and much material for the coming year is in waiting. London Chapter will undoubtedly have a splendid report to make next year. After the degree work the Companions adjourned to the banqueting hall, and enjoyed a dainty repast and were entertained to a splendid programme of songs and speeches.

SOMBRA CHAPTER, No. 153, SOMBRA.—Owing to the lateness of the Grand Chapter meeting at Toronto, my election taking place then, and also a number of the officers of Sombra Chapter being engaged on the vessels sailing on the Great Lakes, I was unable to arrange a visit to Sombra at a time when I would have met a large number of the officers and Companions of the Chapter. On December the 17th, a motion was moved by Ex. Comp. W. W. Stover the Scribe E., and seconded by Ex. Comp. R. A. Stokes, that the place of the meeting of Sombra Chapter be changed from Sombra to Wallaceburg, with the approval of the Grand Superintendent; the jurisdiction of the Chapter to remain as approved by Grand Chapter. This resolution was carried without a dissenting voice. The reasons assigned for the change were, that Sombra Chapter was unable to have well attended meetings, because of its scattered membership and the members living a distance from the place of meeting not being able to secure a suitable return train service to their homes. There are thirty-nine members of the Chapter living in Wallaceburg, and by the change
of location the Companions living at Sombra will be able to go to Wallaceburg and return home on the same night, which the Companions residing at Wallaceburg could not do when they went to Sombra. Upon these grounds I granted the request of changing the place of meeting, from Sombra to Wallaceburg, and I tender by congratulations to the Companions of Sombra for the splendid Masonic spirit shown in bringing about a condition of affairs that will prove greatly to the future progress of the Chapter. I expect to visit this Chapter at its first meeting held in Wallaceburg.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. Trick,

Grand Supt., London District, No. 2.

London, Ont.
| CHAPTER | Number | LOCATION | Regular Meetings | Emergent | Total | Average Attendance | Members | Average Attendance | Visitors | Annual Dress per Member | No. Members last Return | Petitions Accepted | Affiliates | Restorations | Withdrawals | Suspensions | Deaths | Present Membership | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R. A. Conf. | No. Members 12 Moths in Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Dues Outstanding | Amount Insurance | Amt. Expended in Benevolence | Expenditures | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees? | Prospects |
|---------|--------|----------|------------------|----------|-------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| St. John's | 10     | London   | 313.30          | 50.00    | 371.34 | 34.25              | 1       | 1                  | 4         | 2                    | 6.386.25          | 18               | 9          | 58          | $250.00     | $450.00     | $500.00 | 275.00            | 625.00       | 300.00        | 140.00     | Excellent     | Yes           |
| St. George's | 9      | London   | 13.40           | 5.00     | 322.55 | 49                 | 7       | 3                  | 5         | 4                    | 166.66             | 45.48            | 8          | $430.7.50   | 2000.00    | 700.00      | 169.00   | 150.00            | 84.50         | 140.00        | 140.00     | Excellent     | Yes           |
| Wawanosh  | 15     | Sarnia   | 95.35           | 2.00     | 295.88 | 8                  | 8       | 15                 | 9         | 2                    | 127.4              | 8                | 7          | 6.26        | $960.44     | $960.44     | $960.44 | 107.00            | 266.00       | 107.00        | 107.00     | Excellent     | Yes           |
| Bruce     | 53     | Petrolia | 2111.11         | 12.00    | 102.44 | 4                  | 4       | 1                  | 3         | 4                    | 3102.4             | 4                | 4          | 4.10        | $266.00     | 474.49      | 107.00   | 266.00            | 15.00         | 15.00         | 15.00      | Fair          | Yes           |
| Palestine | 54     | St. Thomas | 313.31          | 12.00    | 272.26 | 26                 | 1       | 2                  | 2         | 2                    | 295.26             | 27      | 25         | 1711.00     | 687.00      | 624.00   | 38.00         | 400.00    | 134.00        | 134.00     | Good          | Yes           |
| Beaver    | 74     | Strathroy | 410.00          | 12.00    | 74.11  | 1                  | 1       | 1                  | 7         | 1                    | 127.4              | 1                | 2          | 5.00        | $750.00     | 450.00      | 175.00  | 300.00            | 300.00     | 300.00        | 300.00     | Fair          | No            |
| Minnewawa | 78     | Parkhill | 26.90           | 11.50    | 60.00  | 3                  | 3       | 1                  | 1         | 1                    | 64.00              | 3                | 3          | 2.25        | $75.00     | 162.75      | 5.00    | Fair                | No            | Fair          | No         | Fair          | No            |
| Aylmer    | 81     | Aylmer   | 812.00          | 2.00     | 110.00 |                     | 2       | 1                  | 0         | 1                    | 108.00             | 1                | 52         | $233.00     | 33.00       | 260.00     | 200.00  | 10.00           | Good         | Yes          | Yes        | Good          | Yes           |
| London    | 150    | London   | 213.30          | 4.30     | 190.29 | 22                  | 1       | 1                  | 1         | 1                    | 212.22             | 17                | 120        | 1812.97     | 867.97      | 460.00     | 485.00  | 300.00            | 300.00     | 300.00        | 300.00     | Good          | Yes           |
| Sombra    | 153    | Wallaceburg | 26.90          | 2.00     | 89.00  |                     | 4       | 3                  | 82        | 47                   | 232.50             | 47                |            | $500.00     | 172.50      | 300.00     | 5.00    | Good            | Yes         | Yes          | Yes        | Good          | Yes           |
| Vinny     | 8      | Inwood   | 8817.00         | 73.00    | 1714.14 |                     | 149.50  | 569.25             | 569.25    | 500.00                | 500.00             | 500.00          |            |            |            |            |            | 500.00     | 500.00        | 500.00      | 500.00        | 500.00      | Good          | Yes           |

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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 honor to present for your consideration my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Wilson District No. 3.

My term of office was very short, due to the delay in holding the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, but I have visited officially all the Chapters in the District, and wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred in electing me Grand Superintendent; also to express my thanks to the officers and Companions of the various Chapters for the kindness with which they received me. I shall always look back with happy remembrance on the enjoyable visits I had to the different Chapters. The best of harmony and good will prevails throughout this District.

Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris.—I paid my first official visit November 4th, to this Chapter and found a large attendance of Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers in an acceptable manner. The Chapter is getting a number of new members and financially is in a prosperous condition. Owing to a number of the Companions living out of town, a lack of new material to fill the different chairs has been in evidence, but this is being overcome by the addition of new members. I anticipate, with the assistance of the "Grand Stalwarts," who are always to be found at the helm in this Chapter, that it will be one of the best in the District at no distant date. On my visit I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Collins and Comps. Brown and Dane.

Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.—On November 13th, I visited this Chapter, and found that a reception was being given to the returned Companions who had seen
Service Overseas. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on seven Candidates in a most commendable manner, the work being done by the Past Z's. Each Officer did his work so well that there was not a chance for me to criticise in any way. The Chapter is in excellent condition and apparently there is no lack of interest in the attendance. After the work had been completed in the Chapter room an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall where a most enjoyable repast was partaken of. A number of excellent speeches were delivered by the officers and Past Officers in attendance, and the evening was one of profit and pleasure to all. On this occasion I was accompanied by Ex. Comps. Montgomery and Reid.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.—There was a large attendance to greet me on my visit to this Chapter, November 21st. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most commendable manner. There is an abundance of young material coming into the Chapter which should in the near future make it one of the best in the District. An excellent banquet was provided by members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and any District Superintendent could not but feel proud that his own Chapter had shown him the honor Oxford did on this occasion. There was a number of visitors present and a programme of exceptional merit was provided and all the Companions present enjoyed a profitable evening.

Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll.—When I visited this Chapter November 28th, the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a creditable manner in the presence of a good attendance of Companions. This Chapter has had rather discouraging times as many of the members have used it for the purpose of getting to higher degrees and then failing to attend the Chapter after receiving the Royal Arch degree. However, under the present staff of officers, who are energetic, this Chapter should prosper. The new members who are coming in seem to take a keen interest in the welfare of the Chapter which speaks well for its future. I was accompanied on this

Mt. Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford.—This Chapter was visited by me December 5th, and I found it to be one of the best in the District. There was some misunderstanding regarding my visit as the members were not notified of it, yet there was a large attendance and the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a manner beyond criticism. The Candidate was one of the best I had ever witnessed taking a degree. He paid particular attention to the ceremony and seemed to realize the meaning of the degree. When visiting this Chapter you feel at ease and the officers and Companions are seeking for information which tends to perfect them in their work. Comp. Morrison accompanied me on this visit.

All of which is Fraternally submitted,

M. E. Sherwood,
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 present the report of my impressions on Royal Arch Masonry in this District over which I have the honour to be Superintendent. Owing to the fact that Grand Chapter met, at Toronto on June 17th, 1919, and the next Convocation will be held February 25th, 1920, my term of office is short. However, I found all the Chapters in the District willing to help me to fulfill my duties which I found to be very pleasant, while I had an exceedingly good opportunity to fraternize with the Companions in the District.

There seems to be at the present time, a great desire of Craft Masons to join Capitular Masonry in this District, as shown by the number of petitions presented during the last half year.

I feel indebted to some extent to the officers and members of Kitchener Chapter who so ably assisted me in my work both on my official visits and at the Chapter of Instruction.

Entertprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston.—On Monday October 6th, 1919, I visited this Chapter and received grand honours on behalf of Grand Chapter, from the Companions present. Ex. Comp. R. G. Barton, Z., conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on a candidate in a fair manner. Though this Chapter is labouring under adverse conditions, owing to the distance at which the Companions live from Harriston, and the frequent removals of its officers before they advance to higher rank, yet it is making very commendable advancement as shown in the manner in which the officers acquit themselves. The prospects are comparatively bright for no less than eleven applications were received for exaltation at the last two Convocations. One feature I noted was the presence of a number of Companions
well up in years, one R. Ex. Comp. Prain being over 90 years old, and showing a deep interest in the Chapter still. Four other Companions and myself enjoyed a fine evening’s visit and fraternal greetings well exchanged, which will, I think, have a mutually good effect on Royal Arch Masonry.

**Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph.—** On October 10th I paid my official visit to Guelph Chapter, accompanied by thirteen Companions. I received a right royal welcome. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on four candidates in a manner which reflected great credit on the officers as it was their first attempt to work this degree. This Chapter appears to be in a flourishing condition, and interest in Capitular Masonry seems to be increasing, judging from the number of applications received. The spirit of brotherhood is very evident among these Companions and it is indeed a real pleasure to visit Guelph Chapter.

**Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville.—** On October 14th I paid my official visit to Ionic Chapter accompanied by three of my friends, Excellent Companions of Kitchener Chapter. We were received in a most cordial manner. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred on one Candidate, a returned soldier, in a fair manner. The interest in Capitular Masonry in this Chapter is manifest, but the attendance was small, owing, no doubt, in part, to political rumblings which were easily heard all over the Province at the time. What was lacking in numbers was made up in good fellowship and brotherhood. Here, as well as at Harriston, the Companions of long standing show no lack of interest. Their interest is indeed gratifying to the officers and other Companions of Ionic Chapter.

**Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener.—** I made my official visit to Kitchener Chapter on Friday evening October 17th on which occasion there were present about thirty visitors from Guelph and Galt. I was received most cordially and accorded grand honours. This Chapter is in a very flourishing condition and the quality of the work done is exceedingly good, under the able
direction of the Excellent First Principal, J. F. Carmichael. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred in an able manner, and the conditions in this Chapter are very satisfactory. We also had a "Fourth Degree" and exchanged greetings with the visiting Companions. The number of applications received is an indication of the increasing interest being taken in Capitular Masonry in this vicinity.

**Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt.**—I made my official visit to Waterloo Chapter, of Galt, on Monday November 10th, in company with a dozen or more Companions from Kitchener. Waterloo Chapter had their election of officers on this date, and they also conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a very creditable manner. This Chapter has a very efficient set of officers and apparently is in a flourishing condition. The spirit of brotherhood here seems to be very manifest, and for entertainment in the "Fourth Degree" there seems to be no lack of talent. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and fraternal greetings exchanged between Kitchener Chapter and Waterloo Chapter. Royal Arch Masonry seems to be all that could be expected in Waterloo Chapter.

**Chapter of Instruction, Kitchener.**—A Chapter of Instruction for Wellington District No. 4 was held at Kitchener under the auspices of Kitchener Chapter, November 7th.

The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by the officers of Guelph Chapter, No. 40, at 3 p.m. in a creditable manner. The Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified by Waterloo Chapter at 5.00 p.m. with full musical ritual, that was indeed very entertaining, as well as instructive. Kitchener Chapter, No. 117 exemplified the Royal Arch degree at 8 p.m. and it showed the efficient work which had been characteristic of its officers during the year.

An opportunity to ask questions relating to the working of the degrees was then given and a few points cleared under direction of R. Ex. Comp. J. D. Weir, District Superintendent. R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith. Grand Scribe E., was present in the evening and was
received with grand honors and welcomed by Ex. Comp. J. F. Carmichael, First Principal of Kitchener Chapter. A very comprehensive and instructive address was delivered by the distinguished guest, R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, which was a source of inspiration to all who were fortunate enough to be present to hear it.

The banquet held in the dining room after the work in the Chapter room, was indeed a fitting climax to a very successful Chapter of Instruction, and the addresses delivered could not be but beneficial to the Royal Arch Masons present. There were about 75 R. A. Masons in attendance, nearly all belonging to the District.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Jas. D. Weir,
Grand Supt., Wellington District, No. 4.

Kitchener, Ont.
### Wellington District, No. 4

| Chapter | Number | Location | Regular Meetings | Emergent | Total | Average Attendance | Members | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues per Member | Petitions Accepted | Candidates Initiated | Restorations | Withdrawals | Deaths | Present Membership | M.M. Conf. | M.P. M. Conf. | R. A. Conf. | No. Members 12 Months in Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Dues Outstanding | Amount Insurance | Am. Expended in Benevolence | Prospects | Can Ex. Z. work all day? |
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| Waterloo | 32     | Galt     | 9                | 12       | 16    | 3 3.00 153 10 7 2 | 1 3 150 7 5 4 7 | 130.00   | $700.00 | $300.00 | $400.00 | $24.00 | $500.00 | $130.00 | Good     | Yes                        |
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HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

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 honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Hamilton District No. 5 for the year 1919.

Officially I have visited each Chapter in this District even though my term has been shorter than usual, I have been able to make several fraternal visits to The Hiram, No. 2, St. John's, No. 6, Ancaster No. 155 and Hamilton Chapter, No. 175. On each occasion the officers have proven themselves to be worthy of the highest praise for their efficient work. The standard which the Chapters in this District have maintained is high; the standard to which they are aspiring is even higher, and I believe that by the spirit of co-operation their aspirations will be crowned with success.

My Secretary, V. Ex. Comp. Thos. McDermid, joins with me in praising the work done by the Scribes, and I am pleased to have this opportunity of thanking them for the manner in which the books and minutes of the different Chapters are being kept.

It is indeed gratifying to me to be able to report a net gain of one hundred and sixty-nine, in the membership for this District. This figure only serves to emphasize the growth of Capitular Masonry which is advancing in an amazing manner.

The prospects for the rural Chapters is especially bright, with the development of the good road movement and the use of automobiles, the Companions from distant places can reach the Chapter rooms with comparative ease.

The true spirit of brotherly love is abounding in each and every Chapter and this is undoubtedly the main cause of our significant successes during the past year.
The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton.—I visited this Chapter officially on December 26th, and presided at the election of officers. The unanimity of the ballots shows plainly one reason of the success which has and is being achieved by The Hiram Chapter. There was a large turnout of members, M. Ex. Comps. George Moore and W. G. Reid, R. Ex. Comps. J. F. Miller and Frank Hills, and a large number of Excellent Companions. One of the noted meetings of my year was a fraternal visit when M. Ex. Comp. George Moore as First Principal, assisted by the Officers of his year (1900) as Ex. Z. as far as they are now available, worked the Royal Arch degree in their Masterly way. R. Ex. Comp. D. R. Gibson and V. Ex. Comp. C. A. Herald, were presented with the regalia of Grand Chapter by M. Ex. Comp. Moore and R. Ex. Comp. F. Hills, to which very suitable replies were made.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton. My plans were somewhat frustrated with this Chapter. I agreed to go to St. Clair and St. John’s Chapter in December. The one Chapter being governed by the day following the full moon, and the other by the day of the month; both Chapters met on the same night, December 11th. However, I asked R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis to take my place at St. John’s, which he kindly did and presided at the election of officers. He reports everything in a very satisfactory condition and that perfect harmony prevails, I was fraternally introduced and received on January 8th. The installation of officers was carried on that night and was conducted in a very creditable manner by R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Miller. Fraternally I visited this Chapter on November 13th and saw the Royal Arch degree worked by the Past Principals of the Chapter, Ex. Comp. E. Anson Vollick acted as Ex. Z. and the work was creditably done.

St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton.—M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, V. Ex. Comp. Thomas McDermid, Ex. Comp. D. Smith, five other Companions from Ancaster Chapter and myself, motored to Milton and I was officially introduced and received by Ex. Comp. M. S. Sprout and Companions of St. Clair Chapter. I pre-
sided at the election of officers and everything went along fairly smoothly. The Ex. Principals and Officers worked the Royal Arch degree on three Candidates. In the rural districts we usually concede to the city Chapters the honor of following the work nearer to letter, yet this degree was worked in City style. I was very pleased to meet R. Ex. Comp. Panton on this occasion.

White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville.—I made my official visit in company with R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Miller, V. Ex. Comps. Thomas McDermid and George Britton, Ex. Comps. H. R. Clark, R. Buchanan, A. W. Richardson, Percy Greenall, W. Roelofson and Comp. J. Moffat, to this Chapter on January 20th, 1920. While the progress of the Chapter has not been very marked this year, there were four applications accepted at this meeting and good progress seems assured for the coming year. They possess that true Masonic spirit of Brotherly love. This being the night of the installation of officers for the coming year R. Ex. Comp. Miller, Ex. Comps. H. R. Clark and Percy Greenall installed them in their respective offices. Having to catch the train we had to leave the banqueting table before the programme was finished. We would have liked to have heard more speeches from Oakville Companions but were unable to do so.

Ancaster Chapter, No. 155, Ancaster.—This is my Mother Chapter and I can say that I was at every meeting except one, during the year. I made by official visit on December 9th, and presided at the election of officers. Every Ballot cast was unanimous. I do not want to laud the Chapter too highly, but I must say that great credit is due Ex. Comp. Roelofson, officers and Companions of Ancaster Chapter, for the splendid progress made during this year. They have already twelve accepted applications for the year 1920.

Hamilton Chapter No. 175, Hamilton.—The most important meeting I attended during the year was on September 16th, when in company with members of Ancaster Chapter, we paid a Fraternal visit to Hamilton Chapter to assist in welcoming the M. Ex. Comp. W. N.
Ponton, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to Hamilton Chapter and District. This was surely pleasing to me, as the address given by him was certainly a master piece and an inspiration to all Royal Arch Masons who were fortunate enough to hear it. We were also given an eloquent address by R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, whom we are always glad to welcome in the District. The Grand First Principal, installed R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin into the office of Grand Second Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I again visited this Chapter on November 11th, and heard the Past Principals of the Chapter exemplify the Royal Arch degree on six candidates and must say it was conferred in the usual splendid manner which this Chapter does its work, and after a few remarks to the newly advanced candidates by myself, the Chapter was closed in the regular form.

I wish to thank all the Most Excellents, Right Excellents, Very Excellents, Excellents and Companions, who have co-operated with me during my term of office, in helping to further the cause of Capitular Masonry, in this District.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the officers and Companions of the different Chapters for the very kind reception and their hospitality to me and those who accompanied me at each meeting, also for the glad hand of fellowship, which was given to each of us.

I will always remember the year as a bright spot in my life.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. Bates,

Grand Supt., Hamilton District, No. 5.

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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 honor to submit for your approval my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Huron District, No. 6, for the year 1919.

Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham, Ont.—On October 30th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter, it being my first visit in the District. I was met at the Depot by R. Ex. Comp. Tamlyn, and other officers of the Chapter and made to feel at home at once. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two Candidates, and I must say that Ex. Comp. Coutts, and his Principal Sojourner, together with the other officers of the Chapter conferred this degree in a very able manner, and I must add that the attendance and enthusiasm of all the Companions are particularly worthy of mention. The work of the Chapter being ended, the Companions repaired to a nearby restaruant, where a very dainty and substantial repast brought the evening to a close.

St. James Chapter, No. 76, St. Mary’s.—I visited St. James, No. 76, my home Chapter on the evening of November 10th, when Ex. Comp. C. E. Richardson, and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a manner that I was indeed proud of. Owing to the removal from Town, of the Second Principal, Ex. Comp. Richardson has occupied the First Principal’s Chair for two years, and they have been very busy years indeed, they having initiated twenty three Candidates during the year 1919; all candidates being of the very best type. The Companions are eagerly looking forward to the time when alterations now under way, will enable them to say that they have a home second to none.

Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of November 14th, being
met at the Depot by V. Ex. Comp. Blackmore. Bernard Chapter has been very unfortunate this year, their First Principal having removed to Windsor, and Ex. Comp. Alex. Weatherhead, their Second Principal being seriously ill, and whom I am very sorry to say passed away on the 17th of November just a few days after my visit. The evening being very stormy, the Candidate who was from the country did not come, and the time was spent discussing the different degrees, after which the Companions adjourned to their banqueting hall where a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.—My Official visit to this Chapter on November 18th, occurred on a very stormy night, and it was therefore a great pleasure to see such a good attendance. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two Candidates in an excellent manner by Ex. Comp. "Major" Dunlop, who had shortly returned to Goderich after four years of active service, and whom I was pleased to meet again. After the closing of the Chapter the Companions repaired to their banqueting hall, where an excellent repast was followed by a friendly and interesting discussion.

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford.—I was accompanied on my visit to Tecumseh Chapter by Ex. Comps. Richardson, Grainger, and Hylands of St. Mary's, and we were given a very hearty welcome by the Companions of Stratford, after which two Candidates were exalted to the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, Ex. Comp. Smith, and his very efficient staff of officers performing the ceremony in a perfect manner. Tecumseh Chapter is fortunate in having a large membership, a beautiful home, and perhaps the most important of all, a loyal number of Past Principals. After refreshments served in their banquet hall, we motored home, all agreeing that we had witnessed faultless work and had been royally entertained.

The Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth.—My visit to this Chapter on December 2nd, was a very enjoyable one, although we had no Candidate, we spent a very profitable evening in discussing the different degrees,
and I am sure that Ex. Comp. Delacey and his officers are doing the work in the proper manner. They have very comfortable quarters and are looking forward to having a banner year in 1920.

Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow.—I visited Lucknow Chapter on December 16th, and was given a very hearty welcome by the Companions. As it was very late when my train arrived in Lucknow, it being after 11.00 p.m. there was no work, but we spent a very pleasant and I hope profitable time discussing the different degrees, after the election of officers for the coming year. The Companions are very optimistic as to the future, and I forsee a very bright outlook for 1920. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close in their banquet hall. I wish at this time to thank the Companions of Lucknow Chapter for waiting until such a late hour for my arrival, which owing to the changes made in the Railway time-tables on December 1st, would have made it impossible for me to visit them otherwise.

Elliot Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell.—I visited Elliot Chapter on December 18th, and had the pleasure of seeing the Mark Master degree conferred by R. Ex. Ccomp. Elliot and I must say that it was done in a faultless manner. This was the only opportunity I had of seeing the Mark Master Mason degree conferred in the District and the Companions of Mitchell are to be congratulated for their work, the singing of the Companions led by Companions Blowes and Babb, being exceptionally fine. After refreshments were served the evening was brought to a close with a short programme.

Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine and Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton.—I am sorry that I could not visit these two Chapters, and wish to assure the Companions that it was through no fault of the Chapters or their officers that I did not do so. Owing to changes made in the Railway time-tables on December 1st, it would have taken the better part of three days for each visit, and the approach of the holidays left me no choice but to ask the Scribes E. of Havelock and Chantry Chapters to excuse me.
In conclusion I wish to thank the officers and Companions of the various Chapters for their kindness to me during my visits, and to assure them that I appreciate to the utmost, the honor of having represented the Most Ex. the Grand Z. in Huron District No. 6.

Fraternally submitted,

LEM J. CONSTABLE,
*Grand Supt., Huron District, No. 6.*

St. Mary’s, Ont.
## HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

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| Tecumseh | 24     | Stratford    | 9                | 9        | 30    | $ 1.250                     | 194                    | 12                     | 1                    | 203                   | 12            | 4            | 7            | 30      | $ 1000.00         | $ 600.00          | $ 400.00     | $ 127.50     | $ 400.00                      | Good       | Yes    |                    |          |                   |                |                   |                |                              |
| Huron    | 30     | Goderich     | 8                | 2        | 10    | 12                          | 96                    | 6                      | 6                    | 2                   | 99            | 6            | 6            | 51      | 11               | 96.75            | 1054.52      | 155.17       | 709.20                        | 190.15     | Good   | Yes                |          |                   |                |                   |                |                              |
| St. James | 46     | St. Mary's   | 11               | 15       | 26    | 18                          | 90                    | 23                     | 23                   | 1                   | 113           | 23           | 22           | 19      | 50               | 50.00            | 860.00       | 400.00       | 250.00                        | 210.00     | 10.00  | Good               |          |                   |                |                   |                |                              |
| Havelock | 63     | Kincardine   | 7                | 3        | 10    | 12                          | 66                    | 6                      | 6                    | 2                   | 73            | 6            | 5            | 51      | 25               | 350.00            | 30.00        | 200.00       | 25.00                         | Good       | Yes    | Good               |          |                   |                |                   |                |                              |
| The Malloch | 66     | Seaforth    | 10               | 1        | 11    | 20                          | 65                    | 8                      | 8                    | 2                   | 73            | 8            | 5            | 41      | 50.00            | 300.00            | 300.00       | 300.00       | 300.00                        | Good       | Yes    |                    |          |                   |                |                   |                |                              |
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| Elliot   | 129    | Mitchell     | 4                | 4        | 8    | 14                          | 48                    | 7                      | 3                    | 2                   | 51            | 2            | 1            | 11      | 24               | 11.86            | 664.70       | 144.57       | 150.00                        | 370.13     | 5.00   | Good               |          |                   |                |                   |                |                              |
| Chantry  | 130    | Southampton  | 6                | 2        | 8    | 11                          | 48                    | 6                      | 4                    | 1                   | 52            | 4            | 4            | 21      | 15               | 650.00            | 350.00       | 300.00       | 52.50                         | 300.00     | 5.00   | Good               |          |                   |                |                   |                |                              |
| Bernard  | 146    | Listowel     | 8                | 4        | 12    | 12                          | 49                    | 7                      | 7                    | 1                   | 2             | 53           | 7            | 7        | 27               | 400.00            | 286.00      | 81.00        | 150.00                        | Good       | Yes    |                    |          |                   |                |                   |                |                              |
| Lucknow  | 147    | Lucknow     | 4                | 2        | 6    | 12                          | 33                    | 1                      | 1                    | 1                   | 32            | 1            | 1            | 11      | 23               | 406.08            | 135.73       | 200.00       | 70.35                         | 5.00       | Good   | Yes                |          |                   |                |                   |                |                              |
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NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7.

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 honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Niagara District No. 7, for the year 1919. This, being the first year after the war, has been for our District, a banner year, at least in increase of membership.

In view of the short time allotted for completing the official visits it seemed almost impossible to arrange for a Chapter of Instruction, and I feel this is very much needed to assure a standard of work which can only be acquired by actual contact with those who are familiar with the proper instructions. I hope that my successor will be able to arrange for this and I will be delighted to assist in any way I can toward promoting a high standard of efficiency.

I have succeeded in having the several Chapters interested in having a better form of Summons, as suggested by the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and I feel confident that the District will do credit to the Grand Chapter in this regard.

I am very grateful to R. Ex. Comp. Ross Douglas, my Predecessor, for the kindly spirit shown and for the assistance rendered during my term of office.

Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on December 13th and was courteously received by the Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very efficient and impressive manner. R. Ex. Comp. Birch assisted the regular officers, after which a profitable hour was spent in the banquet room. Ex. Comp. Smith gave a concise history of Capitular Masonry based on actual authentic history taken from the Bible. This Chapter
is bound to be one of the best in the District, owing to the numerical situation and the excellence of the material being advanced.

**McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.**—I visited this Chapter in my official capacity on November 26th and was received by R. Ex. Comp. Parks and the First Principal. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by the officers in their usual excellent manner. After the usual routine work was completed, a lunch was served and a profitable hour was spent in the Dunnville Club rooms. This Chapter has hardly recovered from the conditions caused by the war, but I am sure it will give a good account of itself for the coming year. I was accompanied by Ex. Comps. Phipps and McConachie, as well as Comp. Forbes of St. Johns Chapter, Hamilton.

**Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake.**—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on December 6th and was delighted to find the Chapter, while small in attendance, very enthusiastic. I have great confidence in the future of Niagara Chapter, as the new officers elect seem full of energy. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by R. Ex. Comp. McClelland, assisted by the regular officers. On January 16th assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Randall, of Grimsby, I installed Ex. Comp. Riggs and his officers for 1920. A very pleasant hour was spent in the banquet room at the close.

**King Hiram Chapter, No. 51, Port Colborne.**—Accompanied by Ex. *4* Comp. Marlatt I visited this Chapter on November 6th, and was accorded a very hearty welcome. I feel confident that the wave of prosperity sweeping through this District will leave its mark on King Hiram.

**Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland.**—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter twice, and felt well repaid for any trouble I may have gone to. The spirit of Masonry, while noticeable in the whole District, is very pronounced here and R. Ex. Comp. Douglas, and
"Daddy" Ross, are to a great extent responsible for the success attendant upon this Chapter. December 1st, was the date on which I paid my official visit to this, my Mother Chapter. I was received in the usual court-eous manner. This Chapter has had a very successful year and take a deep interest in Capitular Masonry. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by R. Ex. Comp. Phipps, assisted by the officers. This was the first regular meeting after the return of R. Ex. Comp. Phipps from Overseas, and the Companions were delighted with the work. The Book of Marks, in this Chapter is well kept, and our Scribe E. has his books in splendid condition. We expect to have a new home before another year and would like to have it Dedicated by a special Chapter of Instruction.

Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls.— This is the banner Chapter this year. The applications came in so fast that it was impossible to get them all advanced. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred and I was surprised that so much work could be accomplished in one evening. Every officer was well skilled and seven Candidates advanced with all due ceremony and impressiveness in less than three hours. I was afraid when they told me how many Candidates they proposed to advance, that the work would lose its impressiveness, but quite to the contrary. I never saw the work done where the Candidates got more out of it than here. R. Ex. Comp. Swannell has his records in excellent order and I may say that this Chapter is par excellence.

Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Bridgeburg.— I paid my official visit to this Chapter in company with Ex. Comps. Carpenter, Culp. Phipps and Russ and we were given a very cordial welcome. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Watts, and he is to be complimented on having a very retentive memory as he practically conferred the complete degree himself. I am very much in favor of the work being distributed among the Past Principals, as it helps to keep up the interest, and makes the Past Principals feel that
they are not only needed, but appreciated. This Chapter should be progressive as the members are active and enthusiastic. The Chapter was anxious for a Chapter of Instruction, but this could not be arranged this year.

I am very grateful to the Companions of this District for the honor they have conferred on me, and hope that the several Chapters have benefited in as great a proportion as I have myself. Capitular Masonry is like the Volume of the Sacred Law; it must be studied to be appreciated.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. A. WRAY,
Grand Supt., Niagara District, No. 7.

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TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8.

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:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District for the year 1919, and in doing so, desire first to record my appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the Toronto District in being recommended to the Grand Z. for the appointment to such an important position as Grand Superintendent.

I was particularly fortunate in securing as District Secretary, Ex. Comp. C. H. B. Johnson, Past Z. of King Solomon's Chapter No. 8, who has been to me of great assistance. He accompanied me on every official visit, and the Scribe E's of the various Chapters were much benefited by his advice.

Owing to the very short working period at my disposal, I was not able to hold any Chapters of Instruction. However, I visited every Chapter at least once, and the Toronto Chapters several times.

R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. was good enough to accompany me on many of my official visits, and has been ready always to give any information and render any assistance I needed.

I received a warm welcome in every Chapter, and endeavoured to help the Principals and officers by friendly advice and suggestions. In this, I think, I succeeded as they have not hesitated to inform me of their plans for meetings, and while I have always been treated with respect, I believe that I can number every presiding officer for 1919 as a friend in every sense of the word.
While the District was in splendid condition when I was appointed to my duties, I know that I leave it in much better shape on the completion of my term of office. This is due to several causes, particularly an awakened interest in the beautiful teachings of the Royal Craft. It is being brought into closer touch with Symbolic Masonry, and the great enthusiasm that prevails, not only among the officers, but with the Companions of the Constituent Chapters.

Harmony prevails throughout the District. There is an increasing tendency among the different Chapters to get together, particularly in the interchange of visits. This is especially to be commended, as I believe fraternal visits which bind us closer together are productive of much good.

A new Chapter was Instituted during the year, and received a good send-off by the various Chapters, representatives from nearly every Chapter being present. This year was unique in that there was also the Dedication of another Chapter. This alone will show how the Royal Craft is progressing in the District.

The Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., was present at a large number of Convocations of the Chapters and his attendance was very much appreciated by the Companions.

The "Mark Book" is used in every Chapter, and the Companions are being educated to register their Marks.

Much satisfaction has been expressed at the restoration of the Sash as part of the Royal Arch regalia, the action of Grand Chapter being commended throughout the District.

While I had rather a strenuous time of it, owing to the short time in which to visit the different Chapters, I have thoroughly enjoyed my term of office, and it is almost with regret that I relinquish my duties. I have received nothing but kindness and courtesy from every officer and Companion in the District, and shall always look back with pleasure to my term as Grand Superintendent of this important District.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., I visited Orient Chapter on September 11th, and witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree conferred. Ex. Comp. J. C. Bennett and his officers conferred the degree in a very creditable manner. The Scribe E’s. books are in good shape. During the evening R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith presented V. Ex. Comp. Sam Ward, Treasurer of the Chapter, with his Regalia as Grand Master of 4th Veil. This Chapter has had a most successful year. On November 13th, I again visited Orient Chapter and assisted R. Ex. Comps. George McLeish and H. T. Smith in installing the officers for 1920. Ex. Comp. D. S. L. Macdougal is a most energetic First Principal, and the prospects for the coming year are exceptionally bright.

St. Andrew and St. John’s Chapter, No. 4, Toronto.—This good old Chapter is still to the fore in all that concerns the Royal Craft. On September 19th I was present at “All Craft Night,” when the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, K.C. and the Grand Master, M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, were received. M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, and a number of distinguished were also present. On October 17th I paid my official visit when the Royal Arch degree was conferred in an impressive manner by E. Comp. W. G. H, Ewing and his officers. On December 19th I assisted R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith, G.S.E., in installing the officers. This Chapter, the oldest in the District, is fortunate in having among its active membership such good Royal Arch Masons as R. Ex. Comps. H. T. Smith, R. W. Clewlo and Dr. W. G. Price.

Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto.—On September 24th I visited Antiquity Chapter and witnessed the Royal Arch degree conferred by Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong. The officers are well skilled and the books of the Scribe E. are well kept. This Chapter has had a wonderfully successful year in point of numbers. Harmony prevails and its prospects are good. On October 22nd I attended a “Grand Chapter Night” when the Grand Z. occupied the chair, and the Royal Arch
degree was conferred. In the person of Ex. Comp. J. Herriott, Scribe E., the Chapter has a real stalwart officer.

**King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.**—This being my Mother Chapter I have attended every meeting possible. On September 25th R. Ex. Comp. Dr. R. J. Reade presented me with the Regalia of Grand Superintendent, and I presented V. Ex. Comp. L. E. Bowerman, Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, with the Regalia of his office. On October 23rd I paid my official visit and saw the Royal Arch degree conferred by Ex. Comp. F. D. Hunt in an able manner. The officers are all enthusiastic and the Chapter may well be proud of its Past Z.'s who are active in its interest. On November 27th the Past Principals conferred the Royal Arch degree, R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon celebrating his 50th anniversary as a member by acting as First Principal. In honour of the occasion he was presented with an armchair. The Chapter has sustained a severe loss in the death of Ex. Comp. Chris Wallroth, its third Principal, who was an exceptionally bright and capable officer.

**The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto.**—The return of the Travelling Triangle has brought this Chapter into prominence. Easily the largest in the Toronto District, it is now known all over the world. On October 3rd I had the pleasure of attending an Especial Convocation when a large number of Companions of Ancient Chapter No. 1, New York City, accompanied the Triangle home. Numerous distinguished Companions from the different Grand Chapters of the United States were present as also were M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., Grand Z., and almost all the Grand Chapter officers. The gathering was unique and will be remembered as a red letter day in Royal Arch Masonry. Ex. Comp. Spragge and the officers, who had charge of the arrangements, also V. Ex. Comp. John A. Cowan, Director of Ceremonies, arc to be congratulated on the perfect manner in which the programme was carried out. Ex. Comp. Wm. Croft is worthy of special mention in this connection. A reception to the visiting Companions and their ladies was
tendered on the following evening. On October 18th I visited the Chapter officially, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. J. P. Spragge and his officers in an admirable manner. Special reference should be made of the work of the Principal Sojourner, Companion Sproul.

Mt. Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Toronto.—This Chapter, of which I am Chapter member, received its Warrant at the last convocation of Grand Chapter. Under the guidance of R. Ex. Comp. Repath it has had a most successful year. On October 7th I made my visit of inspection and witnessed the Royal Arch degree conferred. All the officers were proficient, the work of the junior officers, all new Royal Arch Masons, being worthy of special mention. On October 21st the Chapter was Consecrated by the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C. and the Grand Chapter Officers. The arrangements were good and the ceremony and banquet will long be remembered by the Toronto Companions. The new members are all enthusiastic and its prospects are bright.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto.—On October 8th I visited St. Paul's Chapter and witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree conferred. It was well done. This Chapter has a number of Past Grand Chapter officers among its membership, and is under the guidance of Ex. Comp. H. S. Park, a well known Mason. Companions who had seen considerable service overseas were welcomed back at this meeting.

Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge.—Accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. W. J. Wadsworth, G.S.N., W. S. Ormiston and Ex. Comp. W. H. Roberts I motored to Uxbridge on October 9th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a manner that was particularly gratifying. The work of the First Principal Ex. Comp. J. W. Rynard being especially creditable. Succoth Chapter is fortunate in having as Scribe E., V. Ex. Comp. V. M. Hare, who is a very capable officer.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, Toronto.—On October 14th I visited this Chapter and saw the Royal Arch
degree conferred. The officers are all energetic and do well under the guidance of Ex. Comp. J. F. McLennan, who is an experienced Royal Arch Mason. The work was satisfactory in every way. The Scribe E. is R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth, G.S.N., and his books testify to his efficiency.

Toronto Chapter, No. 185, Toronto.—This Chapter has had a most successful year under the care of Ex. Comp. J. M. Malcolm, who has proved a very efficient officer. On October 20th the Royal Arch degree was conferred for my inspection, in a very commendable manner. Toronto Chapter sustained a severe loss in the death during the year of R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Brennan. The First Principal is to be congratulated for his endeavours to make the proceedings at the "Festive Board" entertaining and instructive by providing good speakers on vital topics.

York Chapter, No. 62, Toronto.—This Chapter is coming along in splendid style. There is a good number of new Companions, most of whom are enthusiastic Royal Arch Masons. On November 7th, I paid my official visit, and saw the work of the Royal Arch degree. Ex. Comp. R. Shaw is a very earnest Mason, and his work was very impressive. The work of the other officers left nothing to be desired. The attendance was specially good, and the prospects of York Chapter for 1920 are very bright.

Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto.—Under the guidance of Ex. Comp. J. Russell, Occident Chapter has had a most successful year. During the Fall, Guelph Chapter paid a fraternal visit and conferred the Royal Arch degree. On October 14th I witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree conferred in an efficient manner. On December 12th I accompanied M. Ex. Comp. Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., Grand Z., on the occasion of the reception to members returned from overseas. It was a most enjoyable evening. There was a very large attendance of Companions to this meeting, which was in some respects unique. Occident Chapter, which
is the second largest in the Toronto District, is in a flourishing condition, and harmony prevails within its portals.

Mimico Chapter, U.D., Mimico.—By direction of the Grand Z., I attended at Mimico Masonic Hall, and instituted Mimico Chapter. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., W. J. Wadsworth, G.S.N., G. L. Gardiner, E. J. Repath and a large and representative gathering of the Companions from the other Chapters of the District. The Chapter receives its Dispensation under very favourable conditions, and fills a long felt want. I again visited Mimico Chapter on January 7th, 1920, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred for my inspection. The officers are to be congratulated on their rendering of the work. They are all enthusiastic, and the Candidates could not fail to be impressed by it. The Scribe E. has his books in good shape and the Chapter room is well furnished. The Regalia being complete in every respect. Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley, the First Principal, has certainly accomplished a good work in training his officers for, with few exceptions none of the officers had occupied positions in any other Chapter.

Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill.—On November 26th, I visited this Chapter and witnessed the Royal Arch degree conferred by Ex. Comp. E. S. Cox, and his officers. This was an Emergent meeting, and considering the inclement weather the attendance was gratifying. The work was well done and much progress has been made in the past year. V. Ex. Comp. W. E. Hopkings, who is a Charter Member of the Chapter renders valuable service.

Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto. Owing to the alterations being made in the Masonic Temple at Balsam Avenue, I was unable to visit Beaches Chapter until December 1st, which was the occasion of the election of officers. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a capable manner by Ex. Comp. W. E. Nugent, and his officers. The quarters are now more commodious
and provide much better accommodation for the Companions in this rapidly growing District. The Past Z's. of the Chapter are active in its welfare and the prospects are exceptionally good.

Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton.— Accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. G. L. Gardiner, I motored to Brampton on December 2nd. The degree of the Royal Arch was conferred on a large class of Candidates in a splendid manner. The work of Ex. Comp. T. H. Moorehead, the First Principal and that of the Principal Sojourner were especially commendable. Peel Chapter has very few Past Z's. being a comparatively new Chapter, and the officers are to be congratulated on their good showing. There was a large attendance. The Chapter Room is well furnished and the Companions of Brampton are fortunate in having such comfortable quarters.

Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket.— I visited Doric Chapter on December 3rd, which was also the occasion of the election of officers. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. A. Winn in a satisfactory manner. Handicapped as it is in situation, Doric Chapter has, however, made good progress during the year. The newly elected officers are enthusiastic, and I have no doubt that 1920 will be a banner year for the Chapter. I believe that if some of the Toronto Chapters would visit Newmarket at intervals much good would result, and it would be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. Tinker,
Grand Supt., Toronto District, No. 8.

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GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

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 Royal Arch Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9, for the year 1919.

I visited every Chapter in the District at least once, with the exception of Kichekawana Chapter, No. 167, Midland, and Amabel Chapter No. 131, Wiarton. I tried on two or three different occasions to arrange a meeting at Wiarton, but for some reason, unknown to me still, I was unable to get Amabel Chapter to set a date, consequently had to give the matter up. Both my own intentions and those of Kichekawana Chapter were of the very best, in so far as arranging a meeting was concerned, but unfortunately the date set for my visit to this Chapter fell upon the same date as the meeting I had arranged for Couchiching Chapter, Orillia, and I was forced to let the meeting proceed without being in attendance, as much as I regretted it.

Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on November 28th, and spent a most pleasant, as well as profitable evening there. The Principals and officers exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree in a very efficient manner, and showed that they were proficient in this degree, and had the work well in hand. I was much impressed with the furnishings and size of their Chapter room, and with the large attendance of Companions who came out to this meeting, and I have no doubt that the Companions of Manitou Chapter will have many years of prosperity before them.

Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound.—I paid my official visit to my own home Chapter on Friday, December 5th, and spent a very pleasant evening. The
Royal Arch degree was exemplified on this occasion, and I was not at all disappointed with the manner in which Ex. Comp. Sutherland and his officers conferred the work. I had previously made arrangements with R. Ex. Comp. Sparling of Meaford to assist me on this occasion, but, owing to inclement weather and bad roads, he was unable to be with me. The future of my own home Chapter looks very promising and a big year is promised for 1920.

Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie.—I enjoyed my visit to this Chapter on December 9th very much, and was well pleased with the way in which R. Ex. Comp. Cowan and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree. The future of Signet Chapter looks very promising, and I have no doubt that 1920 will be a very successful year as was 1919.

Grand River Chapter, No. 70, Bracebridge.—I had the pleasure of meeting this Chapter in session on December 11th, and spent a very enjoyable evening. The Royal Arch degree was worked and the Principals and officers handled it in a very creditable manner. I am led to believe that the prospects for 1920 are very good, and I wish them success.

Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of December 12th, arriving in Orillia early in the morning. At noon I was met by V. Ex. Comp. Lewis and together we spent a very enjoyable and social afternoon. We visited the plant of the Tudhope Carriage Co., and met R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Tudhope. He was kind enough to spare the time to have a chat on the condition of Masonry in general and promised to see me at the Chapter meeting that evening, which he did. Words can hardly express with what pleasure I witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch degree by the Principals and officers of this Chapter. The work was as near perfect as I ever hope to see. Indeed, there was absolutely no room for criticism in any respect. One could not find a single flaw in the whole proceedings, and it was my very great
pleasure to tell them so. The future Principals and officers of the Chapter will surely have to tax their energy to maintain the very high standard reached in 1919. The prospects for this Chapter are very bright and a big year is promised for 1920.

MacPherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford.—I drove to this Chapter on the evening of December 18th and spent a very pleasant evening with the Companions of Meaford. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a pleasing manner, and the Principals and officers showed that they were well up in the work of this degree. MacPherson Chapter has been at a disadvantage this year through the fact that there has been several removals of the officers elected and appointed for the year. However, the future looks brighter in this respect, and I fully expect this Chapter will be more than able to resume their usual good standing for the coming season.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the kindly and courteous reception accorded me by the various Chapters throughout the District, and trust that I may, at some future date, have the pleasure of again meeting them.

Fraternally submitted,

C. L. VanWyck,
Grand Supt., Georgian District, No. 9.

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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 the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District No. 10, for the year 1919.

During the year I have visited nine of the twelve Chapters in the District and the reason I did not visit the three Chapters was, that they did not give me an opportunity. The Companions of Ionic Chapter felt deeply grateful for the honor conferred upon me as one of their members and endeavored to express their thanks to the District by escorting me on my official visits, and on most occasions from 15 to 25 Companions accompanied me.

Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa.—This is one of the Chapters I did not visit as the only date which they suggested as suitable, was the date on which I had previously arranged to pay my official visit to the Chapter in Havelock, but from the summonses received they appear to be prospering.

Keystone Chapter No. 35, Whitby. In company with V. Ex. Comp. F. W. Wood, I visited this Chapter on September 19th, and greatly enjoyed the manner in which the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred. I was quite familiar with this Chapter and its work as a short time previously the officers of my own Chapter, Ionic, had visited it and had conferred the Royal Arch degree, which visit we expect the officers and members of Keystone Chapter to return in March. Keystone Chapter is all right in every way and has very comfortable and convenient quarters.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough.—Accompanied by a large delegation of Campbellford
Companions, I visited Corinthian Chapter on October 24th and had one of those delightful evenings for which the Peterborough Companions are famous. They are now in their new Home and it is simply beautiful in every way, every detail and appointment is carried out in the most perfect taste and would be a credit to any Chapter, no matter how wealthy. The work of Ex. Comp. J. D. Cameron, and his officers, is quite in keeping with the exquisite surroundings.

Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope.—This is another Chapter I did not visit, and it was a matter of regret to me, but they had the misfortune to lose a number of officers by the removal elsewhere of one of their large local industries, and it was suggested that I should wait until new officers were installed. They extend to me a very cordial invitation to pay them a visit, with the Campbellford Companions, after I pass out of office. After the motoring season for 1920 starts, it will be my pleasure, and also the pleasure of about 30 or 35 Campbellford Companions, to accept the invitation. While the figures for Victoria Chapter for 1919, may not appear encouraging when considered by themselves, there is no question that it was an "off-year" only and the Chapter is in excellent condition with very good prospects.

Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.—On September 25th this Chapter arranged a special meeting to receive me and 16 Companions from Campbellford, I regret that owing to a misunderstanding of the hour of starting we delayed the opening, but our own enjoyment was not affected. It was very interesting to see elderly Companions in office. Most of the 1919 officers are Past First Principals, who have come back into harness, and the excellent quality and style of the work is just what might be expected under such circumstances.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg.—This is one of the best Chapters in this District. I paid my official visit on October 17th, with an escort of 17 Campbellford Companions and saw both the Mark Master Mason
and Royal Arch degree conferred. The Companions of St. John's Chapter are to be congratulated upon the proficiency of their officers and the general tone of the work done.

**Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay.**—When I wrote to this Chapter asking them to suggest a convenient date for my visit, Ex. Comp. Johnson replied, telling me of their regular dates, and said, that if they did not suit, to name a date myself, and he would call a special meeting. He closed his letter with, "Come any time and you will find us ready for you," and that is about the report I feel would describe Midland Chapter. I visited them on their regular meeting night, and certainly found them ready for an official visit. The officers work was very good indeed.

**Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.**—I did not pay this Chapter an official visit, but in company with some Campbellford Companions I visited them twice during the year in the endeavour of helping them along with the work. This Chapter has had a hard fight, but with energy on the part of the officers I believe it can keep in successful existence, but not otherwise.

**King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington.**—I did not visit this Chapter as I was unable to get them to suggest a convenient date.

**St. Andrew’s Chapter, No. 139, Havelock.**—This Chapter arranged a special meeting for my visit and about 20 Campbellford Companions went with me, but when we arrived we found that no Candidate was available, so no work was done, but a very pleasant evening was spent.

**Presqu’ Isle Chapter, No. 144, Brighton.**—About 15 Campbellford Companions accompanied me on my official visit on September 29th, when this Chapter arranged a special Meeting, we saw he Mark Master Mason degree conferred with Ex. Comp. Coulter in the chair, which we enjoyed very much. This Chapter deserves a compliment on their Scribe E. who reports outstanding dues at the small sum of $1.50 only. This is very creditable indeed.
IONIC CHAPTER NO. 168, CAMPBELLFORD.—This being my home Chapter I did not pay any official visit, but I attended every meeting of the year, with the exception of one emergent meeting which conflicted with an official visit elsewhere. Ionic Chapter is in very good condition in every way, financially and masonically, and the large attendance is generally commented upon by visitors.

In closing I wish to thank the Companions of the District for the honor conferred upon me. It was with regret, that owing to my election in June, and the Chapters of this District generally have a vacation in July and August, I found I could not start visiting until September. I also found that few of the Chapters wished to have me visit them at their first meeting after the holiday, and this really reduced my period of visitation by another month. The period of my office was hardly sufficient to give me a real insight in the work of the District.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID F. ROBERTSON,
Grand Supt., Ontario District, No. 10.

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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:

In presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District, I am pleased to state that I have had the pleasure of visiting every Chapter in my District, and was very courteously received and hospitably entertained. Harmony and prosperity seemed to exist throughout the District, probably with one or two slight exceptions.

Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of October 9th. The Mark Master degree was conferred on Bro. R. A. Sutcliffe. Owing to inclement weather the attendance was not as large as usual, but the officers were all out. I found them very efficient with their work and the degree was exemplified in a most creditable manner. New petitions were presented, and the membership is growing, and the Chapter presented every evidence of prosperity. The Scribe E. keeps his books in good condition, and all dues are collected in each year, no member being found twelve months in arrears. The financial condition of this Chapter is good and I can see nothing but a record report for the year.

Madoc Chapter, No. 161, Madoc.—I with Comps. L. C. Ycomans, R. A. Backus and D. Bleecker, visited Madoc Chapter on the evening of October 14th. This being the first meeting since closing down in July, August and September the officers were not in first class condition. No degrees were conferred as a number of the officers were away. There is room for improvement in this Chapter. I intended going again with the officers of Moira Chapter to assist in conferring the Mark Master Mason, but the weather was unfavorable and we unfortunately were unable to make our second visit. I was led to believe that at the election of officers
members will be placed in Office who will take more interest in the Chapter and be able to make a better showing for the coming year.

Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the evening of November 10th. I was accompanied by Comps. C. B. Scantlebury, R. A. Backus and W. Boyce. This Chapter has a large membership, and I found the officers well up in their work. The election of officers took place, and the members seemed well pleased with their selection for the ensuing year. The Chapter seems to be in a good healthy condition, and I am sure a favorable report will be made at the end of the year. The Scribe E.'s books are neatly kept.

St. Marks Chapter, No. 26, Trenton.—I, with some ten of my home Chapter members, visited this Chapter on the evening of November 18th, and spent one of the most successful, as well as the most enjoyable evenings, during my term of office. An extra large attendance greeted us. The officers in a very capable manner conferred the Royal Arch degree upon several candidates. The election of officers took place, and the members felt that those elected would be able to look after the welfare of the Chapter for the ensuing year. The labours of the evening being ended we adjourned to a banquet, and there we were profitably entertained by speeches of a high order from amany of the visiting and home Companions. St. Marks Chapter has for its Scribe E. R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand J. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, one for whom every companion in Prince Edward District, has the greatest regard, and who always is ready to offer his services for the promotion of Masonry in any of its branches. We wish him success in his new office in Grand Chapter.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee.—I with Comps. Scantlebury, Boyce, Cook, Bonisteel and Yeomans visited this Chapter on the evening of November 12th. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place. This Chapter has the reputation of having good
material in the Chairs, and I assure you this reputation was fully maintained. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred, and this was the first time I had seen this degree exemplified during my visits, and I congratulated the officers on the perfection of their work. I found everything in good order, and new members were being taken in regularly. A good attendance was at this meeting, and we spent a very enjoyable and pleasant evening.

Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.—I visited this my home Chapter, on the evening of December 2nd. An extra large attendance greeted me here, many visiting Companions being in attendance. The degree of Mark Master Mason was conferred with the usual efficiency of the officers of the Chapter. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place, and the officers elected are a capable lot, and I am sure will be able to carry on the prosperous work which has been done in the past. Harmony and goodwill exists, and the coming year will surely produce the best results. As regards large attendance and new members everything points to a coming record year, the Chapter is in good financial condition and the dues are being paid promptly.

Fraternally submitted,

J. O. R. McCurdy,

Grand Supt., Prince Edward District, No. II.

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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 honor to submit my report of the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Lawrence District, No. 12, for the past year.

Owing to the lateness of the date of meeting of Grand Chapter in 1919, and the fact that all Chapters in this District suspend activities during the months of July and August, coupled with the fact that my predecessor in office, who was to install me, was unable to do so in September, I was not installed till October 14th, when R. Ex. Comp. Mills accompanied by Ex. Comp. Milne, of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, came and installed me into office in my Mother Chapter. I then made my first official visit to Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, on October 17th, but on account of absence from home during the latter part of October and greater part of November, all my work in connection with the District had to be crowded into the months of December and January. Owing to this, I feel that I have not been able to render the services to the Chapters of the District to which they are entitled.

I visited at least once all the Chapters of the District, with but one exception, and am indeed pleased to find Capitular Masonry flourishing in almost all the Chapters of the District. Not only so, but the Companions of the various Chapters seem enthusiastic, and the close bond of Companionship which plainly exists among the Members of the various Chapters, is indeed refreshing and encouraging.

Throughout the District I find that the Books of the Scribe E. of every Chapter are well and neatly kept, some indeed being really models of method and neatness,
I am sorry, however, to report that the Mark Book is somewhat neglected in a couple of the Chapters. I endeavored to impress upon these Chapters the necessity of observing the dictates of Grand Chapter as regards the Mark Book, and hope that in future these Chapters will keep their Mark Book up to date, as is done by most of the Chapters of the District. The work for the most part is very well done throughout the District, so far as the ritualistic part is considered, but in many cases it is sadly lacking in snap, and in military precision as regards floor work. I have been urging for improvement in this respect as a means of keeping the "Side bench" Companions interested in Chapter meetings, and thereby improving average attendance at the meetings. Financially, I find the various Chapters of the District in good standing, total liabilities in the District reported to me being less than $100.00.

The property of the Chapters, with one exception, is sufficiently protected by insurance. Numerically the District is at present very prosperous. During the year 115 Candidates were initiated, this being an increase over the year 1918 of over 74%. This is indeed gratifying. No doubt this increase is partly due to a return of Peace conditions, but I consider it is very largely due to the efforts of my predecessor in office, R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills. During his term of office his own enthusiasm was contagious. He instilled into the various Chapters high ideals and everywhere sowed the seed of true Capitular Masonry, a part of the harvest we have this year been reaping.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston.—I visited this Chapter on October 17th, being accompanied by Ex. Comp. Scobie of my own Chapter, receiving so cordial a welcome that at once I felt myself a member of this Ancient Chapter. This being my first official visit as Grand Superintendent of the District, I felt nervous about my duties though at home with the Companions. At this meeting we had the honor of having present with us the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and the Grand J., R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer. Also the Most Excellent, the
GrandfZ. of Quebec, M. Ex. Comp. Kinghorn, accompanied by his Grand H. and Grand Scribe E. Also M. Ex. Comps. A. Shaw and W. S. R. Murch. The work for the evening was the Royal Arch degree, which was conferred faultlessly on twelve candidates. Every officer did his work excellently.... I feel however, that special mention should be made of the work done by the Z., Ex. Comp. H. J. Milne. His work was done with accuracy, snap and a very impressive delivery. Also I would specially mention the work of the principal Sojourner, Comp. Moor. Without exception I would say that he performed the duties of his office the best I had ever seen it done. Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter has the proud distinction of conferring all three degrees on sixty-four candidates during the year, and the officers may justly feel proud of their success, also the Chapter has every reason to feel proud of the officers of 1919. After the work of the evening a banquet was provided in the dining room, followed by interesting and instructive addresses by M. Ex. Comps. Ponton, Kinghorn, Shaw and others, thus ending what to me was the Red Letter Night of my Masonic life. I again had the honor of visiting this Chapter at their regular meeting in January, and installing the officers for 1920, I was accompanied by Ex. Comps. Greig and Ault. Again I was well received and considering the ability and enthusiasm of the present officers, coupled with the harmony and earnestness which exists among the Companions, I can see no reason why 1920 should not also be a banner year in this Chapter, which certainly is flourishing financially and numerically.

Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott.—I visited my own Chapter at its regular meeting on December 9th, The work of the evening was the conferring of the Most Excellent Master degree. This was splendidly conferred. Special mention should be made, however, of the work of Ex. Comp. Greig, who though not yet three years a Royal Arch Mason, has filled the Chair of First Principal during the past year, with credit to himself and to his Chapter. For some years this Chapter was at a very low ebb. It has, however, taken on a new lease of life and the younger members are very
enthusiastic. This year the report shows eight new members as having been advanced through all three degrees. This showing would have been doubled, but for the fact that there was no quorum for November meeting, the date of which fell on Armistice Day, which was being celebrated and presentations made to returned soldiers of the town. Eight applications were in the hands of the Scribe E. for presentation, and had to be carried over till December meeting, when 14 applications were presented, thus showing that Grenville Chapter is again alive and active. The books of the Scribe E. are well and neatly kept and the Mark Book is up to date. I had the honor on January 13th, of installing the officers of Grenville Chapter, and with Ex. Comp. Scobie as Z., and his splendid staff of officers, I think there is a splendid year ahead of this Chapter.

On January 27th, an emergent meeting was held for conferring the three degrees on fourteen candidates. Work commenced at 2 p.m. and after the conferring of the Mark Master Mason and the Most Excellent Master degrees, a hot dinner was served, after which the Royal Arch degree was perfectly conferred on all the Candidates by the officers of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter. The work in all three degrees was splendidly done, the first two degrees being conferred by the new officers of Grenville Chapter with great credit to themselves. The prospects for this Chapter are now excellent.

Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville.—I visited this Chapter on December 19th, and was cordially received by the Companions. The work conferred was the Mark Master Mason degree, which was fairly well done. All the land marks of the degree were observed, but a little more snap and military precision would be an improvement. The books of the Scribe E. are models of neatness, and the finances in excellent condition. A Committee was appointed to confer with a similar Committee from St. Lawrence Chapter as to the amalgamation of the two Chapters. This, I think, is a step in the right direction, as I believe there is a splendid future for one Chapter in Brockville, rather
than for two Chapters. After the close of the Chapter a pleasant hour was spent in the dining hall.

**Maitland Chapter, No. 68, North Augusta.—** This is the only Chapter of the District that I have been unable to visit. I notified this with other Chapters that if it was acceptable I would visit the Chapter at their regular meeting in December. This should have been December 12th according to last Grand Chapter returns, and also according to the By-laws of the Chapter. The notice of meeting called for December 19th, and on the back of same was an invitation to me not to come till they would let me know, lest there would not be a quorum. I asked if possibly I might be able to get a meeting in January, but was informed there would be no meeting in January. From Grand Chapter proceedings I find that this Chapter conferred one Mark Master Mason degree as the only work done during 1918. No degrees whatever have been conferred during 1919. It is also the only Chapter in the District failing to insure its property. This Chapter was not visited during 1918, and I would therefore beg to suggest that my successor in office be asked to visit the Chapter at his earliest convenience.

**St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville.—** On December 4th I visited this Chapter accompanied by Ex. Comp. Greig. We were well received by the Companions, and saw the Most Excellent Master degree conferred very creditably. In Comp. Morrison this Chapter has a very efficient and enthusiastic Scribe E. whose books are above reproach. Finances in fairly healthy condition. A Committee was appointed to confer with Sussex Chapter with a view towards the amalgamation of the Chapters. Such I think would be to the interest of both Chapters and to Capitular Masonry in general.

**St. Johns Chapter No. 112, Morrisburg.—** I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on January 6th, and installing the officers. The attendance was small due partly to a couple of counter attractions and partly to sickness. The First Principal being absent on account
of sickness, no work was exemplified, but the business was transacted in a good business like manner and I have every reason to believe that St. John's Chapter is in good shape ritualistically. It could not well be otherwise with two such enthusiasts as R. Ex. Comps. Davy and Gorrell. I found the books of the Scribe E. well and neatly kept and prospects of the Chapter fair.

Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on December 17th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Greig. I was very cordially received by this Chapter, and saw the business conducted in good form. I was disappointed, however, in the fact that on account of the Candidate being called to Toronto on business there was no Degree work. It was a pleasure to look over the books of R. Ex. Comp. Ridley, who is a prize as a Scribe E. Finances are in a healthy condition with this Chapter, property in good condition and protected by insurance. The prospects of this Chapter are good.

Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque.—On December 3rd I visited this Chapter, and was well received. The Most Excellent Master degree was very creditably conferred. This Chapter though possessing members whose heart is in the right place, lacks enthusiasm, and is not making the progress which it should be making. There is a strong and active Lodge of Craft Masons in the town, but enthusiasm seems lacking in the Chapter. This I think may be largely accounted for by the practice of continuing to re-elect the same officers from year to year. No matter how good the officer, the Companions will grow tired and quit attending. My visit was on the night of election of officers, but on account of the small attendance I suggested the postponement of election, and advised the election of new blood for filling the Chairs. In doing so I did not mean in any way to reflect on the present officers, only that I do not think the re-election to office healthy for the Chapter. I also suggested to the Scribe E. the sending out with the new announcement of meeting, an application form for each Companion to have filled in. In some respects this
Chapter possesses the best appointments in the District, but in general would rank second. I think with a little display of enthusiasm coupled with a small amount of effort and splendid prospects will lie open to Leeds Chapter. I am looking for a good account from this Chapter shortly.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my Companions of St. Lawrence District No. 12, for the honor conferred on me in electing me to the position I now hold. I have endeavored to fill the office to the best of my ability. I have tried to correct errors and to encourage that which was to the best interest of Capitular Masonry. If I have accomplished any good for the Order I shall be amply repaid, and if I have failed, I crave a Masonic forgiveness.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. Fleming,

Grand Supt., St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

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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:

It is with pleasure I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District for the year 1919.

My first official work was to make my appointments known to the various Scribes and ask them to send me back numbers of notices. In this way I was able to get in touch with the proceedings of each Chapter in the District. I found only one opportunity to visit before the summer vacation, but after that lull I was interested in closely watching the reviving activities of the Autumn season. I am pleased to say that in most cases the various notices of Convocations are quite in keeping with the splendid suggestions in your pastoral letter of October 15th last. These notices are much appreciated by the Companions and the results are quite noticeable.

With a few exceptions I found no systematic attempt to coach or examine candidates in the various degrees. The reasons I notice are two: First, the average Royal Arch Mason is not well enough informed to assist in preparing his particular Companion and Second, a general reluctance on the part of presiding officers to open up the lodge only for the purpose of examinations. Outside of the larger centers the new material is very insufficient to afford enough practice in working the various degrees to make the officers proficient therein. The Companions should be made to feel their duty fully in so enlightening Mark Master Masons, as to how they may complete that which they already have.

Chapter of Instruction

I took advantage of the occasion of Carleton Chapter celebrating their sixtieth anniversary to hold under their auspices a Chapter of Instruction. The whole
day's proceedings was declared by the large number of visitors present to be a pronounced success. Work began at 9.30 a.m. with Ex. Comp. A. H. McKee in the chair, when the officers of Carleton Chapter exemplified on two Candidates, the Mark Master Mason degree in a very practical and business-like manner. At 11.30, Carleton Chapter again opened up with R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Scott, presiding when the Most Excellent Master degree was rendered in an easy, yet praiseworthy manner that called forth favourable comments. Lunch was served in the Banqueting Hall, after which a number of short speeches were wittily expressed by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, K.C., Grand Z.; R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand J.; R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.; R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills, V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Ledger, and Ex. Comp. W. J. Tow. The latter two Excellent Companions were in charge of the celebrated travelling triangle, originated by The St. Patrick's Chapter, and in which the Companions were very much interested in seeing, and hearing about its travels. The Grand Scribe E. astonished those present by exhibiting to them the rituals used in Carleton Chapter, when it was instituted, sixty years ago.

At 2.30 p.m. the Chapter was opened, and after the usual yet interesting receptions to distinguished visitors, St. Francis Chapter of Smiths Falls with Ex. Comp. H. W. Aunger, Z. then exemplified the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch on three candidates. The large number of Companions were greatly edified, and it was the unanimous opinion that no fault could be found, while many were desirous of expressing their extreme pleasure and gratification at being present to hear and witness such splendid work. I wish here to express my extreme gratification to Carleton Chapter, and to St. Francis Chapter for their excellent and ready assistance in making this Chapter of Instruction the success and the enlightenment it was to the many visiting Companions of the District.

I should say here that the Most Excellent Grand Z. was held in reserve for the evening Reception when he
gave a most interesting and appropriate Masonic address to the large number of Companions and their lady friends who were present on this occasion.

Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, Russell.—By the generosity of Comp. R. E. Cook and others, in using their automobiles, we motored to Russell on the afternoon of June 27th. R. Ex. Comp. J. C. Scott, the three Principals, and the other officers and Companions of Carleton Chapter accompanied me. This was in response to a special invitation from Kitchener Chapter to visit them at this Emergent Convocation for the Royal Arch degree while I made it the occasion of my first official visit. The difference in city and country time, as well as the leisurely way of country gatherings, made it rather late before the Chapter was opened. The First Principal having met with a misfortune, R. Ex. Comp. Scott, who is an Honorary Member of this Chapter, occupied the chair of Z. The class of 18 candidates appeared, a splendid group of men. The work was well given and close attention and interest prevailed throughout. The very acceptable parts by Ex. Comp. R. S. Page, H., Ex. Comp. J. E. Kyle, J. and also of Comp. J. P. Masson, Principal Sojourner, assures the Chapter of efficient officers for the higher offices for some years to come. The books of Scribe E. show him to be an excellent and valuable officer of this Chapter, while his notices contain some very interesting items of instruction to all the Companions. They are in accord with all the valuable suggestions of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. This very interesting Convocation was closed and a half hour of social enjoyment with refreshments sent us off on a 40 mile return drive under black darkness and over rough roads.

Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place.—I visited this town and Chapter on September 26th, and was glad to find the Companions on hand and ready for the opening hour. All the officers were present except the Principal Sojourner, who was out of town. The work for the evening was the Most Excellent Master degree on two candidates. The work was well done by
Ex. Comp. M. H. Steele, who is also a Past Principal of Granite Chapter. The work of this Chapter could hardly be other than good with such a well informed and excellent critic in R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh. Having seen such good work I was anxious to have the same degree conferred by Maple Chapter at our Chapter of Instruction and was sorry they could not be present to do so. The work of Ex. Comp. A. H. Edwards as Scribe E. is a model of neatness both in his books and the Book of Marks. I wish to mention the good use made of their banquet room which is in daily use as a Masonic Club room with library, reading room and games. I am told this is much appreciated by the Brethren and Companions of that place. It is certainly to be commended to all who are in a position to copy the example.

ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, NO. 133, SMITHS FALLS.—I visited this Chapter on October 17th and found everything going so energetically and smoothly that I at once felt it is the usual thing there. The splendid reputation already attained is being maintained. The Royal Arch degree was given in such a manner that I specially requested that it be repeated at the Chapter of Instruction. I am pleased to acknowledge their ready consent and have recorded their perfect work elsewhere in my report. The books of Scribe E. are well kept and every other interest and duty appertaining to that office is well cared for by Comp. G. W. Fluker. This Chapter is to be commended in honouring Past-Principals with jewels and by hanging their pictures on the walls of the Chapter room. One gladly admits the good influence of their Past Right Ex. Companions and Past Principals who are still very active and keenly interested in Royal Arch Masonry. I was very cordially entertained from first to last of my visit to this town and their Royal Arch Chapter.

CARLETON CHAPTER, NO. 16, OTTAWA.—My report on this my own Chapter is not confined to one visit, though I was officially received at an Emergent Convocation by Ex. Comp. A. H. McKee and his officers on
October 30th. I have seen the officers in all the degrees at different times and am pleased to report the highest efficiency in every part. The occasional custom here of allowing the Second and Third Principals to work the subordinate degrees affords splendid preparation for presiding later on as First Principal. Comp. L. C. Allan makes an excellent Scribe E. and nothing in the interest and progress of this Chapter is overlooked by him. Probably the fact that no assistance is required or that higher degrees claim the attention of our Past-Principals, but it is to be deplored that some of them do not attend oftener. A Past Principals’ night might rally them again. There is a good steady growth in membership and one must come often to keep acquainted with new Companions. I have spoken at the first of my report as to the excellent service rendered to Royal Arch Masonry in this District by the Chapter of Instruction held under the auspices of this Chapter.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 148, Vankleek Hill.—I visited this Chapter November 7th. The Chapter was rather late in opening, due, I believe, to the fact that the merchants have not adopted the custom of early closing. I was met at the Station by Comp. A. D. McRae the Scribe E. of the Chapter, who very thoughtfully considered our convenience in getting to the Village some considerable distance away from the Station. The early evening was very pleasantly spent in the companionship of Ex. Comp. J. Shepherd who has delved deep into the morals and mysteries of Royal Arch Masonry. On that account the late opening was not noticed. The Candidate not being able to come two Companions acted as proxies and the main portions of the Royal Arch degree were given for exemplification and abundant proof was given of the ability of the principal officers to exemplify this degree. Special mention is made of Ex. Comp. Elvidge in taking the part of the Principal Sojourner and in giving the Mystical Lecture; also of the excellent manner in which the J. gave his lecture. A feature that impressed me favourably is that of the Principal Sojourner repeating the Obligation with the candidates. I cannot but admire the Companions who come many miles over rough roads
to attend meetings, and must say that the spirit of companionship shown in the Chapter, and hearty fellowship at the banquet afterwards, proves the hold such has on bringing the Companions together. I was received with every courtesy and one comes away with the feeling "I would like to go again."

**Glengary Chapter, No. 143, Maxville.**—By special arrangement I visited this Chapter in the expectation of seeing degree work given by the regular officers. The First Principal did not appear and after inquiry it was reported that Ex. Comp. Dr. Monroe had been called away suddenly, thus giving no notice and without arranging for a substitute. I was disappointed, especially, as the same failure occurred when my predecessor visited a year ago. I cannot therefore report as I should wish. However, the existence of some Chapters is due largely to reliable Past Principal who are ever willing to help out and Ex. Comp. McDougall initiated the Candidate. Not having any warning I am quite ready to overlook any close exactness to ritual, especially, as considerable earnestness and impressiveness was displayed throughout. By examination of the Register I found that on different occasions only eight registered. They claim the prospects are brighter and if young members were elected to offices and sufficiently encouraged I am sure new life and growth would result. They certainly gave me a cordial reception and have the real genuine spirit of Masonic fellowship.

**Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke.**—I visited this Chapter on November 20th, and found everything in good running order. The splendid Chapter room encourages this. The regular officers where in places and Ex. Comp. Dr. Sparling, I.P.Z., overseeing all. The Royal Arch degree on two candidates was the special work of the evening and was well rendered throughout. I was glad to see this for so often Past Principals are substituted for special occasions. This Chapter seems to have everything in its favor for activity and growth and progress is looked for. The Scribe E. might well follow the suggestions of the Grand Z.'s pastoral letter of October 18th, and print names
of all the officers of the Chapter as well as fill unoccupied space with “live touches” that will draw the attention of every companion.

Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte.—I visited this Chapter on December 11th, Ex. Comp. M. R. MacFarlane, Z., very thoughtfully met me at the station and very soon succeeded in making me feel at home. The chief work for the evening was to confer the Mark Master Mason degree on a returned soldier. The work “carried up” tested the strong grip of the candidate to the utmost and would appear to me to be too much for the average person. The work throughout was correctly done and the important features of the degree were well emphasized by the Worshipful Master. This Chapter is growing due to the enthusiasm of the officers and no doubt also to the energy instilled by my worthy predecessor in office, R. Ex. Comp. H. W. Lundy, who is a Past Z. of this Chapter. Ex. Comp. MacFarlane and Comp. Illingworth, Scribe E., very kindly showed me the interesting features of their manufacturing town while awaiting the train in the morning.

Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew.—By request of this Chapter I deferred my visit till the regular Convocation on December 15th. This was to allow more time to get a candidate as I noticed by each summons that nothing was being done. I was pleased when I heard from the First Principal at the Chapter of Instruction that everything was ready for Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Mason degrees on night of my visit. On arrival that evening I found the attendance small, and, but for visitors would have had barely a quorum, however, my real disappointment was when it was announced the Candidate could not come. I therefore saw no degree work to report on. The election of officers passed off with promising results, and, I fully believe, lively activity lies in the incoming officers. I was exceedingly glad to have M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, who was in the town, drop in and visit the Chapter, also that he said plainly what he thought about the failure to show up to the desired reputation on such an occasion as the visit of the Grand Superintendent of this
District. However, I was most cordially received and every provision was made for my comfort and enjoyment while in the town. After the meeting we repaired to the Hotel Renfrew where an elegant supper was served and a social hour enjoyed by all.

In conclusion I wish to acknowledge the most cordial reception and fraternal greetings on every occasion when visiting throughout the whole District.

Fraternally submitted,

R. S. SIMPSON,

*Grand Supt., Ottawa District, No. 13.*

Ottawa, Ont.
| CHAPTER | Location       | Number | Regular Meetings | Emergent | Total | Average Attendance | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues, per Member | Members Last Return | Petitions Accepted | Affiliations | Restorations | Withdrawals | Deaths | Present Membership | M.P.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Members 12 Months Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | $ | Can Ex. Z. work all degrees? |
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| Bonechere| Renfrew       | 114    | 8                | 3        | 11    | 13                | 4.00                         | 80                     | 8                   | 8                |               |             |            |           | 1          | 93                    | 7          | 7          | 7        | 11                              | 700.00      | 200.00  | 500 | 00 | 36 | 60 | 500 | 00 | Fair | ?   |
| Maple    | Carleton Pl.  | 116    | 11               | 11      | 15    | 2.00              | 80                           | 8                      | 8                   |               |             |            |            |           |           | 88                    | 8          | 7          | 6        | 2                               | 650.00      | 350.00  | 300 | 00 | 4  | 00 | 250 | 00 | 10 | 00 | Good | Yes |
| St. Francis| Smith's Falls| 133    | 9                | 1        | 11    | 14                | 2.00                         | 74                     | 5                   | 5                |               |             |            |           | 1          | 79                    | 5          | 5          | 5        | 6                               | 600.00      | 200.00  | 400 | 00 | 50 | 00 | 500 | 00 | 25 | 00 | Good | Yes |
| Glengary | Maxville      | 143    | 5                | 5        | 11    | 12.00             | 41                           | 2                     | 1                   |               |             |            |            |           | 1          | 41                    | 1          | 2          | 2        | 25                              | 600.00      | 350.00  | 300 | 00 | 256 | 50 | 250 | 00 | 25 | 00 | Fair | Yes |
| St. John’s| Vankleek Hill| 148    | 4                | 1        | 5     | 10                | 3.00                         | 41                     | 1                   |               |             |            |            |           | 1          | 42                    | 1          | 1          | 1        | 10                              | 600.00      | 308.00  | 292 | 00 | 60 | 00 | 600 | 00 | 25 | 00 | Fair | Yes |
| Laurentian| Pembroke     | 151    | 10               | 10       | 15    | 2.00              | 48                           | 2                     | 2                   |               |             |            |            |           | 2          | 52                    | 2          | 2          | 2        | 36                              | 129.00      |            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 200.00 | 36.50 | Good | Yes |
| Kitchener| Russell       | 210    | 11               | 11       | 12    | 19                | 5.40                         | 2518                   | 14                   | 1                |               |             |            |           | 2          | 38                    | 14         | 14         | 19       | 60                              | 173.00      | 16.00   | 500 | 00 | 10 | 00 |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | Good | Now | Good | Yes |

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 submit for your consideration, my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14, for the past year. In doing so I desire first to express my sincere appreciation to the Companions for the very great honour conferred in electing me to the high and honourable Office of Grand Superintendent, I also, on behalf of my Mother Chapter, take this opportunity of expressing to the Companions of Algoma District its thanks for the honour conferred upon it, by electing one of its members as the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in this District.

I have endeavoured, to the best of my ability, to discharge my duties faithfully fully realizing the great responsibility of my Office. I have officially visited every Chapter in the District and found Capitular Masonry in a prosperous condition. The work is being uniformly and accurately rendered; harmony and a true fraternal spirit is everywhere manifest and an active interest is taken in promoting the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the District, which testifies to the efficiency of the work of the Grand Superintendents who have preceded me.

The First Principals and Officers of the various Chapters take pride in endeavouring to perform their work in as perfect a manner as possible and the P.Z.'s assist in every way possible to keep the work up to the Standard of efficiency and uniformity desired by Grand Chapter. I did not deem it necessary, or advisable, to hold a Chapter of Instruction. Not being present at Grand Chapter, Past Grand Superintendent T. W. Chapple was commissioned by the Grand First Principal to install me in the office which duty was duly performed
by him. I desire here to express my obligation to R. Ex. Comp. Chappie for his kindness and assistance during my term of Office.

The Royal Arch Masons of Algoma District sincerely regret that Grand Chapter was unable to meet in Annual Convocation in the City of Winnipeg as arranged and feel that it would have been in the interest of Capitular Masonry in this District had Grand Chapter decided to have held the postponed Convocation in either the City of Fort William or Port Arthur, where there is ample accommodation and would have given the Western Chapters an opportunity to have been represented at Grand Chapter meeting had it been held west of the Great Lakes.

The action of Grand Chapter in restoring the Sash to the Regalia to be worn by Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction, was highly pleasing to the Companions. A number of the Chapters in this District were unable to secure a sufficient supply of sashes from the manufacturers on account of the scarcity of material and labour.

Official Visits. My first Official visit was made on August 21st, to Atwood Chapter No. 149, Rainy River at the regular Convocation. I was accompanied by twenty-two Companions of Golden Chapter, Kenora. The trip was made by steamer, eighty four miles over Canada’s loveliest Lake, The Lake of the Woods, so called from the many thousands of heavily wooded Islands, that make of its vast expanse, a mass of channels, rivers and waterways, which for natural scenic beauty, is not surpassed or equalled in any other part of the World. Ex. Comp. First Principal Murdoch, on the occasion of my visit, was badly handicapped on account of the absence of several of his regular officers. He was assisted by the visiting Companions and conferred the Mark Master Mason degree on two candidates, one of these Bro. Holden, had been balloted for and accepted for advancement in Golden Chapter No. 90, and at the request of this Chapter Ex. First Principal Murdoch very kindly consented to confer the degree on him.
The work was performed as well as could be expected under the circumstances. Owing to the lack of material this Chapter has not had the opportunity to confer the work to the same extent as some of the other Chapters have had. I learned from the Scribe E. that there were a number of applications in sight for membership which will give the officers a much needed opportunity to learn from that good old teacher Experience. R. Ex. Comp. Gorham still maintains an active interest in Capitular Masonry, and especially in the welfare of Atwood Chapter. The Scribe E. is to be congratulated on the manner in which the books of the Chapter are kept. The "Fourth" Degree was a very pleasant event.

Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Francis.—This Chapter was very kind in calling a special Emergent Meeting, August 22nd, in order to enable me, and the Companions accompanying me to visit Alberton Chapter the night following my visit to Atwood Chapter, Rainy River. We met with a most cordial reception from Ex. Comp. Walker, who extended to us every kindness and courtesy. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on a bright intelligent young Candidate in a most impressive manner, and almost without error. Ex. Comp. Walker is a careful ritualist, and has exceptional qualities of enunciation which gives the Candidate a distinct grasp of what is intended to be conveyed. This Chapter is to be congratulated on having such an able, efficient and an enthusiastic set of officers who are fully alive to the responsibility of their positions. I predict a very bright future for Alberton Chapter. There was a second Candidate in waiting for the Mark Master Mason degree. At the request of the First Principal, Ex. Comp. Taylor assisted by Ex. Comps. Whitaker, Colbert, Stevenson, Katz and the officers of Golden Chapter present consented to confer the work, and although these Companions had a very few hours' notice in which to prepare themselves, they proved that they were good ritualists by conferring the degree in a most creditable manner. After the Chapter closed, light refreshments were served which brought to a close a very enjoyable, and I trust a profitable evening.
Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William.—I paid my Official visit to this Chapter at the regular Convocation, October 3rd, and was greeted by a large representation of Companions and was accorded a most kindly and courteous reception. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on two candidates in a most creditable manner by Ex. Comp. John Cooper, First Principal and his officers assisted by Ex. Comp. A. D. Cameron. There were four applications for exaltation. I am pleased to say that Fort William Chapter has had a good year and as it has four Blue Lodges to draw from, the prospects look equally good for progress and prosperity during the year 1920. Ex. Comp. C. J. Moore is a very capable Scribe E. The books and records are kept in a most creditable manner and the fees fairly well collected. At the conclusion of the work the Companions adjourned to the Banquet Hall where a very enjoyable luncheon was served. I am greatly indebted to Ex. Comp. John Cooper Jr. and A. D. Cameron for the courtesy, kindness and attention extended to me during my visit which was the most pleasurable event of my official term.

Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur.—This, the oldest Chapter in the District, I had the pleasure of officially visiting on Wednesday, October 15th, at the regular Convocation. I had the honour of being introduced by R. Ex. Comps. J. W. Morgan and S. W. Ray and was most cordially received by the First Principal and Companions and accorded the honours due the Representative of the Grand First Principal. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred on two Candidates by Ex. Comp. A. M. Frank and his staff of officers, in an almost faultless and most impressive manner and altogether in keeping with the high standard of efficiency established by Shuniah Chapter in the past. The year just closed has been a very active and a prosperous one for this Chapter and the outlook for the Year 1920 is equally good. The books and records, being in the care of Ex. Comp. T. J. C. Rodden is a sufficient guarantee that they are being kept in good order. After the close of the Chapter a pleasant hour was spent in the Refreshment Room.
GOLDEN CHAPTER, No. 90, KENORA.—I officially visited this, my Home Chapter, at the regular Convocation, November 21st. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Chapple and Brenchly and accorded a very kind and an enthusiastic reception by the First Principal and the Companions present. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on a class of seven Candidates in a faultless and a most impressive manner, the Principal Sojourner's work being letter perfect. I heartily congratulated the Principal and officers on the excellent manner in which they performed their work. Having attended every convocation of this Chapter during the year, I have special knowledge of the good work accomplished. Thoroughness has been the aim and perfection the ideal towards which the officers and Companions have striven consequently the ritualistic part of the work has always been of high order and the spirit of Fraternity, and the principles of Capitular Masonry have been well exemplified by the Companions. The finances of the Chapter are good and the prospects very bright for continued prosperity. The books and records of the Chapter are kept in a most creditable manner by the Scribe E. Ex. Comp. H. S. Galloway, who is one of the most painstaking and efficient Scribes E. in the District. After the completion of the labours of the evening a most enjoyable hour was spent in the Banquet Room.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

T. J. CHERRY,

Keewatin, 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 have the honour to submit the following Report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Manitoba East District, No. 15, for the past year.

I wish to thank my Companions for the high honor they conferred upon me by electing me to this important office. Fully realizing the responsibilities and duties incumbent upon me I have endeavoured to faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duty.

My term of office has been very brief owing to the Grand Chapter not meeting until June, which left only about five months to do my visiting as July and August are closed months. I have visited all the Chapters in the District with the exception of Connaught Chapter, which meets on the fourth Friday of the month, and this conflicts with important duties I had to attend to on same dates.

Conditions throughout the District are exceptionally good as in every Chapter I visited a number of Candidates received their degrees, and several applications were also brought in. The spirit of Harmony prevails throughout the whole District, and now that Peace is again restored we can look forward to a bright future.

I would respectively urge upon the Scribe E. of each Chapter the necessity of forwarding their Summary of return to the Grand Superintendent the first week of January as the notice calls for. My experience in this regard has been most trying, as I have had to write several times urging them to send their reports without delay. The delay means that the Grand Superintendent’s report cannot be in the hands of the Grand Scribe E. at the time required for consideration.
I found all books in the Chapters visited to be properly kept and in good order.

Prince Rupert Chapter, No. 52, Winnipeg.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on Thursday, November 6th. I was most cordially received, and was very much impressed with the manner in which the Royal Arch degree was conferred on a number of Candidates. All the offices were occupied by Past Principals, and it speaks well for the Chapter when so many Past Principals keep up their interest in the Work. There was a large attendance of Companions present. After the labors of the evening were ended the Companions assembled in the banquet hall, where the usual good things provided were partaken of and very interesting addresses were given by several Companions who had recently returned from the Front.

Keystone Chapter, No. 99, Portage La Prairie.—I visited this Chapter on November 7th, but owing to the fact that the Scribe E. had been called away and the Acting Scribe E. had not received my letter, the members had not received notice of my intended visit. However, there was a fair attendance and I had the pleasure of witnessing the Mark Master Mason degree conferred on three Candidates by the regular officers. The work was well done and I feel confident that Keystone Chapter will give a good account of itself in the near future.

King Edward Chapter, No. 136, Neepawa.—This being my own Chapter, I have attended all meetings and paid my official visit on November 12th, this being the Semi-annual Convocation when we endeavor to have in attendance all Companions from a distance. An emergent meeting was held in the afternoon when the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees were conferred on a number of Candidates and in the evening the Royal Arch degree was conferred. At the close of our labors we adjourned to the banquet hall where we had a splendid programme of speech and song. On January 21st at the regular meeting, I installed the Officers for the current year, assisted by Ex. Comps. W. G. Fraser and Fred Leach.
Rabboni Chapter, No. 171, Dauphin.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at their regular meeting on January 13th. The Companions had not received notice of my intended visit owing to the fact that the Scribe E. had been suddenly transferred to British Columbia and all his Mail had been forwarded to him, therefor my letter notifying him had not reached the proper hands. However, there was a fair attendance and the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on three Candidates in a very creditable manner. With the assistance of Ex. Comp. Robert Hawkins I installed the Officers for the ensuing year.

Chapter of Instruction

On January 30th a Chapter of Instruction was held in the Masonic Temple, Winnipeg. There was a large attendance of Companions from Prince Rupert and Connaught Chapters and a fair representation from each of the Country Chapters, besides several Companions from Golden Chapter, Kenora. The arrangements were entirely in the hands of the City Chapters and the splendid success of this meeting is due to the Committee under the able Chairmanship of R. Ex. Comp. T. H. Hooper. They departed from the usual custom of conferring degrees and instead, splendid papers were read on the several degrees and discussed at length.

The Mark Master Mason Degree, by Companions of Connaught Chapter.

The Most Excellent Master Degree, by Companions of Rabboni Chapter, and

The Holy Royal Arch Degree, by Companions of Prince Rupert Chapter.

How to encourage better attendance at Chapter Meetings, by Companions of Keystone Chapter, and

How to instruct Candidates in the work of the several Degrees, by Companions of King Edward Chapter.

It was the unanimous wish of the Companions who had the privilege of hearing the papers, on the several degrees, that they be copied and forwarded to each
Chapter in the District, in order that the Companions, who were not able to be present on this occasion, might have the benefit of them.

At the conclusion of the proceedings we adjourned to the Banquet Hall when the Country Chapters were the guests of Prince Rupert and Connaught Chapters. A pleasant hour was spent, and everyone departed feeling that they had spent a very profitable and enjoyable evening.

In conclusion I desire again to express grateful appreciation of the honor conferred upon me of being elected to this high office, and the general courtesy extended to me by the Companions of the various Chapters, and to whom I offer the assurance of my deepest esteem, coupled with the sincere hope that my efforts in fulfilling the duties incumbent upon me may have some good results. For any short-comings and failures on my part I ask the broad mantle of Masonic charity.

Fraternally submitted,

J. L. McKay,

Grand Supt., Manitoba East District, No. 15.

Neeapawa, Man.
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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 honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District, for the past year, or rather for the past half year. During that time I have visited three of the Chapters, and I had intended to visit them all in the month of October last, but the early snow stopped the running of the cars and the District is such that from Rivers it is almost impossible to visit the other Chapters by train. I have much pleasure in saying that Capitular Masonry in the District is making steady progress and the outlook for the year 1920 is exceedingly bright.

Avondale Chapter, No. 156, Hartney.—On Thursday July 17th, I visited this Chapter, it being the occasion of a welcome to the Companions who had returned from the front. It was certainly a well conducted affair. I consider this one of the best Chapters in Canada, and it certainly knows how to entertain those who visit the Chapter. The officers are earnest workers and both they and the Companions endeavor to make all visitors feel at home. There were Companions present from the several Chapters of the District. The officers of Corinthian Chapter, No. 101, Boissevain, had charge of the Degree Work, and the way the degrees of a Mark Master Mason, the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch were conferred was beyond criticism. This Chapter is being well looked after by R. Ex. Comps. Reid and Fry, and the officers, under their guidance, will surely keep up the prevailing high standard of excellence. A splendid banquet was served by the wives of the Companions and my visit was a most pleasant one.

Corinthian Chapter, No. 110, Boissevain.—I intended to visit this Chapter at its regular Convocation
in October, but was unable to do so, owing to the condition of the roads by a heavy fall of snow, which prevented the use of cars. As it is impossible to go there by train so I had to reluctantly cancel my visit. However, I had the pleasure of meeting the officers and Companions of Corinthian Chapter at Avondale Chapter, Hartney, and consequently know that the officers are competent to do good degree work. This Chapter has a fine list of Past Zs., among whom is R. Ex. Comp. James Johnson.

Keystone Chapter, No. 141, Brandon.—On Monday January 5th, 1920, I visited this Chapter, and had the pleasure of assisting in the ceremony of Installation of the officers. With a City like Brandon, and the surrounding country, to draw from, this Chapter has a bright future before it. Somehow, it does not prosper as it should. The officers do excellent work and R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Crawford, the Scribe E. is a good officer, and I look to see Companion Crawford's steady work in the interest of the Chapter, bring about good result. There was a good attendance at the Convocation to greet me. A pleasant time at the close of the proceedings in the Chapter Room was spent partaking of refreshments and listening to short addresses.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 183, Rivers.—This being my Mother Chapter, I was frequently at its Convocations during the year. I officially visited the Chapter on Friday evening, October 17th, and was well received by the officers and Companions of the Chapter. The prospects for this Chapter for the year 1920, are exceedingly bright, and with its present officers in charge the Chapter should have one of its best years.

From my visits to the different Chapters I have arrived at the conclusion that we are left too much to ourselves. There should be more visits from Grand Chapter Officers as well as more visits among the Chapters of the District. The visiting among the Chapters would no doubt prove to be a great stimulous, and that is what the Chapters of the District need. The Chap-
ters of this District are looking forward to a visit from the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., and I can assure him that he will receive a hearty welcome, from the officers and Companions of the Chapters in the District.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions for placing me in the honorable position, I have occupied. I only wish I had been able to do more in the interest of Capitular Masonry in this District.

Fraternally submitted,

C. H. Payne,
Grand Supt., Manitoba West District, No. 16.

Rivers, Man.
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| Corinthian | 101    | Boissevain | 11              | 11              | 15    | 3.20                         | 109                        | 11.10                  | 1                    | 119               | 10                | 10           | 10          | 58         | $      | $398.72          | $100.00        | $363.55        | $225.00       | $225.00        | Good         | Yes                      |                         |                     |
| Avondale  | 156    | Hartney   | 8               | 2               | 10    | 4.50                         | 109                        | 11.14                  | 2                    | 1                 | 8                 | 111          | 13          | 16         | 16        | $2250.00 | $1500.00       | $300.00        | $440.00        | $300.00       | $50.00         | Good         | Yes                      |                         |                     |
| Keystone  | 141    | Brandon   | 8               | 1               | 11    | 1.50                         | 77                         | 2                      | 1                    | 4                 | 74                | 1            | 2           | 32         | $1767.50 | $1267.50       | $500.00        | $267.50        | $500.00       |                 | Fair         | Yes                      |                         |                     |
| Mt. Sinai | 183    | Man       | 8               | 12              | 23    | 23.00                        | 80                         | 4                      | 4                    | 80                | 4                 | 4            | 4           | 30         | $911.50  | $215.50        | $500.00        | $196.00        | $500.00       |                 | Good         | Yes                      |                         |                     |

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SAKSKATEWAN NORTH DISTRICT, No. 20.

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 honor to submit for your consideration, my Report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the District for year 1919, and I am pleased to be able to say that the general impression gained by visits to the various Chapters, is, that peace and harmony prevails, and the proper Masonic Spirit is noticeable, to take advantage of the return of Peace to revive the noble work, which in some places, at least, has been more or less handicapped during the War times.

At the writing of this Report, I have completed visits to all Chapters in my District, except King George, at Yorkton, and I hope to visit this Chapter, before my term of Office expires.

In order, as nearly as possible, to see the Chapters at work, under ordinary conditions, I sent short, or no notice of my visits, and in every case received a hearty reception and found a keen desire for the officers to perfect themselves in their work.

On January 6th, 1920, I had the pleasure of Instituting Victoria Chapter U.D. at Wynyard, and I take this opportunity to thank the officers of King George Chapter, at Yorkton, for their presence and assistance. The new Chapter should do well. The officers and Companions are eager to make good, and as the Chapter is located in a growing town, surrounded by a country well populated with a class of people, from which much good material is available, I look for good reports from this, our baby Chapter, in the future.

Prince Albert Chapter, No. 160, Prince Albert. Is the oldest in the District, and while this Chapter has a loss to show in the number of Members for the year,
it will undoubtedly do better. Situated as this Chapter is, "on the shoulders of civilization," and with a population very sparse to the North, also with a large area from which no material can be expected, the re-action, after the war, naturally will be somewhat slow, although the officers are absolutely capable.

Saskatoon Chapter, No. 165, Saskatoon, is fortunate in being located in a City and District in which there is no lack of future Members. The work is in good hands and the books exceptionally well kept. It is at all times a pleasure to see Work done in this Chapter. The Past Officers are very faithful in assisting at all times in the work of the Chapter.

Battleford Chapter, No. 181, Battleford.—The exceptional good showing of this Chapter is due to the faithful work of all the officers and Members, and more especially to the untiring efforts of the Scribe E., Comp. W. R. Riddington, besides being a Prince of Good Fellows, Comp. Riddington is a "tower of strength" to the Chapter in particular, and to Masonry in his District in general. The Chapter is well located in a District from which, as proven by its records, a large number of good Members can be secured.

King George Chapter, No. 207, Yorkton.—Up to the time of writing this Report, I have not had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter. I had the pleasure of meeting the Principal Officers at the Institution of Victoria Chapter, U.D., at Wynyard, and their statements are confirmed in the Report, that the Chapter is doing well, and the prospects for the future are good. The Chapter is situated in one of the oldest and best settled districts in our Province, and is fortunate in counting among its Members, R. E. Comp. T. F. Acheson, whose untiring zeal for Masonry is recognized far beyond the borders of our District.

Humboldt Chapter, No. 209, Humboldt.—This being my "home" Chapter, I have been present at most of its Convocations. The Chapter is in a very healthy condition and is in the hands of able Officers.
The Chapter is largely drawing its Members from Lodges situated East of Humboldt, for a distance of 80 miles; to the West there is not a single Craft Lodge, located, nevertheless, our Chapter will continue to show progress, the handicap of a new Country is only a spur to better efforts.

The District shows a total net loss of four members for the year, resulting from the better following of the Constitutional requirement, in the suspension of Members for non-payment of dues.

Before closing this Report, I wish to thank the Companions for the many honors and courtesies extended to me during the year; honors as the Representative of Grand Chapter, and courtesies as a friend and Companion.

Fraternally submitted,

O. W. ANDREASON,

_Grand Supt., Saskatchewan North District, No. 20._

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SASKATCHEWAN NORTH DISTRICT, No. 20
SASKATCHEWAN WEST DISTRICT, No. 21.

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 honor to submit, for your consideration, my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan District, No. 21, for the year 1919.

I regret that owing to the lateness of my appointment, and the fact that I was absent from the District during the months of September and October, it was impossible for me to visit all the Chapters during the year, but will endeavor to complete visits as far as possible before the meeting of Grand Chapter.

Capitular Masonry is in excellent condition in this District, all the Chapters doing the work well, testifying to the efficient manner in which the Grand Superintendents who have preceded me have performed their duties.

The Chapters are all increasing in membership, with the exception of Estevan Chapter, who have had no work during the past year, no candidates having made application. In this case there is no doubt that this condition will be remedied in the near future.

I wish to express my appreciation for the appointment as Grand Superintendent, and only regret that I was unable to be of more assistance to the Chapters in the District.

Fraternally submitted,

Geo. D. McMillan,
Grand Supt., Saskatchewan West District, No. 21.

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SASKATCHEWAN WEST DISTRICT, No. 21
SASKATCHEWAN EAST DISTRICT No. 22.

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:

Herewith I submit my report as Grand Superintendent on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District for the year 1919.

During the month of January I visited all the Chapters in the District but one, on their regular night of Convocation.

Orient Chapter, No. 194, Moosomin.—Owing to illness in the family of the First Principal, no meeting was held at the time of my official visit. I met a number of the Companions, made some enquiries and examined the books which were found to be in good order. I believe the Chapter to have a capable staff of officers and that efficient work may be confidently prophesied for the coming year.

Trinity Chapter, No. 192, Melville.—At Melville the Convocation attendance was interfered with to some extent by stormy weather. The Work however was well done. Officers are to be complemented generally, while the Scribe E. particularly is to be congratulated on the quality of his work.

Wascana Chapter, No. 121, Regina.—On January 12th was the date of my official visit. I greatly appreciated the cordial reception with which I was greeted by the Officers and Companions of this most efficiently conducted Chapter. The spirit of Masonry is in continual evidence in the relation of their members and in their manner of performing their work. A pleasing feature of my visit was a most enjoyable banquet with which the proceedings of the evening terminated.
Govan Chapter, No. 193, Govan.—The work of this Chapter can be characterized by the word “fair.” With the present staff of officers there is no reason why the next report should not be most favorable. The books are well kept.

Golden Compass Chapter, No. 170, Sintaluta.—This being my home Chapter, I am in a position to speak knowingly of the general character of the Masonic work done. In the past years there have been rather less energy and zeal displayed than satisfactory Masonic life and progress demands. The condition of the books was decidedly bad.

Moose Mountain Chapter, No. 166, Arcola.—Domestic matters have prevented me from visiting this Chapter up to date, I expect however, to be with the Companions at their next regular Convocation. Through enquiries I am led to believe good work is being done there.

Fraternally submitted,

David Railton,
Grand Supt., Saskatchewan East District, No. 22.

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NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 23.

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 honor to present my report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in New Ontario District, No. 23.

During my term of office, I have visited every Chapter in the District, except in the case of my own home Chapter, but was unable to attend any of them more than once, for owing to the District being so widely scattered, I had to travel in all nearly 1,300 miles to make the visits I did. For the same reason Chapters of Instruction are not very feasible, because, except in the case of Cobalt and New Liskeard, the Chapters are too far apart, for any one to take a very active part except at home. On my visits to Cobalt, New Liskeard and Timmins, I was accompanied by my immediate predecessor in office, R. E. Comp. R. LeHeup, who added greatly to my enjoyment of the trip, as I was a comparative stranger in those towns. Similarly on my visits to Mattawa and North Bay, I was accompanied by R. E. Comp. C. W. Haentschel. At Sault Ste. Marie I was accompanied by the District Secretary Ex. Comp. Joseph Fowler, of Sudbury. I found that every Chapter had comfortable quarters, was well provided with equipment, adequately insured, and was sound financially. With one exception, to be mentioned later, all showed progress during the year and performed degree work very satisfactorily for my inspection, and in each I was received very cordially; a banquet following the work in the Chapter Room at every place. In most instances I gave a short address on the intimate relationship existing between Craft and Capitular Masonry.

It is my firm belief, and it is also the opinion of many others in this District, that it would be a general benefit
to Capitular Masonry and would greatly increase the enthusiasm and loyalty of its members, if the Constitution forbade the conferring of more than one degree on a Candidate at the same Convocation, and further that the example of the Grand Lodge of Canada should be followed, making it compulsory that four weeks, at least, should elapse between degrees, and an examination passed on each before the next is conferred. If the objection be made that too much time would be wasted in opening and closing Lodges of Mark Master Mason or Most Excellent Master Mason for examinations only, that could be remedied by an amendment permitting such Lodges to be opened and closed without ceremony when (and only when) the only business to be transacted was the examination of Candidates for advancement. Candidates on coming to the Chapter are disappointed rather than otherwise, if they are not required to get up the work of each degree. The Constitution at present magnifies the Master Mason degree by compelling a lapse of three months after taking it before a Candidate's application can even be received by a Chapter, and minimizes the importance of the Capitular degrees by permitting them to be taken at one time. A Candidate is thus apt to get the impression that the Chapter itself sanctions the opinion, which is only too prevalent in some quarters, that although Craft Masonry is very important, Capitular Masonry is only a stepping-stone to higher degrees and is not important in itself.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa. This Chapter has been in a semi-dormant condition for the past year or two, mainly because the number of members residing in the Town of Mattawa, owing to deaths, removals and absence over seas, has been too small to successfully conduct the affairs of the Chapter, and the regular attendance of members residing at a distance from the town cannot of course be expected. I visited this Chapter on December 3rd, and although under the circumstances the meeting was, of course, small, still Ex. Comp. J. H. Spec, the First Principal, and other officers present expressed themselves as confident, from
the applications on hand, and the number of prospective applicants, of whom they were aware, that the Town membership will be greatly increased in the near future so that the difficult of carrying on the Chapter work will be greatly lessened as time goes on. The finances of the Chapter are in splendid condition and its equipment quite complete, and there seems to be no reason, except as above stated, to prevent it flourishing again. If it fails to improve during the coming year, however, I would consider the condition of this Chapter to be almost hopeless.

Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury.—This being my home Chapter, I attended every meeting throughout the year, making my official visit on December 9th. It is a pleasure to note the enthusiasm of the officers and members, under the able leadership of the First Principal Ex. Comp. W. McDonald, Although the meetings held during the year exceeded those held the previous year by 80%, the interest shown is so great, that the average attendance of members at these meetings increased 50%, and the membership of the Chapter has shown an increase of nearly 25% during the year. The degree work throughout the year has been uniformly excellent, and a large amount of equipment has been added. On October 28th a Past Z's. night was held combined with a celebration of the completion of twenty-five years since the removal of this Chapter to Sudbury. On this occasion all the offices were filled by Past Z's. and the two principal offices by R. E. Comp. J. A. Sharp and R. E. Comp. R. H. Arthur, who occupied the same Chairs in 1894, when the Chapter first opened in Sudbury. The Royal Arch degree was conferred at this meeting in an exemplary manner.

Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.—This is the largest Chapter in the District, having a membership greater than that of any other two combined. I paid my official visit on January 9th, and although there was a strong counter attraction in their City the same evening, the Masonic enthusiasm of the members was so great that all the regular seating capacity of
their large Chapter Hall was filled. This was their first meeting since the installation of officers, for the year 1920, but notwithstanding this, the new officers put on the Mark Master Mason degree in a commendable manner with full musical accompaniment. A feature of the evening was the examination of a Companion in the Royal Arch degree and I was informed that this Chapter makes a practice of requiring a Candidate to pass an examination in each degree before receiving the next, and of presenting him with regalia of his own when (and only when) he has passed a satisfactory examination in the Royal Arch degree. My entertainment by the officers and members during the day I passed in their City left nothing to be desired. The Chapter is to be congratulated on having such a set of officers, and Ex. Comp. E. W. Hitchcock is to be congratulated on being the First Principal of such a Chapter.

St. Johns Chapter, No. 103, North Bay.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on December 4th, the evening of the election of officers, and although the meeting was rather small, it being somewhat stormy, and there being other attractions in the Town, what was lacking in numbers was made up in interest. In addition to the election of officers the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred for my benefit; the Degree being conferred by the First Principal Ex. Comp. H. Thorpe, assisted by some of the Past Z's. of the Chapter, and the manner in which this Work was done showed that the officers were quite familiar with the Degree.

Temiskaming Chapter No. 169, New Liskeard.—I visited this Chapter on November 5th, and was welcomed at a large enthusiastic meeting. Not only the First Principal Ex. Comp. W. J. Fuller, but also all the other officers of the Chapter showed a keen interest in the work, auguring well for the future of the Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was beautifully conferred, some of the Past Z's taking part in the work. Ex. Comp. W. J. Fuller was at Cobalt when I visited there the night
before, and during the day I spent in New Liskeard, he and other Companions of his Chapter, showed their perfect familiarity with the Royal Art of entertainment.

Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt.—This Chapter was visited by me on November 4th, and here also there was a large attendance of members. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred, and although some of the junior officers seemed rather nervous in the performance of their duties, the degree was splendidly conferred by the Third Principal, Ex. Comp. A. E. Bryson. I was informed that in the three northern Chapters of the District, it is the custom to have the preliminary degrees conferred by the Second and Third Principals, and it is a custom which I would commend, as it enables these officers the better to fit themselves for the office of First Principal. Ex. Comp. H. Wallace, the First Principal, showed me every hospitality during the day of my stay in Cobalt.

Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins.—This Chapter received its Charter at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, and is the youngest Chapter in the District. The Consecration of the Chapter took place on September 3rd. I was not able to be present, but R. Ex. Comp. LeHeup assisted by R. Ex. Comp. McAusland, of North Bay, very kindly performed the Ceremony, as well as that of the Installation and Investiture of officers. I paid my official visit on November 6th, and was agreeably surprised at the very large attendance in proportion to the total membership of the Chapter. The Mark Master degree was conferred by the Third Principal Ex. Comp. H. Webb, and the work was conferred with an energy which showed the interest taken, not only by the officers, but also by the Companions on the side benches. Ex. Comp. C. G. Williams, the First Principal, is to be congratulated on the ability and the enthusiasm shown by the officers and members. The membership has almost doubled during the year.
In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and also for the uniform courtesy and kindness which I have received throughout the District, rendering my efforts to fulfil the duties of the office a pleasure instead of a task.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. Meldrum,
Grand Supt., New Ontario District, No. 23.

Sudbury, Ont.
| CHAPTER     | Number | LOCATION       | Regular Meetings | Emergent | Total | Average Attendance | Members | Annual Dues | Average Attendance Visitors | Members last Return | Petitions Accepted | Affiliations | Restorations | Withdrawals | Suspensions | Deaths | Present Memberships | M.M. M. Conf. | M.E. M. Conf. | R. A. Conf. | No. Members 12 Mths In Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Dues Outstanding | Amount Insurance | Amount Expended in Benevolence | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees? | Prospects |
|-------------|--------|----------------|------------------|----------|-------|-------------------|---------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------|------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------|-------|------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Pembroke    | 58     | Mattawa        | 3                | 2        | 5     | 11                | 3.240   | 51            | 3                           | 1                 | 149             | 9           | $32.00       | $1016.00    | $671.00     | $375.00 | $90.00          | $500.00      | $800.00       | $500.00       | $800.00         | $800.00    | Good     | Yes             |
| Tuscan      | 95     | Sudbury        | 12               | 6        | 18    | 21                | 2.410   | 102           | 25                          | 24                | 126             | 4           | 23.15       | 851.69      | 228.84      | 540.00  | 82.85           | 400.00       | 130.00        | 500.00        | 400.00          | 400.00     | Excellent | Yes             |
| Algonquin   | 102    | St. Ste. Marie | 11               | 20       | 31    | 27                | 3.400   | 301           | 41                          | 36                | 326             | 8           | 33           | 930.00      | 2600.00     | 1325.00 | 360.00          | 500.00       | 130.00        | 100.00        | 100.00          | 100.00     | Good     | Yes             |
| St. John's  | 103    | North Bay      | 8                | 8        | 13    | 1                 | 1.300   | 117           | 10                          | 6                 | 124             | 4           | 22.64       | 733.91      | 328.91      | 425.00  | 107.00          | 400.00       | 200.00        | 500.00        | 200.00          | 200.00     | Good     | Yes             |
| Temiskaming | 169    | New Liskeard   | 8                | 1        | 9     | 14                | 1.300   | 120           | 8                            | 7                 | 130             | 3           | 4            | 160.25      | 753.91      | 328.91  | 425.00          | 107.00       | 400.00        | 500.00        | 500.00          | 500.00     | Good     | Yes             |
| Cobalt      | 203    | Cobalt         | 9                | 3        | 12    | 15                | 4.300   | 78            | 16                          | 14                | 202             | 4           | 27           | 2692.77     | 1502.27     | 500.00  | 100.00          | 500.00       | 100.00        | 500.00        | 500.00          | 500.00     | Good     | Yes             |
| North. Lights | 213  | Timmins        | 11               | 5        | 16    | 20                | 3.300   | 38            | 32                          | 32                | 71              | 6           | 23           | 708.02      | 130.41      | 559.61  | 18.00           | 400.00       | 200.00        | 120.00        | 400.00          | 400.00     | Good     | Yes             |

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KLONDIKE CHAPTER, No. 154. (Unattached).

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 honor to submit the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Yukon Territory for the year ending December 31st, 1919.

During the year Klondike Chapter has about held its own, and the prospects are fairly good. Harmony and good-will prevails, leaving little for the Grand Superintendent to do.

The affairs of the Chapter are in capable hands, and all-in-all I feel that the prospects are brighter than when I made my last report.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. Gillis,
Acting Grand Supt., Yukon District.

Dawson, Y.T.
## YUKON DISTRICT (Unattached)

| 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 | Deaths | Present Membership | M.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Members 12 Mos. in Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Amount, Insurance | Amt. Expended in Benevolence | Prospects | Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees? |
|---------|--------|----------------|------------------|----------|-------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------|------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Klondike | 154    | Dawson, Y.T.   | 4                | 12       | $5.00 | 113                          |                             |                        |                       |                      |              |              |              |              | 19     | 103               | 5          | $80.00     | $1767.00                      | $1100.00   | $600.00 | $67.00                 | $500.00   | $                |                            | Fair     | Yes                |
It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, 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

From the Equerry-in-Waiting of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Private-Secretary of the Governor General of Canada, letters were read expressing their appreciation of the kind Christmas and New Year’s wishes that had been sent them, in the month of December last, by The Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada.


Letters regretting inability to be present were also received and read from M. Ex. Comp. W. G. Reid, Past Grand Z., R. Ex. Comps. G. E. Parkes, John Kerr Brydon, C. W. Haentschel, James McC. Potts, Past Grand Superintendents, and from E. S. Little, Esq., Mayor of London, Ontario, inviting Grand Chapter to hold its Annual Convocation for 1921 in that City.
REPORTS FROM GRAND H. AND GRAND J.

R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, Grand H., and R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand J., each gave brief verbal reports of what had come to their special notice, during the past year, respecting the progress of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

FLOWERS TO BE SENT R. EX. COMP. B. ALLEN

Having been reported that R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Allen was seriously ill, it was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, and

Resolved—That the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to send to the residence of R. Ex. Comp. Allen a basket of flowers with a message of sympathy, and the wish that he may have a speedy recovery.

TELEGRAMS AND LETTER OF SYMPATHY

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO MRS. D. F. MACWATT

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to send a telegram to Mrs. D. F. Macwatt conveying to her the sympathy of this Grand Body at the loss she had sustained by the death of her husband and our respected Past Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. D. F. Macwatt.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO R. EX. COMP. SIR J. M. GIBSON AND FAMILY

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, and

Resolved,—That a telegram be sent to R. Ex. Comp. Sir John M. Gibson, expressing the sympathy of this Grand Chapter to him and his family in their bereavement by the death of a beloved son.

SYMPATHETIC MESSAGE TO M. EX. COMP. W. G. REID

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Scribe E. send a telegram to M. Ex. Comp. W. G. Reid regretting his inability, owing to illness, to be in attendance at this Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and wishing that he may have a speedy recovery.
LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO FAMILY OF COMP.

JAMES PRITCHARD

The Grand Z. referred in fitting terms to the death of Comp. James Pritchard, who had for years acted as the Grand Janitor at the Annual Convocations of Grand Chapter, when held in Toronto, when it was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw, and

Resolved,—That the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to send a letter to the family of the late Comp. James Pritchard expressing the sympathy of the delegates in attendance at the loss the family had sustained by his death.

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,—In presenting my report it is with pleasure I announce that Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction continues to prosper, and that the coming year, if one can tell by the reports being received, will be equally if not more prosperous.

During the past year the Office of the Grand Scribe E. has been asked to check the membership of many of the Chapters with the records of Grand Chapter. Apparently conditions exist among some of the Chapters which tend to show that their books have not been kept as they should be.

I think it would be well if the Grand Superintendents would look carefully at the books of the Scribes E., of their respective districts, and offer what suggestions would appear to them to keep the books of the Chapters up to the requirements of the general advancement of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

While the Office of the Grand Scribe E. spares no pains in explaining, so far as can be done in a letter, any apparent errors as shown in the Annual Returns from the Chapters, yet a suggestion coming from a Grand Superintendent, when inspecting the books, would greatly assist in obtaining the object desired.
For the correct mode of recording minutes I would direct attention to the "Form of Entry of transactions in Minute Book of a private Chapter," contained in the Constitution.

It would also be well for the proper officers of the Chapter to see that its Minute Books are carefully preserved, especially is this the duty of the Scribe E., for the Minute Book contains the history of the standing and progress of the Chapter.

There is nothing that solidifies and strengthens a Chapter like its history, whether that history is recorded in books or embodied in customs. For history is but a mirror of the past, and when read frequently, resusitates enthusiasm, when it is likely to be found lagging in activity for the general welfare of the Chapter.

Since the new Constitution was adopted by Grand Chapter in February, 1918, 5,560 copies have been printed and disposed of to the constituent Chapters. According to the records in the Office of the Grand Scribe E. Chapters have ordered copies of the new Constitution that apparently had never ordered copies for years, yet they were annually increasing their membership. Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on this, because it shows the Chapters of this Jurisdiction are desirous of working closely to the Constitutional requirements of the Order.

Delinquent Chapters

There is one delinquent Chapter, Rabboni, No. 171, Dauphin, Man.

As to this Chapter I expect shortly to receive its returns.

During the year there have been seventy Dispensations issued, many of these were for qualifying Companions elected to fill positions of First and Second Principals, and for changing dates of convocations of Chapters, as well as a few for holding "At Homes" and wearing Royal Arch regalia.
The membership of Grand Chapter December 31st, 1918, was 20,404, with 165 Chapters. During the year, ending December 31st, 1919, the registrations, joinings and restorations have been 2,402; the withdrawals, (including those belonging to the Chapters of British Columbia) suspensions and deaths, 2,182 leaving a net gain of 220, and making a total membership of 20,624 with 151 Chapters. It will be seen that although 16 Chapters with 1,473 members of British Columbia left the Grand Chapter of Canada to form a Grand Chapter of their own, yet we have an increase of 220 in membership.

The annual statement attached shows that, in fees and dues from the different Chapters there has been received $15,990.65. This is fully set forth with the disbursements in the Reports of the Treasurer and the Audit and Finance Committee.

Certificate of Good Standing

By a resolution adopted at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, February 28th, 1917, the Grand Scribe E. was authorized to grant a certificate of good standing to any Companion residing in the Province of Alberta desiring such, providing that he was in good standing on the records of Grand Chapter. Upon request a certificate was issued to Comp. William Charles Bruce, a member of Utuskwan Chapter No. 179, G.R.C., who desired to affiliate with Alberta Chapter No. 1, G.R.A.

Warrants Cancelled and Returned to British Columbia Chapters

The Chapters of British Columbia, having in the month of June last, with the consent of the Grand Chapter of Canada, formed a Grand Chapter of their own, they were requested by the Grand Scribe E., to forward to him, the Warrants, received from the Grand Chapter of Canada, as well as their Seals, and at the request of a Chapter, the Warrant, after having been duly cancelled could be returned.
Following were the Chapters which forwarded their Warrants and Seals, and the Warrants returned to them were:

98—Vancouver
122—Rossland
123—Nelson
124—Westminster
125—Rocky Mountain
127—Keystone
128—Revelstoke
142—Cyrus
157—Okanangan
174—Boundary
178—Kaien
182—Camosun
190—Pacific
191—North Vancouver
206—Kelowna

Warrant and Seal has yet to be received from:
120—Kootenay

Active Chapters

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

Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto, 117; The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton, 80; Ark, No. 80, Windsor, 75; Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston, 64; St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton, 55; Occident, No. 77, Toronto, 54; Toronto, No. 185, Toronto, 53; Carleton, No. 16, Ottawa, 50; St. George's, No. 5, London, 49; Orient, No. 79, Toronto, 48; Shuniah, No. 82, Port Arthur, 43; Wellington, No. 47, Chatham, 38; Algonquin, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie, 36; Northern Lights, No. 213, Timmins, 32; Guelph, No. 40, Guelph, 31; Signet, No. 34, Barrie, 30; Mount Sinai, No. 212, Toronto, 29; York, No. 62, Toronto, 28; Saskatoon, No. 165, Saskatoon, 27; Palestine, No. 54, St. Thomas, 26; St. John's, No. 3, London, and The St. Patrick's, No. 145, Toronto, 25 each; Tuscan, No. 95, Sudbury, 24; St. James, No. 46, St. Marys, Ancaster, No. 155, Ancaster, and Connaught, No. 187, Winnipeg, 23 each; Shekinah, No. 138, Toronto, and London, No. 150, London, 22 each; Mt. Moriah, No. 19, St. Catharines, 21; The Moira, No. 7, Belleville, King Solomon's, No. 8, Toronto, Lebanon, No. 84, Wingham, Golden, No. 90,
Kenora, and Moose Jaw, No. 162, Moose Jaw, 19 each; St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto and Georgian, No. 56, Owen Sound, 18 each; McCallum, No. 29, Dunnville, Mount Nebo, No. 76, Niagara Falls and Battleford, No. 181, Battleford, 17 each; Sussex, No. 59, Brockville, and Wascana, No. 121, Regina, 16 each; Keystone, No. 35, Whitby, Mount Sinai, No. 44, Napoleon, Grimsby, No. 69, Grimsby, Brant, No. 115, Paris, and Peel, No. 195, Brampton, 15 each.

New Chapters

The authorized warrants, after the last Annual Convocation, were engrossed and forwarded to the proper Officer for the following Chapters:

Mount Sinai, No. 212, Toronto, Ont., and The Northern Lights, No. 213, Timmins, Ont.

Chapters under Dispensation

Vimy Chapter, Inwood, Ont., received its Dispensation and was instituted with 17 petitioners. It now has a membership of 31. It was continued under Dispensation last year, and it now asks for its Warrant.

In addition to the foregoing, the following Chapters were regularly instituted on the dates given:


By-laws

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

Shaunavon, No. 211; Mount Sinai, No. 212.

Amendments to By-laws of Chapters have also been submitted and approved as follows:

The Hiram, No. 22 St. John's, No. 3; St. John’s, No. 6; Carleton, No. 16; Grenville, No. 22; Corinthian, No. 36; Wellington, No. 47; Palestine, No. 54; St. Clair, No. 75; Mount Nebo, No. 76; Occident, No. 77; Aylmer, No. 81; Golden, No. 90; Antiquity, No. 91; Tuscan, No. 95; Algonquin, No. 102; King Cyrus, No. 119; Succoth, No. 135; Shekinah, No. 138; The St. Patrick, No. 145; Atwood, No. 149; Alberton, No. 152; Ancaster, No. 155; Saskatoon, No. 165; Trinity, No. 192; Kitchener, No. 210.
## ANNUAL STATEMENT

**Year 1st February, 1919, to 31st January, 1920.**

**FEES AND DUES FROM CHAPTERS**

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GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

1st February, 1919, to 31st January, 1920

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<th>Received by Grand Scribe “E” on Account of Dues, Fees, etc., from Chapters</th>
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INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

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Geo. Moore, Bryan Pontifex, F.C.A.,
Grand Treasurer. Auditor.
INVESTMENTS HELD, 31st JANUARY, 1920

$16,352 30 Cost of $17,000.00 Toronto Industrial Debentures, guaranteed by the Corporation of the City of Toronto, 5 per cent Interest. Due 1st December, 1925.

2,521 00 City of Stratford Debentures, Interest 4 per cent, $1,000.00, $1,000.00 and $521.00, Due 1st January, 1927.

2,659 75 Town of Oshawa, Interest 4½ per cent, $1,300.61, due 1st December, 1921 and $1,359.14 due 1st December, 1922.

1,191 56 Village of Weston, Interest 6% $578.43, due 1st October, 1920, $613.13 due 1st October, 1921.

1,173 00 Cost of $1,200.00 Canadian War Loan (1st), Interest 5%. 10 year, due 1st December, 1925.

2,478 12 Cost of $2,500.00 Canadian War Loan (4th). Interest 5½%. 20 Year, due 1st December, 1937.

2,966 10 Cost of $3,000.00 Canadian War Loan (4th). Interest 5½%. 20 Year, due 1st December 1937.

3,000 00 Cost of $3,000.00 Canadian War Loan (5th). Interest 5½%. 15 Year, due 1st November, 1933.

3,135 00 Cost of $3,000.00 Canadian War Loan (5th). Bought March 1919. Interest 5½%. 15 Year, due 1st November, 1933.

3,000 00 Cost of $3,000.00 Canadian War Loan (6th). Bought November, 1919. Interest 5½%. 15 Year, due 1st November, 1934.

$38,476 83—Total Cost. Face Value, $39,072.31.


It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and

Resolved—that the statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer for the year 1919, be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit, and to report thereon at the present Convocation.
**BENEVOLENCE**

*To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers 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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$2,030.00

Fraternally submitted on behalf of the Committee,

A. SHAW,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, and

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

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

Companions,—The Committee on Warrants beg to report as follows:

Vimy Chapter, Inwood, Ont., as we reported last year, had seventeen petitioners, when it was instituted in March, 1919, and during the year has added fourteen making the total membership thirty-one, with seven applications.

The Grand Superintendent reports that the furniture and equipment is good, the Chapter has a comfortable hall in which to meet. The officers are well skilled in their work and the attendance of members at each meeting has been good.

Mimico Chapter, Mimico, Ont., was instituted November 5th, 1919, under favorable conditions with a membership of twenty-six, and it now has a membership of forty-one.

The Grand Superintendent reports that the prospects for this Chapter are particularly bright; has a splendid Chapter hall, its paraphernalia and books are complete and the Officers are proficient.

Victoria Chapter, Wynyard, Sask., was instituted in January, 1920, with a membership of twelve.

The Grand Superintendent says the Officers and Companions are eager "to make good," and as the Chapter is located in a growing Town, surrounded by a Country, well populated, its future looks bright.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that Warrants be granted to the following Chapters:

Vimy Chapter, No. 214, Inwood, Ont.
Mimico Chapter, No. 215, Mimico, Ont., and
That Victoria Chapter, Wynyard, Sask., be continued under Dispensation for the coming year.
An application from Shaunavon Chapter, No. 211, Shaunavon, Sask., having been received asking that a new Warrant be issued to the Chapter, owing to the retirement of two of its Principal Officers just after its Institution, your Committee, after giving the request careful consideration, recommend that no action be taken on the application by this Grand Body.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

O. Ellwood,

*Acting Chairman of Committee on Warrants.*

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, 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,—In presenting the Sixty-second annual report on Audit and Finance, your Committee desire to congratulate Grand Chapter on the excellent financial results of the past year.

We find that notwithstanding the loss sustained through the withdrawal of British Columbia and the payment to that Grand Body of the sum of $1,000.00 as authorized at last Annual Convocation, the surplus funds of this Grand Chapter have been augmented by the sum of $6,005.88.

The reports of the Grand Scribe E., and the Grand Treasurer furnish all necessary details in connection with the receipts and disbursements.

During the year 1919, your Committee invested the sum of $6,135.00 in Canadian War Loan Bonds with a face value of $6,000.00 bearing interest at 5½ per cent per annum. This we considered not only a sound financial investment, but also a patriotic service to our country.

Grand Chapter now has $38,476.83 invested in interest bearing securities with a face value of $39,072.31, and the income to be derived from this source during the current year should be an approximate of $2,000.00.

The net receipts for the year amounted to $17,838.15 as against $16,171.83 for the previous year, while the disbursements exclusive of investments, amounted to $11,832.27 against $13,222.83 for the previous year, thereby producing a net gain of $3,056.88 over the surplus of the preceding year.

We herewith submit the report of Auditor Bryan Pontifex, Chartered Accountant:
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1920.

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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 the Grand Chapter and that they are of a total (cost) value of $38,476.83 and face value of $39,672.31.


Toronto, 17th February, 1920.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations for the current year:

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<td>Funeral Expenses (Gr. Chap. Share 1/3) M. Ex. Comp.</td>
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Your Committee further recommend the re-appointment of Bryan Pontifex, Chartered Accountant, as Auditor for the current year.

In conclusion your Committee desire to place on record its appreciation of the excellent services rendered to Grand Chapter by the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, and the efficient manner in which the duties of these important offices have been performed.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

O. Ellwood,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, and

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

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

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

Your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry beg to present the Annual Report based upon reports made by Grand Superintendents all of whom have discharged the duties of their office faithfully, zealously and well.

The year 1919 was marked by much unrest throughout the world. This was psychological and to be expected. The strain of the Great War caused an equally great reaction. Lessened production has gone hand in hand with reckless extravagance. There has been great apparent business prosperity much of which was due to immense expenditure of public money by Governments from funds raised by loans which mortgage the future. In the report of last year it was pointed out that having regard to the qualifications which alone give access to the Order, the nature of the institution and its teachings, there rested upon its members a peculiar responsibility and that all Masons should earnestly strive to become ideal citizens. This is a time then for every Mason to play his part and thus demonstrate to the world that Masonry is indeed a living force which makes for the welfare of the community. Grand Superintendents may well use their influence and their opportunities to urge all Companions to practise strict economy in their private and Chapter life, to encourage production, reduce consumption and to check as far as in them lies the present mad rush of criminal extravagance. This is the duty of every well wisher of his country and Grand Superintendents should encourage Chapters to avoid unnecessary outlay and urge them to cultivate the virtue of moderation and restraint.

There is fortunately little evidence in the various reports that entertainment has been carried to excess. The after proceedings of a Chapter meeting serve a most useful purpose. Companions learn to know each other
more intimately, social qualities are developed which are essential to Masonry, but entertainment should never be carried to an extent which will dwarf the impression left by the conferring of a degree or weaken the lessons which the degree is designed to teach. Care must be taken that we are not carried away by the tendency of the day to the detriment of true Masonry, its dignity, its traditions, its power to form character and to make of us better men and better citizens.

Business depression will follow the present business activity and Chapters will be well advised to reduce their liabilities and increase their assets that they may be in a strong financial position should the change effect their membership or increase their outstanding dues.

With few exceptions all Chapters have added to their rolls. Prospects are reported as good in 90 cases, very good 7, excellent 21, and fair 22.

M. Ex. Comp. Ponton, Grand First Principal, has been most energetic and untiring in the discharge of the duties pertaining to his high office and his eloquent addresses at many Chapter Convocations have encouraged, inspired and delighted the large gatherings which he invariably attracted.

The following table shows the membership and financial standing:

| Chapters on which reports were made            | 145 |
| Average attendance of Members                 | 20  |
| Average Membership                            | 134 |
| Liabilities                                    | $8,298 |
| Assets                                         | 181,039 |
| Outstanding Dues                               | 26,264 |
| Amount of Insurance                            | 50,296 |
| Expended on Benevolence                        | 4,729 |

From the above it will be seen that the assets exceed the liabilities by the substantial sum of $172,741.00.

Attention is again drawn to the small average attendance of members at Convocations. Last year the average number of members was 124 and the average
attendance only 18. This year with an average membership of 134 the attendance was 20. There has been a slight gain but it is not enough, and Grand Superintendents are again urged to devote particular attention to Chapters which are not making satisfactory progress or where for some reason Companions fail to evidence their interest by attending the monthly meeting. Their absence discourages the officers, militates against good work and reflects upon the institution to which they owe allegiance.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION

The short interval between the two Grand Chapter Convocations must have made it difficult to arrange Chapters of Instruction in addition to making many official visits. They were held in a number of districts and the Grand Superintendents are to be commended. In others apparently time did not permit. Incoming officers having a full year term should make a determined effort and should see that at least one Chapter of instruction is held in each District. In addition to perfecting the work they form an excellent opportunity for bringing the Companions of a district together and for inspiring them to greater effort and efficiency.

MARK AND DEGREE BOOKS

In Toronto District, No. 8, the Mark Book is used in every Chapter and Companions are taught to register their marks. They are reported as in use in Wilson, No. 64, Welland, and in many Chapters in St. Lawrence District, No. 12. Either they were not found elsewhere or the Grand Superintendents failed to mention them. Once again it is necessary to say that this lack of interest on the part of all concerned is unfortunate and regrettable.

INSURANCE

It is satisfactory to note that practically every Chapter carries a fair amount of insurance.

BENEVOLENCE

The following table gives the amount contributed to benevolent objects by Grand Chapter and private Chapters for the past five years:
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1920

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PRESENT STANDING

The following table shows the present standing of Grand Chapter:

Number of Chapters, Warranted ........................................ 151
Number of Members, December 31st, 1918 .......................... 20,404
Number of Registrations, December 31st, 1919 2,143
Number of Joinings, December 31st, 1919 .......................... 179
Number of Restorations, December 31st, 1919 .......................... 80
Number of Withdrawals, December 31st, 1919 .......................... 1,740
Number of Suspensions, December 31st, 1919 224
Number of Deaths, December 31st, 1919 .......................... 218

Net Gain ........................................................................ 220
Total Membership, December 31st, 1919 ................................ 20,624

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OFFICIAL VISITS

All Grand Superintendents gratefully acknowledge the courtesy with which they were received and lay emphasis upon the evidence of fraternal feeling and good
fellowship which characterized every meeting. They report the work as well done in the general and that harmony, good will and true masonic spirit was universal throughout the jurisdiction.

SASH

The restoration of the sash as part of the Regalia apparently met with general approval.

VISITING

The Grand Superintendent Manitoba West, No. 16, says: "I have arrived at the conclusion that we are left too much to ourselves. There should be more visits from Grand Chapter officers as well as more visits among the Chapters of the district." The Grand Superintendent of Toronto No. 8, records with satisfaction an increasing tendency among the different Chapters to interchange visits with excellent results.

Certainly Masonic fellowship should extend beyond the portals of a particular Chapter and visiting within reasonable limitations is but evidence that we are all members of one great household united for a common object and bound together by the golden chain of mutual regard, esteem and friendship.

RULINGS AND DISPENSATIONS

There has been a gratifying reduction in the number of requests for rulings and dispensations. With careful reading of the constitution few rulings are required and an appreciation of the fact that dispensations should be granted only in cases of urgency will limit appeals for special consideration.

The financial position of Grand Chapter continues to be sound and satisfactory as set forth in detail in the Treasurer's report. The surplus for the year was $6,005.

Your Committee feel that the Grand Superintendents are to be commended for their energy and zeal in making so many visits of inspection within their short period of
office and with them believe that the prospects for future prosperity and progress were never brighter in the history of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Fraternally submitted,

K. J. Dunstan,
Chairman.

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

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

REPORT ON FRATERNAL DEAD

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead respectfully report:

"Darker, Darker and more wan,
Ill, my breast the shadows fall;
Upward steals the life of man
As the sunshine from the wall;
From the wall into the sky;
From the roof along the spire,
Ah! the souls of those that die,
Are but sunbeams lifted higher."

—Longfellow.

Through the Secretaries the official notices of the distinguished dead of Sister Jurisdictions have been received, and as we have read the tributes paid them by their Companions, who knew and lived with them in the various stations and walks of life, their deaths fill us with awe as we view the great gaps made to be closed up and filled by those who must "carry on." To the dear ones in their homes, and the Companions of their respective Chapters, to them, this day we tender our sincere and deepest sympathy.

Companions, the harvest of the Reaper in our own Jurisdiction has been heavy. Some have passed away, who have held the highest offices in the gift of this Grand Body, as well as Companions, though they never held office, or had title conferred on them, yet bore the honored name of Royal Arch Masons, and in their lives lived its highest ideals.

On February 13th, when we were looking forward to meeting one, who had been a power of strength to us in advice and friendship, we were shocked to receive word from the Grand Scribe E., that M. Ex. Comp. Daniel Frazer Macwatt, had "Crossed the Bar." We, to-day, truly mourn his loss, no eulogy of ours could pay a greater tribute to his great abilities, his activity, zeal, and love for Freemasonry, than the fact, he was placed
by his Brethren as the governing head of four branches of Masonry in this Country. He was laid to rest in Union Cemetery, Barrie, Ont., Saturday, February 14th; the funeral was under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and there due honor was paid to departed merit by a distinguished gathering of the Craft.

"Father in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."

M. Ex. Comp. Donald Frazer Macwatt died at his residence, 269 London Road, Sarnia, Ont., Thursday, February 12th, 1920. He was born in Narin, Scotland, July 9th, 1853. He was educated in the Academy there and came to New York in 1869, and to Canada in 1873. He was called to the Bar at Michaelmas term, November, 1881, and practised law for some time at Barrie, Ont. He was appointed County Judge of Lambton, December 12th, 1899, and Surrogate Judge in the Admiralty Court, June, 1906. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in 1909-10. Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in 1913-14. Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templars of Canada, in 1897-99. He was Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters of Canada, in 1891-92. At his death he was Lieut. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Canada. He had served on every Executive Board of the different Masonic Bodies and there will his advice and counsel be missed. Judge Macwatt was an indefatigable worker both in the Judiciary and in the County of Lambton affairs, and one of his most recent achievements was the completion of biographical sketches of the wardens, parliamentary representatives, judiciary officers and County officials of the County of Lambton from 1852 until 1918, which was published in book form by the authority of the County Council in 1917. The work also contained a comprehensive sketch of the history of the present County of Lambton, which was originally part of the district of Hesse and it formed a valuable addition to
the archives of the County. He was President of the County Judge's Association, and well known in the judiciary and legal profession throughout Ontario.

OUR DEPARTED COMPANIONS

Among the Companions who have died during the past year are:

R. Ex. Comp. William Coultice Coulson, Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District, No. 1, in 1901; died February 13th, 1919. He had for many years taken a deep interest in King Cyrus, Chapter, No. 119, Leamington, of which he was a member.

R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Walkey, Grand Superintendent of Ontario District, No. 10, in 1910; died February 16th, 1919. He was a faithful Scribe E. for many years of Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough.

"None who knew thee need be told
A kindlier heart death ne'er made cold."

R. Ex. Comp. J. R. Fitzgerald, Grand Superintendent of Ontario District, No. 10; died March 7th, 1919, a member of Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne. He always took a keen interest in the welfare of his Chapter.

R. Ex. Comp. N. T. Lyon, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District, No. 8, in 1898; died April 4th, 1919. His activity in all branches of Masonry for years showed him to be a most devoted student as well as a firm believer in Masonic teachings.

R. Ex. Comp. Hugh K. Maitland, Grand Superintendent of Wellington District, No. 4, in 1878; died on May 10th, 1919, an old and faithful member of Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph.

R. Ex. Comp. James Noble, Grand Superintendent of London District, No. 2, in 1881; died October 19th, 1919. He was always keenly alive to the welfare of Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy, of which he had been a member for many years.

R. Ex. Comp. Alexander Patterson, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District, No. 8, in 1885; died December 12th, 1919. He had been Treasurer of the Masonic
Relief Board of Toronto for upwards of thirty years, and at the time of his death was the oldest Past Master of Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto, as well as the oldest living member and Past Principal of King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.

"As Hiram slept, the widow's son,
So doth our brother take his rest,
Life's battle fought, life's duties done;
His faults forgot, his worth confessed.

R. Ex. Comp. James Andrew Macfadden, Grand Principal Sojourner in 1902; died July 7th, 1919. He was a member of Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, and was identified with the Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of Canada for many years.

V. Ex. Comp. Samuel Dubber, Grand Steward in 1889; died February 14th, 1919. He was a member of Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. John Walsh, Grand Steward in 1881; died April 2nd, 1919, at Victoria, B.C., He was a member of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Hiram Wellbanks, Grand Steward in 1888; died July 3rd, 1919. He was a member of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton, Ont.

To those we trust "Death is but the golden key that opens the Palace of eternity."

Among the Past Zs. who died and whose memories are cherished by the Companions of their respective Chapters were:

Ex. Comp. Robert Waddell, of St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Richard A. Harrison of McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Alfred Thomas Gurd, of Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia, Ont.

Ex. Comp. William H. Kyle, of Sussex Chapter, No. 59, Brockville, Ont.

Ex. Comp. George H. D. Lee, of St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, Ont.
Ex. Comp. John Shaw, of Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling, Ont.

Ex. Comp. D. J. Kirkham of Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto, Ont.

Ex. Comp. A. Graham, of St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville, Ont.

Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson, of Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Ex. Comp. William Hay, of Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Alexander Primrose, of St. Andrew’s Chapter, No. 139, Havelock, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Robert Allan Thompson, of The Hamilton Chapter, No. 175, Hamilton, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Edwin J. Jukes of Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Bridgeburg, Ont.

There are other Companions, who have passed to their eternal reward, whose names will appear among the Chapters’ recorded and honored dead.

"Leaves have their time to fall, and flowers to wither at the North wind’s breath, and stars to set—but all, thou hast all seasons for thine own, O death!"

CANADIAN JURISDICTION

Nova Scotia—M. Ex. Comp. William Crowe, P.G.H.P., died September 14th, 1919. He was born at Guelph, Ont., and early in life moved to Halifax, where he engaged in business that proved a successful venture.

M. Ex. Comp. Samuel James Waddell, P.G.H.P., and Grand Secretary, died, April 10th, 1919. He was born at Truro. At first he took up the profession of teaching, later he was obliged by failing health to relinquish this work and became Chief Accountant with a wholesale firm, subsequently, he was appointed Deputy Collector of Inland Revenue, which position he held up to the time of his death.

"Death is but the dropping of the flower that the fruit may swell."
AMERICAN JURISDICTIONS

During the past year, the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, have lost by death, so we have been informed, the following prominent Companions:

Alabama—John Gilbert Smith, P.G.H.P.
Arkansas—Nathaniel Pendleton Richmond, P.G.H.P.
California—Edward Richard Hedges, P.G.H.P.
Florida—James W. Boyd, P.G.H.P.
Illinois—Monroe Carroll Crawford, P.G.H.P.; Wm. LeRoy Milligan, P.G.H.P.
Indiana—Manuel M. Fisher, P.G.H.P.; William H. Hamelle, P.G.H.P.
Maine—Clifford J. Pattee, P.G.H.P.
Maryland—William Henry Martin, P.G.H.P.; James Franklin Allen, P.G.H.P.; J. H. Miller, Grand Secretary.
Mississippi—Frederic Gordon Speed, Grand Secretary
Minnesota—Alonzo Bradenburg, P.G.H.P.
Montana—Alexander D. MacDonald, P.G.H.P.
New York—Seymour H. Stone, P.G.H.P.; Willis Wood Rice, P.G.H.P.
Nevada—Matthew Kyle, P.G.H.P.
New Jersey—Frederick Theron Crane, P.G.H.P.
Nebraska—James Tyler, P.G.H.P.
North Dakota—Sylvester J. Hill, P.G.H.P.
Oklahoma—Daniel Morris Hailey, P.G.H.P.; John Coyle, P.G.H.P.; George Henry Bruce, P.G.H.P.; Otto Albert Shuttee, Grand Treasurer.
Pennsylvania—Edward B. Spencer, P.G.H.P.; F. Henry Williams, P.G.H.P.
Tennessee—George Limerick Cowan, P.G.H.P.; Joe Adams, P.G.H.P.
Wyoming—Adrian P. Parshall, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.
Companions what a separation this means. The avocations in this life of our Companions can be filled, but the void is to be found in the aching hearts of those left to mourn in the homes they have been taken from. The voice, the touch, and kindly eye, of our Companions, are gone forever, but we as Masons can express our gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. for the assurance of a reunion and a life eternal hereafter. In every step, symbol and lecture we receive, from the moment we enter the door of our Chapter halls, it is impressed upon us, to take the V.O.T.S.L. for our guidance, not only in this life, but for the life to come. Having then consigned the bodies of our Companions to the grave, let us fold, in loving tenderness, their memories in our hearts while committing their Spirits to God, and let us so regulate our lives and actions, so that like the Psalmist we may be able to exclaim, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me."

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. S. R. Murch,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.
GRAND Z's. ADDRESS

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

Companions—We have listened with pleasure and profit to the able, eloquent and inspiring address of the Grand First Principal and congratulate Grand Chapter on having as its official head one who can so clearly set forth the ideals and beauties, so strongly inculcated in the teachings of the Royal Craft. His knowledge of our traditions, his skill as a workman, and his strict adherence to our customs and usages designate him as a "Ruler in Israel" bearing high the "Torch of our Faith," and his example inciting us to still more glorious ambitions.

He has truly said, that the measure of the Royal Craft is the compass of each individual link, and the strength of our Union the integrity of the parts which go to form the whole. Under such guidance and directed by such inspiration we cannot fall fainting by the wayside, but will press onward to that ultimate triumph which is to be the reward of our mortal effort.

Your Committee is pleased, but not surprised to learn that the Grand First Principal has met with unswerving loyalty and devotion in his extended communications—with the companions in the various districts and his itinerancy has been marked by tokens of cordial affection and esteem, and we have with him the feeling, that it is good for the brethren to dwell together in unity.

We are especially gratified by his great appreciation of the fraternal and personal kindness shown to himself during his International visits, and most ardently desire that in future cominglings of this nature he will ever bear in mind that he carries within his heart all the great love and fraternal affection of the Grand Royal Craft of Canada.

The timely expressions of Imperialistic pride, as voiced by the Grand First Principal, renew a re-awakened and fervent echo in our hearts, and re-call those days of
adumbrated sorrow which overhung our country, in the early days of the world's great holocaust, and the triumphant pean of righteous victory, mingled with the said pibroch for the dead, will forever engrave upon our hearts an indelible sense of indebtedness to our brothers who so gallantly fought and died that their to-day should be our to-morrow.

It is a source of satisfaction that the Grand Z., has been pleased to express himself as satisfied with the work of the Grand Superintendents, and his approval and approbation, and the esteem of the Companions will go far to recompense them for their arduous and highly necessary duties.

Finally your Committee join with the Grand First Principal in his expressions of gratification at the sustained prosperity of Grand Chapter, and pray that the Great Architect of the Universe will bear us in the hollow of His hand and pour upon us the continual dew of His blessings to our mortal wellfare, and eternal bliss.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. Gorrell,

Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s address be received and adopted.
Grand Chapter was then called from labour 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:

**Grand Superintendents of Districts**

| R. Ex. Comp. | William Stewart French, Amherstburg, Ont. | Dist. No. | 1 |
| " " | John S. Barnard, London, Ont. | " | 2 |
| " " | G. A. Woodside, Brantford, Ont. | " | 3 |
| " " | A. L. Patterson, Palmerston, Ont. | " | 4 |
| " " | Andrew G. Bain, Hamilton, Ont. | " | 5 |
| " " | Thomas Blackmore, Listowel, Ont. | " | 6 |
| " " | George Hutchinson Smith, St. Catharines, Ont. | " | 7 |
| " " | V. M. Hare, Uxbridge, Ont. | " | 8 |
| " " | William Henry Whipps, Collingwood, Ont. | " | 9 |
| " " | Colin Sidney Hamly, Port Hope, Ont. | " | 10 |
| " " | Alexander MacGregor, Napanee, Ont. | " | 11 |
| " " | William Wallace Sheets, Cornwall, Ont. | " | 12 |
| " " | A. J. Sparling, Pembroke, Ont. | " | 13 |
| " " | Archibald D. Cameron, Fort William, Ont. | " | 14 |
| " " | F. W. Brownell, Winnipeg, Man. | " | 15 |
| " " | E. Bolton, Brandon, Man. | " | 16 |
The Scrutineers of the Ballot

The M. Ex. the Grand Z., appointed R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Chairman of the Scrutineers.

Election of Officers

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

- M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, Belleville, Ont...Grand Z. of Grand
- M. “ “ George Moore, Hamilton, Ont...Grand Scribe E.
- R. “ “ Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Ont...Grand Scribe N.
- R. “ “ William Croft, Toronto, Ont...Grand Registrar.
- R. “ “ E. B. Brown, Toronto, Ont...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. Kenneth J. Dunstan...Toronto
- R. “ “ O. Ellwood...London
- R. “ “ J. McC. Potts...Stirling
- R. “ “ W. S. Milne...Toronto
- R. “ “ R. J. Gibson...Toronto

London Next Place of Meeting

The Cities of London, Ottawa, and Toronto having been nominated for the next Annual Convocation in February, 1921, and being put to the ballot, the result
showed London had received the highest number of votes, and that City was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, as well as a Supplementary Report on the application of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland for Fraternal Recognition by the Grand Chapter of Canada.

In the Supplementary Report it was stated:

"Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence begs to recommend that action of this Grand Chapter upon the request of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland for recognition as a duly constituted Grand Chapter be deferred until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, and

Resolved,—That the Report on Foreign Correspondence, as well as the Supplementary Report on the application for Fraternal Recognition, be received and adopted.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

REPORT OF GRAND HISTORIAN

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

For the honour done me at the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter when I was unanimously elected Grand Historian, I beg to return my most sincere and hearty thanks.

The lamented death, in the summer of 1918, of the great historian of Canadian Masonry, M.Ex.Comp. John Ross Robertson—nomem clarum et venerabile—whose courage, enterprise, industry, ability, knowledge and profound devotion to the Craft, are unsurpassed in any country, was an almost irreparable loss. But I venture to hope that in the near future the services of a member of Grand Chapter, who is well qualified for the office of Grand Historian, will be available. I regard myself merely as his locums tenens until his release from other absorbing duties will set him free to devote some of his leisure hours to historical work in connection with this Grand Chapter.

The few lines that I am now about to pen will not deserve the title of a report. Next year, perhaps, if I am spared and continued in office, I shall endeavour to prepare an historical sketch which may or may not be of value—I can only do my best.

The Grand Historian's duties are not defined as are those, for example, of the Grand Scribe Ezra. The duty of an Archdeacon, it has been said, is to perform archidiaconal functions. The first duty of the Grand Historian may be to ascertain what a Grand Historian's functions are. It cannot be that he is to review in 1920 the history of the Grand Chapter in 1919. That is done in the annual address of the Grand Z. and in the various reports presented—notably those of the Grand Scribe E. and the Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry. Our system of addresses and reports is the best in every way that I have met with in my extensive reading of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the world. It does not need the supplement
of an historical report for the year. The historian of the future will find in this year’s printed proceedings a full account, for instance, of the birth of the child that has sprung from our loins—the formation of the gallant young Grand Chapter of British Columbia. And that brings me to what is really my text—the importance of contemporary records as material for the historian.

This requires to be emphasised because it is sometimes not present to the minds of those who make and keep the records. The historical facts relative to remote periods are interwoven in historical narrative with legend and fiction. Records of actual events are not always reliable. Even in regard to occurrences within the memory of living men there is often much controversy. Witness the Upper Canada Rebellion of 1837, which scarcely belongs to ancient history. In the latter part of the 19th century, when there were still many alive who had memories of those stirring times, a great dispute arose, and is not yet settled, as to the parts taken in that Rebellion by two of the leaders respectively; and very competent and learned historians have ranged themselves on opposite sides of the controversy. A dispute about what? About facts mainly. The contentions of both sides are to some extent supported by documents of undoubted authenticity. But, if the so-called rebels had kept records such as those kept by our admirable Grand Scribe E. of the doings of this Grand Chapter, there would be little room for controversy. Suppose no record had been kept of the unhappy Alberta trouble of a few years ago—unhappy for a time but ending happily, laus deo—the historian of a later date would doubtless have the usual difficulty in distinguishing fact from fiction; he might even, with keen discrimination in eliminating what was false, pronounce that MacWatt and Murch were the names of mythical or legendary persons, or, if the bearers of those names were historical personages at all, their figures loomed as vague and indistinct upon the historical horizon as those of Hengist and Horsa.

Undoubtedly an understanding of the personality and characteristics of these two eminent Past Grand First Principals of our Grand Chapter (one of of them,
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alas! we have been recently bereaved) as well as of those of our Past Grand Scribe E., Bennett, throws much light upon the controversy which arose and the settlement of that controversy. Our records contain the documents, the essential things, the basis of history-writing. They should also, I venture to think, contain in biographies and even appreciations of the actors in any movements of importance; and in every year there is or may be some event of historical moment.

It may be said perhaps that it is not well to write the biography of a living man—that we should wait till his death; and it must be admitted that an *indiscreet* biography of one still with us would not be commendable. But a great deal may be told that will be informing while discreet. Many things throw light upon the personality of a Ruler of the Craft. His parentage, his place of birth, education, occupation, marriage, family, religion, affiliations, public offices held, are all of course fair game. And a sympathetic biographer might add something anent personal characteristics, pursuits, and hobbies. Why wait till he is dead?

And with regard to the dead, while the mention of them is never forgotten in the proceedings of our Grand Chapter, nor in those of others which I have perused, it is often inadequate. Taking up the volume containing our proceedings in 1919, I find no separate report on the fraternal dead, such a report is usually found in a United States Grand Chapter under the name "Necrology" or "Obituary." Our Grand Z., in his address, mentions by name the most eminent of the Companions who have departed, and there are memorial pages at the end of the volume. A few words of appreciation are said, but they are quite inadequate from the historian's standpoint. This year a Committee on the Fraternal Dead will report.

In the printed proceedings of most Grand Chapters we find a portrait of the incoming or outgoing Grand Z. or Grand High Priest, and in some Grand Chapters a biographical sketch. This is well; but it is singular how little the biographers, as a rule, manage to tell.

Looking again at our proceedings of 1919, we find them prefaced by a portrait of the newly elected and
installed Grand Z., but there is no biography at all; and, if I am not mistaken, the earlier volumes have the same defect; so that the Rulers of the Royal Craft are depicted for us only as they look and not as they are and have been.

I make the suggestion, with all deference, that in our Grand Chapter in the future a biography shall always accompany the portrait, and also that biographies of the Past Grand Zs. from the beginning be inserted from time to time in the annual volumes as they come out. No doubt the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E. would arrange for the preparation of these biographies by, in each case, the most suitable person. It would be for me a labour of love to prepare a sketch of the life and work of our present Grand Z., to go into the volume containing the proceedings of this year.

Another suggestion, with your permission, Most Excellent Sir and Companions. It is not only in biography that we are deficient. There are many interesting things connected with the Royal Craft, the records of which are not to be found in printed books, but in the possession of private persons, not even Masons sometimes. Will not those who have such in their possession or know of the existence of such, give information thereof to the Grand Scribe E. or the Grand Historian? They may be of inestimable value. In this the older Chapters, Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui No. 1, especially, can give efficient aid.

Suggestions as to subjects for historical treatment will also be welcomed.

Fraternally submitted by,

Edward B. Brown,
Grand Historian.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Grand Historian be received and adopted.
Vote of Thanks to Family of the Late
M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson

The Grand Scribe E. stated, that through the courtesy of M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, there had come into his possession from the family of our late M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, a number of manuscripts pertaining to Royal Arch Masonry, in England, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and other parts of Canada. Some of the documents relate to individual Chapters in this Jurisdiction, and many of these documents have never been published. They are doubtless of great historical value.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Sepncer, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Body be sent to the family of the late M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson for the magnificent gift of the valuable historical documents now in the office of the Grand Scribe E.

Committee on Benevolence

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon'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. A. Shaw, it was resolved, that R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon 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. Abraham Shaw, retires in 1921.
M. " " F. W. Harcourt, retires in 1922.
R. " " J. B. Nixon, retires in 1923.

Validation of Grand Chapter Officers

Owing to the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter taking place in the month of June, 1919, and the Officers who were elected at that time, not having served the necessary twelve months as required by the Constitution...
to entitle them to past rank, it was moved by M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, and

Resolved,—That the past year be recognized as a full Masonic year for the Officers elected and appointed in the month of June, 1919, and that they be entitled to the Past Rank of the Office held by them in this Grand Body.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE PAYING TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Companions: The Special Committee appointed by the M. Ex. the Grand Z., to take into consideration the advisability of paying the travelling expenses of the Executive Committee attending the Convocations of Grand Chapter, have considered this question in all its phases and beg to report, that after taking all things into consideration, they would recommend that a rate of five cents per mile for 250 miles and under, and seven cents per mile for 251 miles and over, and also four dollars per day, be paid going to and attending the Convocations of Grand Chapter, and that a Special Form be prepared showing the actual mileage to be travelled by shortest route and number of days consumed in travelling to and attending Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. H. SPENCER,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Special Committee, on paying the travelling expenses of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter be received and adopted, and that the proposition set forth in the report be carried into effect at once, in the best manner that can be devised, for the protection of Grand Chapter, by the Special Committee, consisting of R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Chairman, M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, with the addition of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and V. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacIntyre.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PRESENTATION TO M. EX. COMP. A. S. GORRELL

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, in the absence of R. Ex. Comp. Francis B. Reilly, who was Chairman of the Testimonial Committee, presented the following report:

Your Committee appointed to procure a testimonial for M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell beg leave to report as follows:

A Sterling Silver Tea Service, etc., was purchased (value $325.00) and presented to Mrs. Gorrell and M. Ex. Comp. Gorrell at an At-Home given by Wascana Chapter, No. 121, Regina, Sask., (M. Ex. Comp. Gorrell's home Chapter), for this purpose in their Chapter Room on January 29th. Invitations were sent to Grand Chapter Officers and Past Officers.

About 150 Ladies and Companions were present. An excellent musical programme was provided, during which the presentation was made on behalf of Grand Chapter. M. Ex. Comp. Gorrell on behalf of Mrs. Gorrell and himself expressed his appreciation in a very happy reply.

Probably the most pleasing part of the programme was the reading of letters of appreciation of the services and worth of the Most Excellent Companion by his fellow Companions of Grand Chapter.

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

Resolved,—That the report of the Testimonial Committee be received and adopted.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

In compliance to Notice of Motion it was moved by M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, and

Resolved,—That the words "British Columbia" which appear in the fourth line of Section 2 on Page 1, of the Constitution, be and the same are hereby struck out.

That the following words which appear in Section 11, on Page 4, be and the same are hereby struck out, namely:

"The Grand Superintendent of the Seventeenth or British Columbia District."
“The Grand Superintendent of the Eighteenth or Kootenay District.”
“The Grand Superintendent of the Nineteenth or Yale-Columbia District.”

That the word “exaltation” where it appears in the seventh line of Section 165, on Page 45, be struck out and in lieu thereof that the following words be inserted, namely:

“advancement to the M.M.M. degree.”

Report of Committee on Revision of Direction of the Floor Work

M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Chairman, stated, that the Committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter to revise the directions of the Floor Work wish to report, that they had examined “The Work” and had made such corrections as they thought necessary, and he suggested, that the Committee be permitted to continue its labours in order to see what should be done to bring the corrections made before the Chapters in the jurisdiction, as well as to see if it would be necessary to procure a new copy of “The Work.”

After some discussion it was agreed to accept the report of the Committee, subject to a mutual understanding between M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, and R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Reade, as to the form the question should come before Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation. It was also decided, that M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed should be added as a member of the Committee, and that Ex. Comp. John Parton of Connaught Chapter, Winnipeg, should also be added as a corresponding member of the Committee.

Honorary Rank of Past G. Z. Conferred

It having been stated, that the question of conferring the Honorary Rank of a Past Grand Z. upon R. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, had come before the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter, and that the Committee had suggested the question should be submitted to Grand Chapter, when it was moved by M. Ex. Comp.
A. S. Gorrell, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and unanimously,

Resolved,—That for distinguished services rendered to Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction the Honorary Rank of a Past Grand Z. be conferred upon R. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, and that the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to notify the M. Ex. Comp. by telegram of the Honor conferred upon him.

THANKS TENDERED SCRUTINEERS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and

Resolved,—That the thanks of Grand Chapter be and are hereby tendered to the Excellent Companions who acted at the election of Officers so efficiently as Scrutineers of the ballot.

PAYMENT FOR USE OF ROOMS

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and

Resolved,—That the sum of $25.00 be paid to the Masonic Temple Corporation, Ltd., for the use of the rooms by Grand Chapter at this Annual Convocation.

NOTICE OF MOTION AS TO EXALTATION FEE

R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Ormiston stated, that he would move at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Body, the minimum fee in this Jurisdiction for Exaltation shall be $40.00.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

M. Ex. Comps. A. Shaw, W. S. R. Murch, and Geo. Moore, then proceeded with the Installation and Investiture of the newly elected Officers of Grand Chapter, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE

The following appointments by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. were subsequently announced:
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1920

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. Ex. Comp. A. Cowan................................................ Barrie, Ont.
R. " " Edwin Smith.................................................. London, Ont.
R. " " W. Y. Mills.................................................. Kingston, Ont.
R. " " Walter G. Price................................................. Port Credit, Ont.
R. " " George L. Gardiner........................................... Toronto, Ont.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS

V. " " William Lawrence, Winnipeg, Grand Senior Sojourner.
V. " " Harry W. Augner, Smith's Falls, Ont. Grand Sword Bearer.
V. " " Thomas McDermid, Ancaster, Ont. Grand Master 1st Veil.
R. " " James Johnson, Boissevain, Grand Master 2nd Veil.
V. " " Chas. E. Richardson, St. Marys, Ont. Grand Master 3rd Veil.
V. " " J. M. Malcolm, Toronto, Ont. Grand Pursuivant.
V. " " William Whitaker, Kenora, Ont. Grand Steward.
V. " " James Herriot, Toronto, Ont. Grand Steward.
V. " " E. H. Gregg, Prescott, Ont. Grand Steward.
V. " " Frank G. Erskine, Whitby, Ont. Grand Steward.
V. " " Chester Charles Graham, Regina, Sask. Grand Steward.
V. " " R. J. Kerr, Kitchener, Ont. Grand Steward.
V. " " Robt. H. Reid, Woodstock, Ont. Grand Steward.
V. " " C. B. Scantlebury, Belleville, Ont. Grand Steward.
V. " " John M. Smith, Windsor, Ont. Grand Steward.
The labours of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 5.20 o'clock p.m. Toronto, February 25th, 1920.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1920

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. Fx. Comp. H. S. Griffin, Hamilton, Grand H., President

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Harding .............................................. Hamilton
" " Michael Walsh ...................................................... Ingersoll
" " William G. Reid ................................................. Hamilton
" " Abraham Shaw ...................................................... Kingston
" " George Moore ...................................................... Hamilton
" " F. W. Harcourt ..................................................... Toronto
" " W. S. R. Murch ..................................................... Westport
" " A. S. Gorrell ....................................................... Regina
" " W. N. Ponton, Grand Z ........................................... Belleville
" " H. Robertson ....................................................... Collingwood
" " Harry H. Watson .................................................. Vancouver
" " E. T. Malone ....................................................... Toronto
" " A. T. Freed ......................................................... Hamilton

R. Ex. " R. H. Spencer, Grand J ....................................... Trenton

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. William Stewart French,
Amherstburg, Ont........ St. Clair Dist. No. 1
" " John S. Barnard, London,
Ont................................. London " 2
" " G. A. Woodside, Brantford,
Ont................................. Wilson " 3
" " A. L. Patterson, Palmerston,
Ont................................. Wellington " 4
" " Andrew G. Bain, Hamilton,
Ont................................. Hamilton " 5
" " Thomas Blackmore, Listowel,
Ont................................. Huron " 6
" " George Hutchinson Smith,
St. Catharines, Ont........ Niagara " 7
" " V. M. Hare, Uxbridge, Ont. Toronto. " 8
" " William Henry Whipps, Collingwood, Ont........ Georgian " 9
" " Colin Sidney Hamly, Port Hope, Ont........ Ontario " 10
" " Alexander MacGregor, Napanee, Ont........ Prince Edward " 11
" " William Wallace Sheets,
Cornwall, Ont............... St. Lawrence " 12
" " A. J. Sparling, Pembroke,
Ont................................. Ottawa " 13
" " Archibald D. Cameron, Port
William, Ont................ Algoma " 14
R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Brownell, Winnipeg, Manitoba E. 15
" " E. Bolton, Brandon, Man. .Manitoba W. 16
" " Donald McLeay, Battleford, Sask. Saskatchewan's W. 20
" " J.B. Smith, Assiniboia, Sask. Saskatchewan's W. 21
" " John Henning, Melville, Sask. Saskatchewan E. 22
" " George S. Cowie, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. .New Ontario 23

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

" " H. J. Milne, Kingston.........Grand Scribe N.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R. " " J. McC. Potts,.....................Stirling, Ont.
R. " " W. S. Milne.........................Toronto, Ont.
R. " " R. J. Gibson .......................Toronto, Ont.

APPOINTED BY GRAND Z.

R. Ex. Comp. A. Cowan..........................Barrie, Ont.
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R. " " Walter G. Price......................Port Credit, Ont.
R. " " George L. Gardiner...............Toronto, Ont.

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M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt (Chairman), R. Ex. Comps. V. M. Hare, Henry T. Smith.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE
R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, (Chairman).
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173. Weyburn.......Weyburn | 208. Assiniboia.....Assiniboia  
180. Estevan.......Estevan | 211. Shaunavon...Shaunavon

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NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 23

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### RECAPITULATION

- Number of Chapters, Warranted: **151**
- Number of Members, December 31st, 1918: **20,404**
- Number of Registrations, December 31st, 1919: **2,143**
- Number of Joinings, 1919: **1179**
- Number of Restorations, 1919: **1179**
- Number of Withdrawals, 1919: **1,749**
- Number of Suspensions, 1919: **221**
- Number of Deaths, 1919: **218**
- Net Gain: **220**
- Total Membership, December 31st, 1919: **20,624**

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SUSPENSIONS

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No. 4. Elliott Rowe Lawlor, W. B. MacKay, Walter Edward Magee, Delhi Martin Rowe, James Spencer, Robert John Villiers.
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No. 16. Edmund Adams Maunell, John Askey Quick.
No. 20. William A. Clarke.
No. 21. Harry Francis Morrow.
No. 22. Richard Mills, August Briese, William James Bradey.
No. 84. Charles C. Munro.
No. 88. J. H. Snary.
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No. 95. Harry E. Sheppard.
No. 112. Clinton J. Weegar.
No. 139. Chas. M. White, John Barlow.
No. 187. Robert George Haddon.
No. 193. John Dutton, U.M.C.
No. 208. Chas. A. Knudson, Hervey Reginald Ross.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

RESTORATIONS.

Chapter.
No. 3. John M. Slater.
No. 7. Charles Clarke Gerow.
No. 20. J. A. McKee, J. H. Runchey.
No. 22. Charles Baker.
No. 27. E. H. Brown.
No. 29. Joseph Ewing.
No. 31. Clarke B. Clapp.
No. 34. J. E. Warren.
No. 41. William Pullen.
No. 44. Charles Milton Stratton.
No. 47. George Smithson, Albert Edward Marshall, Archibald Hugh Skirving.
No. 53. John Charles Reid.
No. 54. Harry E. Cox.
No. 56. Hugh R. Polson.
No. 59. Harry F. Laughlin.
No. 63. Andrew Cormack, H. L. Collins.
No. 64. Allan E. Taylor, N. C. Burdick.
No. 67. Archibald Ballins.
No. 70. Charles George Mills.
No. 75. Alfred Winn.
No. 78. Armenis A. Towns.
No. 79. John Andrews.
No. 84. Elmer Moore, Fred A. Morris.
No. 91. James M. Redmond.
No. 95. William John Hambly.
No. 102. John Lamb.
No. 103. James Arthurs, A. D. McInnis, C. Alvin Beach, W. J. Parsons.
No. 121. George Doweswell.
No. 132. John Griffith, Frank M. Dillon.
No. 133. Frederic C. Montgomery.
No. 135. Samuel C. Swanton.
No. 140. John A. McClure, Joseph Henry Rodgers.
No. 151. George E. Josephs.
No. 185. Richard Thomas.
No. 192. C. D. Walker.
Our
Departed
Companions

IN MEMORIAM
IN PEACE

M. EX. COMPANION

Daniel Frazer Macwatt
PAST GRAND Z.

Grand Representative—Scotland

DIED FEBRUARY 12th, 1920

SARNIA, ONT.
R. EX. COMPANION

William Coultsie Coulson
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

DIED FEBRUARY 13th, 1919

LEAMINGTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

William H. Walkley
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

DIED FEBRUARY 16th, 1919

PETERBOROUGH, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

J. R. Fitzgerald
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

DIED MARCH 7th, 1919

COLBORNE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Napoleon T. Lyon
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8

DIED APRIL 4th, 1919

TORONTO, ONT.
R. EX. COMPANION

Hugh K. Maitland
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

DIED MAY 10th, 1919

GUELPH, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

James Noble
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

DIED OCTOBER 19th, 1919

STRATHROY, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Alexander Patterson
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8

Grand Representative—Virginia

DIED DECEMBER 12th, 1919

TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

James Andrew Macfadden
PAST GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

DIED JULY 7th, 1919

TORONTO, ONT.
V. EX. COMPANION
Samuel Dubber
PAST GRAND STEWARD
DIED FEBRUARY 14th, 1919
ST. THOMAS, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION
John Walsh
PAST GRAND STEWARD
DIED APRIL 2nd, 1919
VICTORIA, B.C.

V. EX. COMPANION
Hiram Wellbanks
PAST GRAND STEWARD
DIED JULY 3rd, 1919
PICTON, ONT.
Deaths

Chapter.


No. 4. Henry Taylor, 8 Dec., 1918; Martin Leverty, 1919.


No. 8. Napoleon T. Lyon, 4 April, 1919; Melville James Young, 24 July, 1919; Wm. P. Ryrie, 10 Nov., 1919; Christopher Wahlroth, 27th Nov., 1919; Albert S. Mitchell, 8 Dec., 1919; Wm. Henry Davey, 6 Dec., 1919; Alex. Patterson, 12TH Dec., 1919; Richard B. Walsh (date not given).

Deaths

Chapter.


No. 23. Gilbert M. Robins, Oscar McClellan, (dates not given).


No. 34. John F. Palling, Feb., 1919; Frank Joseph Robinson, June, '1919; George Herbert Wright, Nov., 1919.
Deaths

Chapter.
No. 36. W. H. Walkey, 16 Feb., 1919.
No. 45. Albert Manley Brancombe, 8 Jan., 1919; J. R. Fitzgerald, 7 March, 1919.
No. 47. Edgar Bruce Richardson, 24 Oct., 1919.
No. 52. Phillip Yates, Sept., 1919.
No. 54. Samuel Dubber, 14 Feb., 1919; James Balkwell, 4 March, 1919.
No. 56. David Abbey, July, 1919; Charles B. M. Harris, 21 July, 1919.
No. 57. Alexander Mouck, 4 Dec., 1919.
Deaths

Chapter.

No. 64. Chester J. McBride, 2 March, 1919.


No. 69. F. W. Maddox, 14 Nov., 1919; William Cowan, 23 Feb., 1917; George Pool, 1915; Robert George Hagar, 1916.


No. 73. R. W. Young, 1 Dec., 1919; Robt. A. Spence, 26 May, 1919.


No. 79. Henry Morgan, 4 March, 1919; John Parsell, 29 March, 1919; Daniel J. Kirkham, 16 May, 1919.

No. 80. George F. Maltby, Jan., 1919; Isaac E. Terry (date not given); Walter Ernest Bellinger, 11 Nov., 1919.

No. 82. Robt. Coffey, 1 Feb', 1919.
Deaths

Chapter.


No. 90. Chas. W. Belyea, 26 Sept., 1919.

No. 91. S. Y. French, 14 April, 1911; Jas. Reuben Phillips, 4 July, 1917; Chas. Alex. Hillock, 8 Jan., 1919.

No. 94. Stanley McLean, 2 Sept., 1919; Wm. Roenigk, Sept., 1919.


No. 112. William Thwaite, (date unknown); Neville Bentley Colcock, (about 1 April, 1919).


No. 119. William Coulter Coulson, 13 Feb., 1919; Travers P. Falconbridge, 23 Feb., 1919; Peter Wilkinson, 5 June, 1919; William Nash, 1 Sept., 1919.

No. 121. Robert Blair Ferguson, 15 June, 1919.

Deaths

Chapter.
No. 136. William Drummond, Jan., 1919; Barnard May, Feb., 1919; Clarence A. McCarthy, March, 1919; James McKay, 10 May, 1919; Charles D. Shannon, 7 April, 1919.


No. 140. Arthur A. Murray, March, 1919; Thomas Wright, 6 Dec., 1919; Hector McDonald (date not known); Daniel S. Maus, March, 1919.


No. 145. J. F. Lawson, 23 Dec., 1918; Edward Boyce, 18 Dec., 1918; F. W. Jenkins, 17 Feb., 1919; Frank West, 7 April, 1919.


No. 156. John Tedford, 13 April, 1919; Wm. Barber, 15 July, 1919.


No. 164. John Miller, 13 April, 1919.

Deaths

Chapter.
No. 167. George H. Wright, 10 Nov., 1919.


No. 175. Robert Allan Thompson, August, 1919.

No. 184. Samuel M. Pearl, 9 April, 1919; Edwin J. Jukes, 29 Nov., 1919.
No. 185. John Brennan, 26 Jan., 1919; James Bremner, 18 June, 1919.


No. 207. Hardy Edward Tallman, 3 March, 1919.

No. 211. F. C. Sim, 17 Nov., 1919.

No. 213. D. A. Hoggarch, 6 March, 1919.
WILLIAM NISBET PONTON
M. Ex. Grand Z. — 1919-1920
WILLIAM NISBET PONTON.
(A HUMAN DYNAMO.)

The subject of this sketch is well presented in the accompanying portrait. The face is not an inscrutable one. Experts in physiognomy and character-reading will easily recognise the truth of what we shall tell.

He was born near Belleville, about 60 years ago, and early in life moved with his parents to the house, called "Sidney Cottage," just outside of Belleville, where he still lives, and which was built by his maternal grandfather 90 years ago. His surname is of French origin, but his not very remote ancestors were on one side Irish and on the other Scottish. The land which surrounds Sidney Cottage—a fair and fertile heritage—is farmed by him, but his many other duties and interests usually forbid his personal participation in the activities of ploughing, seed-time, and harvest.

His early education was obtained in the excellent schools of Belleville. In 1870 he went to Upper Canada College, entering the 4th Form, and going through the 4th, 5th, and 6th, with exhibitions, prizes, and honours, magna cum laude. He narrowly escaped being head-boy at the end of June, 1873, and obtained more than one scholarship at the Toronto University matriculation of that year.

The writer, who was Ponton's close friend and associate both at Upper Canada College and the University of Toronto, remembers him as a handsome, fair-haired boy, of industrious habits, a great reader, with an unusual memory, very alert and ambitious, withal a favourite both with masters and boys. The same success attended him at the University: he was a diligent student, took scholarships and high honours all through his four years, and was popular and influential with his fellow undergraduates. He had a flair for good literature and an aptitude for memorising and quoting, which have by no means deserted him in later life.

In 1877, having taken his B.A. degree at the University—his M.A. followed in 1878—he began the study of the law. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1880;
began to practise and has since practised in Belleville; and was made a King's counsel in 1908. Public affairs having engrossed much of his attention, he has not taken the high position at the Bar to which his brilliant intellect might have led him; but he enjoys a good practice as a solicitor, holding, among others, the Belleville solicitorships for the Bank of Montreal, the Merchants Bank of Canada, and the Royal Bank of Canada. His work for the betterment of the City of Belleville has been strenuous. He served four years as alderman and twenty-five years as member (two years as chairman) of the Board of Education, and is still serving. For many years he was one of the Executive of the Belleville Board of Trade.

In 1906 and again in 1912 he attended the meetings of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, as one of the Canadian representatives, and spoke at the Guildhall, London, and also in Edinburgh and other places.

He has been president of several societies, among them being the Hastings Law Association, the Historical Association, and the Veterans' Association.

A constant writer on many subjects and contributor to the pages of many weekly and monthly publications, he began his career early by editing the Upper Canada College Times in 1873. He was also for some years one of the associate editors of Varsity.

He is a Senator of the University of Toronto; one of the Board of Governors of Upper Canada College; a member of the central council of the Canadian Red Cross Association; and first vice-president of the Ontario Bar Association.

His Scottish ancestors were soldiers, and he himself has been in the active militia since college-days, beginning in the Queen's Own Rifles. For seven years he was in command of the 15th Regiment, Argyll Light Infantry, is now on the Reserve of Officers with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and wears the Long Service Decoration. He has always taken a strong interest in rifle-shooting in connection with the military forces of Canada. He was in earlier days a crack shot—the holder of three medals and a championship cup.

His three sons served as officers in the great war.
A fine record of unselfish and devoted work for Belleville, Canada, and the Empire!

His Masonic career has been so far confined to the Blue, the Red, and the Templars' body. He is a member of Belleville Lodge No. 123, of Moira Chapter No. 7, and King Baldwin Preceptory. He is also an honorary member of several Toronto Chapters. He has filled the chair in both Lodge and Chapter; and has been District Deputy Grand Master of the Prince Edward District. In Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter he has advanced rapidly. He early found a place in the Executive of both, and his reports on the Condition of Craft Masonry and Royal Arch Masonry have been read and admired the Masonic world over.

He is now Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario) and Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, having been re-elected to the latter office at the Convocation recently held in Toronto.

William Nisbet Ponton is probably the most enthusiastic Mason of his day and generation. He is full of force and fire. His enthusiasm is catching—when he makes an address it is keyed on the highest note, and his enthusiasm is electrically communicated to his audience. He is able to lift his hearers to a high plane. His mind is stored with the best thoughts and utterances of the greatest writers of all time, and these he reproduces without effort in effective—often parenthetical—quotation in the course of the many speeches which he delivers. A fervent patriot, loyalist, and Imperialist, his addresses teem with references to our duty to King and Empire, which he identifies with the duties of a Mason—and he never forgets the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Visiting, as Grand First Principal of our Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapters of neighbouring Provinces and States, he stirs in an unusual degree the feelings of those whom he addresses. To this many foreign records bear testimony.

Being such a man as has been described, it is not surprising that he is exercising upon Royal Arch Masonry an influence which, in part at least, accounts for the splendid forward strides it is making.

E. B. B.
DANIEL FRAZER MACWATT
M. Ex. Grand Z.—1913-14
DANIEL FRAZER MACWATT
(A MAN OF STRONG PERSONALITY)

The reproduction, accompanying this sketch, shows clearly that the late M.Ex. Comp. Daniel Frazer Macwatt was a man of strong personality. Though most enthusiastic in everything he undertook, yet he was painstaking in his labours for the general welfare of Masonry, as it filled his heart and occupied much of his spare time in life. The multitudinous duties of the important offices and positions of trust, to which he had been called, he discharged with characteristic skill and ability. The feeling of faithfully discharging a duty to him, no matter how onerous it was, stimulated his activity and sustained his perseverance to the end of its accomplishments.

M. Ex. Comp. Macwatt was a native of Scotland, having been born at Nairn, July 9, 1853, His father Charles Macwatt, M.A. of Aberdeen was the proprietor and publisher of The Nairnshire Mirror. His parents died when he was only thirteen years of age, and from that time forward M. Ex. Comp. Macwatt had to make his way in life. At the early age of fourteen he entered the service of the Highland Railway Company at Blair, Athole, in Perthshire, Scotland, where he laid the foundation of that business tact and energy which ever afterwards distinguished him.

Looking for a wider sphere in which to utilize his natural talents, he came to America in 1869, and entered the employment of Messrs. Slauson and Company, Wholesale Confectioners of New York City, in the capacity of office boy. He advanced rapidly to the position of bookkeeper and confidential clerk for the firm. His failing health in 1873 forced him to give up the prospects of a successful business career and he moved to Canada, where he subsequently married.

Having chosen the profession of law he entered into articles, as Student-at-law, with D’Alton McCarthy, Q.C., of Barrie, in 1876. Having successfully completed the usual course of study, he obtained a certificate of
fitness early in 1881, was called to the Bar of Ontario at the Michaelmas Term of the same year, and immediately entered into partnership with the legal firm of McCarthy, Pepler and McCarthy, of Barrie. He remained a member of this firm until 1887, when he formed a partnership with John Dickinson, B.A. Wm. Lount, Q.C., M.P., who was subsequently a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario, had been for a time the senior partner of this firm. M. Ex. Comp. Macwatt was appointed County Judge of Lambton in December, 1899, and Surrogate Judge in the Admiralty Court in June, 1906.

In Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie, June 1885, he first saw Masonic light and was Master of the Lodge before 1891. He was D.D.G.M., of Georgian District, No. 9, and in July, 1907, was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, at Ottawa. In 1909 at London, he was elected Grand Master and was re-elected in 1910 at Belleville. He proved during his term of two years to be a most efficient Grand Master.

He joined Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie; on the 14th of December 1886, and after filling several of the minor offices became Z. of the Chapter. He was Grand Superintendent of the Georgian District in 1893, was Grand J. in 1909-10, Grand H., in 1911-12, and Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in 1913-14. During his term of office as Grand Z., the "Alberta Dispute" was at its height.

In the Royal and Select Masters, he was a Past Grand Master, and was also President of the Order of the High Priesthood for the Province of Ontario, when that Order ceased to exist.

He was a member of Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 12, Barrie, of Knights Templars, was a Past Provincial Prior of the Toronto District, and was also Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he had presided over the Barrie Lodge of Perfection as T.P.G.M.
and was M.W. Sovereign of the Rose Croix Chapter of Barrie, for many years. He was elected an Active Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33°, at Ottawa in 1896, and at the time of his death was Lieut. Gr. Commander of the Supreme Council, 33° for the Dominion of Canada.

M. Ex. Comp. Macwatt was a Corresponding Member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, England, one of the foremost Masonic Research Bodies in the World, and always took a deep interest in everything pertaining to the historical and esoteric work of Masonry.

There were several other organizations, beside that of Masonry, in which the Most Excellent Companion took an active part and achieved prominence in office. In all his activities of life it can be truthfully said, that to him “a promptness in doing things” was almost forceably displayed, for he recognized that success in this life depended upon the “true value of time.” His addresses to the brethren were always marked with a distinct brevity.

On February 12th, 1920, at Sarnia, Ont., M. Ex. Comp. Macwatt passed away from his earthly labours, to which reference is made in another part of the Proceedings, in the “Report on the Fraternal Dead.” He will not mingle again in this life with the Companions, but his memory, we trust, will long be cherished by those with whom for years he had laboured in Masonic work.

In concluding this brief sketch, of a varied and energetic life, we say, as a gifted writer has declared: “Man’s highest triumph, man’s profoundest fall, the death bed of the just is yet undrawn by mortal hand; it merits a divine; angels should paint it, angels ever there, on a post of honor and of joy.”

H. T. S.
# GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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REPORT ON
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We have the honour to present our 5th Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence. We have not grown weary and trust that you have not. Adhering to the old-time method of review, we do not proceed in "topical" fashion, but take up the proceedings of the so-called "Foreign" Grand Chapters one by one, with the settled purpose of telling what is interesting and important in each. If herein we fail, the blame is ours. We are well-assured that in the volumes before us there is much matter—matter which will attract, even captivate, us, and if we can succeed in making you see it as we do, our labour will not be in vain. To accomplish the task before us, we shall have to rise up early and late take rest, and that we shall do not grudgingly but cheerfully, as in the best of causes.

And so here beginneth the record with—

Alabama.

In our last review of Alabama, we made an allusion to the "men of high culture, of light and leading," whose services were at the command of the Grand Chapter. On opening the volume containing the 1918 proceedings, we are confronted with a portrait and a brief biographical sketch of Henry Fontaine Reese, who served the Grand Chapter of Alabama as Grand High Priest during the year 1918, and who delivered the seals of office to his successor at the Grand Convocation held in Montgomery on the 2nd and 3rd December, 1918. M.E. Comp. Reese is no unworthy successor of the distinguished men who have held the same high office. Born in 1863, at Forrest Hill, the residential plantation of the Reese family, near Demopolis, Alabama, he is a graduate in arts of the University of Alabama and in law of the University of Georgetown, Washington, D.C. He has practised law in Selma, Alabama, since 1889.
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and "has always taken a serious interest in political and public affairs. . . . The present admirable health laws of the State are in part the result of his activity and support." He is a keen worker in all branches of Masonry; and, says his anonymous biographer, "he is esteemed and respected by all who know him."

At the 92nd Convocation (December, 1918), the Grand Chapter was opened by the Deputy Grand High Priest, after which the Grand High Priest entered and was received with appropriate ceremony.

This Convocation being held very soon after the proclamation of the armistice—the virtual closing of the war—the Grand High Priest in his address naturally referred to the triumph of the democratic principle, which, he said, was the same as that "upon which our Order is founded, and upon the practice of which we have deserved our continued existence and growth."

"In this war," he said, "as in all former struggles for right and liberty, its history when written will disclose that to none is more honour and glory due than to the members of our fraternity of this nation and this State. Our most important duty at this time should be to preserve for all time the military record of the Companions of this Jurisdiction. Our Masonic Home affords to us the most practical method of complying with our obligation to our Companions and their dependents, and is absolutely the most urgent need that can appeal to a Mason, and not only deserves but imperatively commands the constant support and aid of every loyal Companion."

The Grand High Priest also touched upon the "Illiteracy Campaign" in progress in the State. "Alabama is humiliated by the fact that many of our Alabama soldiers are unable to read or even to write their names. This fact alone makes obvious the extensive existence of illiteracy among the white adults of our Jurisdiction." Money contributions, amounting to more than $400, were made by the Chapters towards the expenses of this campaign.

The Grand Officers attended and participated in the laying of the corner-stone of the new Federal Building in Birmingham, Alabama, on the 15th May, 1918. "Never before," said M.E. Comp. Reese, "was I so impressed
with the all-pervading extension of our fraternity as when I saw 10,000 Masons in line of march with many cripples on the sidewalks."

The year 1918 was not only the most eventful in the world's history, in the Grand High Priest's view, but was also the most prosperous in the history in the Grand Chapter—"While some of our Chapters have been greatly crippled by the war, the past year shows an increase in membership far in excess of any year of our existence, with no relaxation in quality of our membership."

The address dealt with many other subjects; it was eloquent and impressive; and indeed may be recommended as a model to all Grand High Priests or Grand First Principals.

One matter of considerable interest has not been referred to—the "power and authority of the Grand High Priest." Companion Reese complained that the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter were, on this point, "vague and uncertain," and recommended that they should be made more definite. The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, dealing with this recommendation, is, whether by intention or not, rather amusing: "The powers and duties of the Grand High Priest are such as ancient custom and usage sanctions, provided such custom and usage is not subversive of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter. His powers are limited by the Constitution and By-laws, and he may not transcend their plain mandates. His duties are whatever he finds for his hands to do, guided by his heart and head, that are not inconsistent with our landmarks, written Constitution, By-laws, and approved Edicts."

"The duty of an Archdeacon is to perform archidiaconal functions"—an epigram credited to Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford.

More specifically, the Grand High Priest suggested the addition of a certain power to any which he or his successors may enjoy—viz., upon the negligent failure of a subordinate Chapter to act upon an application for a dimit, to empower the Grand High Priest to order the Grand Secretary to issue the dimit. "We are of opinion," said the Committee on Jurisprudence, with
what appears to us to be a prudent and proper conservatism, "that it would be a dangerous, perhaps a disastrous, practice to permit the Grand Secretary to issue dimits, except in cases where the Chapter is dead, that is to say, has no further charter powers." The report of the Committee was adopted by Grand Chapter.

It is somewhat disappointing, after the Grand High Priest's inspiring reference to the Masonic Home, which is in Birmingham, Alabama, to find, in the volume before us, no further reference to the Home except in the Treasurer's accounts, which show a gift of $500 thereto, and in the report of the Finance Committee recommending the transfer to the Board of Control of the Home of all funds in the hands of the Grand Secretary for the use of the Home. This was adopted. No doubt, there were also contributions from subordinate Chapters; and probably a full report of the work of the Home is made to the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and will be found in its recorded minutes.

Prosperity is evinced by a growth in the surplus in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of about $150 and in a surprising increase in membership from 5,292 to 6,153—net gain 861. There are 65 Chapters on the roll as against 63 in 1917.

The death of George Alburtus Joiner, Past Grand Secretary, born on the 23rd October, 1843, died on the 8th December, 1918, is recorded in the volume of proceedings.

M.E. Comp. Lawrence H. Lee is again at his post as reviewer, in a report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He writes, of course, with practised ease and with distinction of style. The admirable conclusion of his review may be fittingly quoted, well expressing as it does what all must feel:—

"As these lines are being written the world is celebrating the triumph of right over might. And the joy is justified for the time being, but there must come the hour of reality and the readjustment of conditions that for the past two years have been more or less chaotic.

"We do not want to forget that no new standards have been erected. We want, rather, to remember that the world-war has simply discovered that the principles
for which Masonry has always stood are the principles that ought to underlie all relations, whether of nations or of peoples.

"Our duty is now paramount to carry into our life, social, civic, and political, those precepts that we have heard so often in the sacred precincts of our halls. All will be well if we live in the world as we learn in the Lodge."

Joseph D. Matlock, Ensley, Grand High Priest.
George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Alberta.

The 5th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta was held in the City of Red Deer on the 12th March, 1919. The attendance was large in proportion to the membership, and the proceedings appear to have been harmonious. M.E. Comp. Andrew R. Dickson, Grand Z., presided, and delivered an address, from which we quote the following paragraphs:

"Our growth has been substantial, both numerically and financially."

"Civilisation has conquered and the barbarian has been overthrown."

"The greatest harmony exists between our Mother Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta. During the capitular year $1,000 has been received from the Grand Chapter of Canada as a token of its fraternal goodwill. We extend to our Mother Grand Chapter our heartfelt thanks for this gift, and offer our sincere good wishes for her continued progress and success."

"Our Grand Chapter has not been in a financial position to perform great acts of benevolence and charity, but I must commend those of our Companions who, during the dread epidemic—influenza—that swept our country, so nobly responded to the calls of the sick and afflicted."

There are 20 subordinate Chapters, not including one recently instituted under dispensation in Strathmore. The membership of Grand Chapter on the 31st December, 1918, was 1912, a net increase of 41 in a year, not
including the petitioners from Strathmore. The Grand Treasurer’s report shows a cash balance on hand of $1,261.67.

The Committee on Correspondence—a committee of three, of whom two are Past Grand First Principals—present a “topical” report—in fact an excellent pot-pourri of extracts from the proceedings of other Grand Bodies. The report is intended to be and is “informative, suggestive, and of practical value to the Craft.”

Melvin M. Downey, 739, 19th Avenue N.W., Calgary, Grand Z.
John E. Johnson, 633, 15th Avenue West, Calgary, Grand Scribe E.

**Arizona.**

The Grand Chapter is not a large one, but its 29th Annual Convocation was held in a high place—the “mile-high” city of Prescott—on the 12th February, 1919. The Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. James Henry Barrett, who presided, said that, although it was a long way up to Prescott, the Companions had a pleasant time on their journey. There was nothing of importance to outsiders in his address. The Grand Treasurer’s budget was not large, but he had a cash surplus of $809.06 after adding $1,000 to the invested funds, which now amount to $8,000. The Grand Secretary’s report showed 10 active Chapters; total membership, 914; net gain in a year, 18.

No correspondence report, and nothing else of general interest.

Frederick P. Cruice, Phœnix, Grand High Priest.
George J. Roskruge, Tucson, Grand Secretary.

**Arkansas.**

The volume before us—the printed record of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas at its 69th Annual Convocation, held in the City of Little Rock, on the 21st November, 1918—has been carefully perused, but the extracting of information from it has proved a matter of some difficulty.
The Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Thomas J. Woods, of Evening Shade, made an eloquent address, containing these very striking words:

"In the recent combination of the various elements composing the United War Work campaign, viz., the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A., K.C., Jewish Relief Board, American Library Association, War Community Service, and Salvation Army, we discern the leaven of Freemasonry. It affords me pleasure in the superlative degree to see the spirit of Freemasonry diffused among all people. As far back into antiquity as legend and history reveal the actions of mankind, the fraternal spirit has never so controlled the actions of man. Quoting from the address of the Grand Orator of Oregon, 'The world is now being exalted to the Sublime Royal Arch Degree.' It is not a vain hope that all people, everywhere, will soon realise the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

He went on to say that during 1918 the institutions of Masonry had flourished as never before in their history; but apparently this was not meant to be closely applied to the Grand Chapter of Arkansas; for a large part of his address is devoted to a consideration of the circumstances of delinquent Chapters in the Arkansas jurisdiction; and the Grand Secretary's report deals in more detail with the same subject; while the report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommends that the Charters of several Chapters be arrested. Per contra, some of the Chapters are flourishing and have increased membership rolls. As well as we can make out from the meagre information supplied, there were 89 subordinate Chapters in existence when Grand Chapter met, with a total membership of 5,082, showing a net gain of 247 in a year. The Grand Treasurer reported a good surplus on hand, more than $200 having been added to that of the previous year; and there is an investment of $5,000 in Liberty Loan bonds.

There is no correspondence report.

David I. Mills; Pine Bluff, Grand High Priest.
John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.
The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of California at its 65th Annual Convocation, held in San Francisco on the 15th and 16th April, 1919, are contained in a slim volume, beautifully printed on excellent paper—a treat in these days.

William Parker Filmer, Grand High Priest, presided. His address was able and couched in eloquent terms. The war, the end of the war, the condition of the world, and the mission of Freemasonry, naturally had the first place. Then came a feeling tribute to the eminent dead. Of these he singled out for special mention the following: Nathan Kingsley, Past General Grand High Priest, ob. September, 1918; Charles Willis Norton, Past Grand High Priest of California, ob. July, 1918; Charles Fatette Lott, Past Grand High Priest of California, ob. September, 1918; and Edward Richards Hedges, Past Grand High Priest of California, ob. December, 1918.

Of Comp. Kingsley it was said that he served in the highest office in the gift of Capitular Masonry in the United States with unusual ability and honour, and that he was one of the most eminent members of the Bar of Minnesota and filled high judicial office in that State.

Norton was Grand High Priest in 1911 and 1912. He also was a distinguished lawyer and a Superior Court Judge.

Lott was Grand High Priest in 1903 and 1904, being then nearly eighty years old, for he was born in New Jersey in 1824, and was in his 94th year when he died. He too was a lawyer and a District Court Judge—one of the "forty-niners," he did a great deal of pioneer work in the State.

The career of Hedges was not unlike that of Lott, for New Jersey was the State of his birth, he went to California in 1850, and, having been born in 1827, he lived to the age of 90. He too was one of the builders of California. He was a merchant, and was no politician, but was ever ready to aid in public affairs. He was credited with great knowledge of Masonry, the result of tireless research.
The loss suffered by the Grand Chapter in the death during one year of these three eminent Royal Crafts-
men is fittingly deplored in memorial pages, from which we have gleaned the above particulars.

The Grand High Priest made a valuable suggestion in regard to the method of dealing with delinquent members. He remarked that 196 members had during his year of office been suspended for non-payment of dues. A few of these Companions, he said, would in due time reinstate themselves, but many were permanently lost as members. His recommendation was that each Chapter should appoint a committee on delinquent members—the duty of the committee being to investigate separately each case of delinquency. A personal call by a committeeman should be made on the member for the purpose of ascertaining the reason why he has not paid his dues; and, if possible, information as to the ability of the member to pay should be obtained. The Chapter should then act on the report of the committee.

Another recommendation made to the Grand High Priest—that a committee of three members of Grand Chapter be appointed to present to Master Masons information as to Capitular Masonry—was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the report of that Committee was adopted by Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary’s report showed an increase in membership from 14,026 to 14,213—a net gain in a year of 187. There appear to be 122 chartered Chapters, none under dispensation, and 108 of the 122 working and making returns.

The Grand Chapter has assets of the value of $67,000, and a cash balance of $12,478.50 on hand was shown by the Grand Treasurer’s report. The report of the Finance Committee recommending the investment in United States Victory Loan bonds of so much of this balance as should remain unappropriated, was adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence presented a report “in topical form.” While we are not to be taken as unreservedly approving this type of report, we find that Ex. Comp. Hugh King McKevitt, the Chairman of the Committee, has taken a great deal of pains and
made good selections from the proceedings of the 51 Grand Chapters mentioned as coming under review—Canada (1918) being one.

The following paragraphs, dealing with "Selection of Candidates by Proposition" and "Sunday Work," two subjects which have hitherto escaped our drag-net, may be quoted from Comp. McKeivitt's review:

"The defeat of the proposition to select candidates by proposition, which was accomplished in the California Jurisdiction, was commented on by various correspondents, most of whom are inclined against that form of selection. In the report of Roe Fulkerson, the able correspondent for the District of Columbia, referring to selection by proposition, he recites:—

"... To allow men to be elected to Chapters by proposition. This thought was doubtless taken from the Scottish Rite brethren, who elect good men and then notify them of the honour conferred on them .... Personally we never feel honoured when we are notified that we have been selected as one of a very few men in our city who are to be allowed to buy a rather expensive book of some sort.'

"The Grand High Priest of Ohio refused dispensation of a Chapter to work on Sunday, though one of the candidates was in the United States Service. Commenting on this, he stated that the refusal was because of the day on which the work was proposed to be conferred."

Elmer Hoover McGowen, Commercial Savings Bank, Stockton, Grand High Priest.

Thomas A. Davies, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

**Colorado.**

The proceedings of 1919 are—as we write in December—comparatively recent. The Grand Chapter held its 45th Annual Convocation on the 9th October, 1919, in Denver. The proceedings are well printed, on excellent paper, and well arranged, in a neat volume of moderate size. It is a treat to find that Colorado's
proceedings in 1918 were reviewed by us in 1919, and that our 1919 report was in the hands of the Colorado reviewer in time to be included in his review presented in October, 1919. *Si sic omnes!*

To Herbert Stead Sands, who presided as Grand High Priest, we were introduced a year ago. His address read to the assembled Companions should enhance his reputation—it was an excellent and concise business document. Among other things he said:—

"The past year has seen the termination of hostilities for which we have so earnestly prayed; and, with the coming of peace, new problems present themselves to us—problems of the utmost importance, problems in which each must play his part, and the way that part shall be played will mark the future of our great commonwealth for weal or woe."

"The membership of this Grand Chapter shows a substantial and gratifying gain—the present membership being 6,559, a gain of 324. And I would urge that with the present interest that is being shown in Masonic degrees, and with the large numbers knocking at our doors, not only should the same careful scrutiny be observed as has been our custom, but that more care than ever be given to the manner of conferring the degrees, to the end that the splendid lessons of Capitular Masonry may be instilled in the minds of the candidates in as impressive a manner as possible."

"On the 31st March, at request of the five Denver Chapters, acting jointly, I presided at a meeting at the Denver Auditorium, at which there were present 2,500 Master Masons, the largest meeting of Master Masons ever held to that date in Colorado. This meeting was addressed by M.E. Companion William F. Kuhn, Deputy Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. On the 1st June, at the request of Colorado Springs Chapter No. 6, I presided at a similar meeting at Colorado Springs; and on the 2nd June I presided at a similar meeting held at Pueblo. The efforts of the Companions of these various Chapters to create an interest in Capitular Masonry, through meetings as instructive as these were, is most commendable and worthy of emulation by other Chapters."
This movement to bring more Master Masons into the Royal Arch fold is a notable one. To those who take their Masonry seriously, an appeal such as the gifted Kuhn may well be supposed to have made would not be made in vain. There is of course no reason why the steps of Master Masons should not be guided in the proper direction.

The Grand High Priest made two important recommendations: (1) that a dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter at Brighton be granted; (2) that the Grand Chapter of Colorado issue an invitation to the General Grand Chapter to meet in Denver in 1921. Both these recommendations were accepted and endorsed by Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest also said in his address that an improvement in the Chapters had resulted from the Grand Lecturer's persistent and strenuous work for their good. George B. Clark is the Grand Lecturer—his report is an interesting one.

The report of Grand Treasurer Robert M. Simons showed an increase in the cash surplus from $4,898.16 to $6,172.56, and investments amounting to more than $16,000.

Grand Secretary Charles H. Jacobson reported a total membership of 6,599 on the 31st July, 1919; there appear to be 48 Chapters, besides the new one under dispensation; net gain in a year, 324.

The Report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers contained this important paragraph:—

"Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest has been doing a wonderful and needed work among the soldier Masons at the Recuperation Camp—which he modestly refrained from mentioning in his address. We desire to commend him heartily for his noble service, and congratulate the Companions of this Grand Chapter on the fact that they have such an energetic Companion as their Grand High Priest."

The sum of $500 was voted by Grand Chapter to aid in the carrying on of this work. The camp is at Aurora, Colorado.

The Committee on Necrology reported that "our own Grand Chapter has been mercifully spared from
any loss by death," although many of the constituent Chapters had suffered.

Marshall H. Van Fleet was at this Convocation elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1919-1920. In accordance with an excellent custom, his portrait and a sketch of his life are found in the volume containing the proceedings. He was born in 1859, in Bucyrus, Ohio; came to Colorado in 1890 as sales-manager of the Lincoln Creamery Company (Kansas); in 1897 he removed to Alamosa, Colorado, where he now lives, and does business as the representative of the J. S. Brown Mercantile Company of Denver. He has a record of Masonic activities "seldom equalled in the life of any single individual."

And lastly we come to the work of one whom we have learned to regard with esteem and even with affection. Ernest Le Neve Foster, Dean of the School of Reviewers, presents his 32nd Annual Report, and it is fully up to the high standard he has set. He reviews the proceedings of 48 Grand Chapters—some of them are for two years, 1918 and 1919—and appends his useful annual digest of decisions. Canada (1919) is, as we have said above, included, although our Convocation was not held until June. He mentions and judiciously comments upon some striking things in our proceedings, and appears to appreciate the Report on the Condition of Masonry, which is one of our distinguishing marks—no other Grand Chapter has anything quite like it.

Our dear Companion Foster has not found his task an easy one. This we did not discover as we perused the body of his report, for his interest in what he read and noted seemed to be as fresh as ever; but in his conclusion he said that his work was "more difficult this year." And a note of weariness may be detected in his further remark that "we do not find"—in the proceedings of other Grand Chapters—"very much that is different from former years." His excellent purpose is set forth in these words: "We have selected and commented as usual, and when possible given procedure different from our own, so that comparisons may be made;" and his purpose has been fully achieved.


Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.
The Columbia tale of last year was in one sense a sad one—a tale of lessening numbers. That tale was told in the proceedings of 1918 and re-told in our review of 1919. But the proceedings of 1919, now before us, tell another tale. "I bring you," says Grand High Priest Shaw, in his opening address, "the gratifying message of a marvellous revival in Capitular Masonry and the accomplishment of a year's work that is without precedent in the history of the Grand Chapter." The number of Chapters—13—was not increased, but 11 of them made large net gains, and the total net gain for the year 1918 was 273. "The financial reports of the Chapters exhibit the phenomenal showing of a gain of $9,385.79 in assets. Let us indulge the hope that the record of the year just passed may awaken an even more lively interest in our work and inspire us with a determination to achieve still greater success in the year to come."

Of Arthur C. Shaw, the Grand High Priest who thus spoke, and whose faithfulness and zeal in visiting and encouraging the Chapters was perhaps the cause of the revival, there is a portrait in the front of the volume, and at p. 611 a brief biography, from which we learn that he was born in 1871, and is a builder by trade. Elsewhere it appears that he measures 6 feet 4 inches in height. In the war-time he was employed in the construction of the cantonment at Quantico, Virginia, and is now doing useful work for the United States Housing Corporation. "It was M.E. Comp. Shaw's good fortune to preside over the Grand Chapter in the most prosperous year in its history; and while, much to his regret, he was obliged to be absent from the jurisdiction for a considerable part of the year, he was a frequent visitor to the constituent Chapters, and his stimulating influence contributed in no small degree to the success of their work."

It was the 52nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia which was held in Washington on the 12th February, 1919.
The address of the presiding Grand High Priest was not a lengthy one. A notable feature was the reference to “our beloved Companion Orville C. Drown,” who had been Grand Visitor and Lecturer for 27 years, and had reached the great age of 82. The Grand High Priest besoke for Comp. Drown some relief from his incessant labours, and recommended the appointment of an Assistant Grand Visitor and Lecturer. This was enthusiastically concurred in by Grand Chapter, and Companion John A. Goodier was appointed to the new office.

We find Comp. Roe Fulkerson again reviewing the proceedings of the Capitular World, the doings of the various Grand Chapters. We also note that he has been made Grand Captain of the Host. Promotion is slow; but, if we are spared, and our own Grand Chapter is gracious, we cherish the modest hope of being in a position to review his address as Grand High Priest some few years hence. There is but one Fulkerson. A few of his crisp sentences may be set down here:

“Correspondence reports are worth while if the Companions read them—the Companions read them if they are worth while” (under “California”).

“We used to be Jews and Gentiles, Canadians and Yankees, but the Khaki covers us all, and we are just Americans to-day, fighting and dying for the principles first taught around a Masonic altar” (under “Canada”).

“Prohibition . . . was born in Maine. The only trouble about the blamed thing was that it was catchin’, and now the whole world is gasping in the throes of it” (under “Maine”).

“The Grand Chapter of Rhode Island saved itself thousands of mistakes by not attempting anything in particular” (under “Rhode Island”).

“Utah has a thin book, which, like a slender girl, is full of pep” (under “Utah”).

“The Craft generally is prosperous and happy. There has been a great lowering of the number of sheaves garnered in by the Grim Reaper, and this is no doubt due to the food regulations having stopped the many
Masonic banquets. The dill pickle and hard-boiled egg at midnight are not conducive to longevity” (Conclusion).


Arvine W. Johnston, Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C., Grand Secretary.

Connecticut.

An agreeable feature of the annual Convocations of Grand Chapters is the presence of distinguished visitors from other Grand Bodies. The Grand Chapter of Canada in this respect benefits from the comparatively close proximity of New York, Michigan, and even New Jersey. These neighbourly visits seem to be more constant and systematic in the Northern Atlantic States and in our Province of Ontario than elsewhere. Every one must feel that the interchange of visits and the making of congratulatory speeches upon those occasions serve as inspiration and add to the dignity and importance of the Royal Craft.

At the 121st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, held in the City of Hartford on the 13th May, 1919, there were present representatives, high in office, of the Grand Chapters of New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, Connecticut’s near neighbours, and they were received with much enthusiasm.

The address of the Grand High Priest of Connecticut, William R. Keavaney (portrait), was brief and business-like. He spoke of the death of Reuben H. Tucker, who was born in 1847, was Grand High Priest in 1887, and passed away on the 14th February, 1919. This veteran Mason was born, lived, and died in Ansonia, where he held a number of civic offices of trust and responsibility, He also served for several terms as representative from his town in the State Legislature.

The Grand High Priest referred also to “our Masonic Home and the splendid work it is doing,” and invited for it “hearty support in a substantial way.” Grand
Chapter voted $2,000 to be expended in contributing to the expense of "the construction or furnishing of the Masonic Home unit now in process of erection."

The Grand Treasurer reported a substantial balance on hand—$5,123.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed 40 chartered Chapters with 10,815 members, and a net gain of 414 members in a year. "As compared with last year's report," says the Grand Secretary, "while the number of exaltations and net gain in membership show a material increase, the latter is reported mainly from the larger Chapters, many of the smaller ones having either remained stationary or shown a loss in members. This fact furnishes food for reflection."

The Grand Secretary, M. E. Comp. George A. Kies, is also the author of the Correspondence report. We expressed the hope last year that he would be induced to continue. He was not so much induced as compelled apparently, for he opens his report with these characteristic words: "Having been drafted, nolens volens, we herewith submit our 11th annual review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, following our customary grouping." The review is as usual a careful and exhaustive summary. Canada (1918) has a prominent place among "Foreign Grand Chapters."

Ernest F. Sweeny, 12 Holabird Avenue, Winsted, Grand High Priest.

George A. Kies, Masonic Temple, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Delaware.

The Jubilee of the Grand Chapter and the Centennial Anniversary of the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into Delaware were appropriately celebrated in 1918, and the celebration proceedings were referred to in our review of 1919. In the proceedings now before us—of the 51st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Delaware, held in Wilmington on the 15th January, 1919—we find an echo of the celebration in the words of Grand High Priest Walker, who presided over this
Convocation: “It was one of the most successful affairs ever held in Masonic circles in this city (Wilmington), and did more to advance the standing and best interest of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction than any other one factor has done for many years.” To meet the expenses of the celebration, a fund of $1,639.90 was raised, and of this $1,523.99 was expended. Probably this celebration, held early in the year 1918, stimulated the interest of Masons in the Royal Craft: in spite of some handicaps, the number (178) of exaltations during that year was the greatest in the history of this Grand Chapter. The losses, too, were small, and there was thus a gratifying increase of 159 in the aggregate membership of the four constituent Chapters, an increase from 1,371 to 1,530.

The address of the Grand High Priest, except as above stated, contained little of interest to outsiders. We should like to know more of Comp. Leon Walker, whose portrait discloses an interesting personality: there is the statement that he was born in Wilmington in 1878, and that he has had a distinguished career in Masonry, but that is all. Perhaps curiosity as to what manner of man an eminent Craftsman may be is not justifiable; but, if it is a weakness, we must admit a liking for the biographies which tell something.

Comp. Thomas J. Day presents the Report on Correspondence, his third: he reviews the proceedings of 38 Jurisdictions—of which Canada (1918) is one, and regrets that the other Grand Chapters have not supplied him with their books.

W. Frank Sharp, Georgetown, Grand High Priest.
Stuart J. Horn, P.O. Box 94, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

England and Wales.

There is less even than usual to record. We have no report from the Grand Chapter; and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, whose proceedings we have noticed annually (following the custom of our able predecessor), has this year sent us but one out of
the four usual quarterly leaflets. From it we gather little more than that the Duke of Connaught was re-elected and proclaimed Grand Master; that R.W. Bro. Loveland Loveland is still Deputy Grand Master and on the 4th March, 1919, was "on the throne;" and that prosperity and benevolence abound.


Arthur David Hansell, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C. 2, Grand Secretary.

**Florida.**

The 73rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida was held in the City of Jacksonville on the 20th and 21st May, 1919. Grand High Priest Charles H. Ketchum, of Key West, presided. In his address he spoke eloquently of the war, the peace, and the triumph of democracy, and then of things more closely affecting the Grand Chapter. With profound grief, he alluded to the death of Comp. Oscar L. Taylor, Grand Principal Sojourner, at his home in Sanford, Florida, on the 20th October, 1918, after a short illness.

Perhaps the most interesting passage in an able address was the following:—

"The 7th April, 1919, was a red letter day in the history of Masonry in this State. On this date the Masonic Home and Orphanage at St. Petersburg, Florida, was dedicated and consecrated to the noble and glorious work for which it was intended, opened its doors, received its first inmates, and the heart of every Mason in Florida was filled with pride.

"I feel that this Grand Chapter should be recognised as an integral part of this Home, and to this end I recommend that a special endowment fund of $3,000 in United States Liberty bonds be appropriated for this purpose and turned over to the trustees of the Masonic Home and Orphanage."

This recommendation was approved and adopted.
The Grand Treasurer reported a cash balance of $3,089.95 and investments to the amount of nearly $10,000.

Another evidence of prosperity is an increase in membership from 2,983 to 3,360, or a net gain of 377 in one year. There are 37 subordinate Chapters, and all of them made returns.

Comp. Ely P. Hubbell, of Bradentown, is again in the reviewer's easy chair—an able and diligent worker with the pen, he does not forget the scissors and paste, quoting wisely, giving credit where credit is due, and, as he says himself in his exordium, confining his comments to trenchant topics and writing in the full spirit of true Masonic companionship. Canada (1918) is one of the 54 Grand Chapters reviewed, and he does it full justice. He evidently thinks with sympathy of his Canadian Companions shivering in the cold blasts of winter, for he invites us all to "come to Florida and save fuel." He gives a good summary of the proceedings of all the 54 Grand Bodies, and then proceeds to make interesting "Comments." This is only his third report, but, in our judgment, he is already entitled to a high seat at the Correspondents' table.

W. V. Carter, Port Orange, Grand High Priest.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

Georgia.

It was noted in our record of last year—which by the way should have given the date of the proceedings reviewed as 1918 instead of 1917—that R.E. Comp. Edgar A. McHan was both Grand Secretary and Grand Lecturer. This indefatigable Craftsman still sustains his double burden and adds another, that of reviewer—he calls it "recorder"—of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. He says that he undertook the reviewer's work in 1919 on account of the absence of Comp. Charles L. Bass, who was engaged in Y.M.C.A. work in France—all honour to both. Comp. McHan was not able to review all the proceedings which reached him, and he missed Canada, but not Quebec or Alberta.
About 30 Grand Jurisdictions were noticed. It is unfortunate that the report was not completed, for what there is of it is excellent.

M.E. Comp. Elliot W. Parish presided as Grand High Priest over the 97th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, held in the City of Macon on the 30th April and 1st May, 1919. Comp. Parish is, as he himself says, a mere boy, and he looks it in the portrait in front of the volume now before us. His exact age is not given, nor can we find any sketch of his life, except his own autobiographical remark that less than 14 years ago he was not a Mason, and only 10 years ago held the lowest office in a subordinate Chapter. There is much that is interesting in his address, and he is evidently full of zeal and enthusiasm. Passing over introductory remarks couched in rhetorical terms with occasional lyrical outpourings, we quote two paragraphs from the part of the address dealing with the Condition of the Order:

"From river to river and from the mountains to the sea, there is a general revival of interest in Capitular Masonry in Georgia. The tidal wave which struck the Blue Lodges some two years ago has engulfed the Chapters as well, and many who had lost interest are becoming revived and are putting forth their best efforts to make their Chapters measure up to the highest standard. Many young men have brought with them the enthusiasm of noble young manhood.

"The Grand Chapter is to be congratulated upon the large increase in membership this year. Chapters which for many years had been dormant are now prosperous and thriving. Chickamauga Chapter, No. 99, leads the list with 186 exaltations. It is true they had an army-post to draw from, but other Chapters which had the same advantage did not measure up to our North Georgia Companions. Many Chapters have made larger increases this year than ever before. Only one new Chapter has been instituted, but there are several new petitions now pending."

Under the heading "Necrology," the Grand High Priest referred to the death on the 6th May, 1918, of Ex. Comp. J. A. Z. Shell, Grand Master of the First
Veil, whose "home-town" was Senoia, and who was held in high esteem and affection by his Companions. A year ago we noted the taking away of R.E. Comp. S. H. Griswold, Grand Treasurer; and now we learn that his successor, Marshall Atkinson Weir, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia on the 3rd November, 1918.

"The number of deaths reported by the subordinate Chapters," said the Grand High Priest, "is probably the greatest this year in the history of the Grand Chapter — no doubt attributable to the war and the epidemic of influenza."

Notwithstanding the loss in membership thus and otherwise occasioned — the whole loss in 1918, as reported by the Grand Secretary, being 506 — there was a total net gain for the year of 1,322. The exaltations numbered 1,672, the affiliations 92, and the reinstatements 64. The total membership at the end of 1918 stood at 12,011 as against 10,689 at the end of 1917. A truly gratifying record!

Josiah T. Clarke, who was appointed Grand Treasurer upon the death of Comp. Weir, and was, we see, elected to that office at this Convocation, reported surplus funds on hand, including investments, amounting to $15,586.90.

We noted last year that an appropriation of $1,000 was made to cover the expenses of a delegation of 10 members of Grand Chapter to be sent to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, meeting at Baltimore in September, 1918. The selected 10 duly attended, but $100 each was found not enough, and the payment of an additional $25 for each of the Decemvirate was approved.

Reference to the Georgia Masonic Home was made by Grand High Priest Parish in these words:—

"We rejoice that the Grand Lodge of Masons of Georgia have completed the necessary additions to the Masonic Home, which will enable it to care for many more of the orphans of Brother Masons, who are entitled to its beneficence — also that they have provided sufficient funds to sustain the noble work.

"The Grand Chapter has ever freely contributed towards the improvement and sustenance of the Home. It is proud of what it has been able to do, and will
always be found ready to lend its aid in carrying forward the good work. . . .

"I feel, however, that there is an opportunity now for this Grand Body to undertake something that will stand as a monument to its generosity, and at the same time will be of great benefit to a class who are richly deserving of the best in our power to bestow. There is at present no provision made at the Home for the aged Mason or his widow. Why should not the Grand Chapter each year set apart such funds as may be available for the purpose of erecting a Home for this class of Masonry's dependents?

"No doubt, if this Grand Chapter will take the initiative, the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star will join in the undertaking, and it will not be many years before success will crown the efforts of the two organisations. The Grand Lodge is now providing for this class as best they can. They would undoubtedly be only too glad to take over such a Home when completed, and see to it that the inmates were properly cared for."

This suggestion was considered in the report of the Committee on General Welfare, who recommended that a special committee should "take this matter up with the trustees of the Masonic Home and ascertain the wishes of the Grand Lodge relative to it and make report to this Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation." The report was adopted.

And the Finance Committee recommended "that there be appropriated $3,000 at this time as a nucleus for a fund to build a Royal Arch Home for indigent Masons and their widows, to be added to as we are able." It is not stated that the report of the Finance Committee was adopted—probably it was.

A motion to eliminate the office of Deputy Grand High Priest in the Grand Chapter was adopted.

Putting the cart before the horse, we have already dealt with the Report on Foreign Correspondence submitted by R.E. Comp. E. A. McHan. It may be added that his reports as Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary are also highly interesting.

Andrew S. Harvey, Rome, Grand High Priest.

Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.
Idaho.

A year ago we noticed the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Idaho at two Annual Convocations—those of May, 1917, and May, 1918. We now have the proceedings of 1919—the 11th Annual Convocation, held at Moscow, on the 23rd and 24th May, 1919. The presiding officer was Grand High Priest Albert A. Jessup, elected in May, 1918. His portrait and that of his successor, William Wallin, adorn the volume of proceedings.

The address delivered by the presiding Grand High Priest was a thoughtful and weighty deliverance. Among other things, he said:—

"We meet under conditions most auspicious. Changes never before thought of are taking place daily. Golden opportunities are unfolding as never before. We are continually facing greater opportunities and with them greater responsibilities. The grave question now confronting us is this: Shall we grasp these opportunities and meet these responsibilities as men dedicated to a noble cause, or shall we leave to others to perform the part of the good Samaritan? The world of thought and action is moving forward with giant strides, and we as the elect must keep the pace that has been set for us."

"This Convocation is one of the most important in the history of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Idaho. You must assume the responsibility of deciding whether this Grand Chapter is to go forward as a federated unit in the full strength of the grand institution it is, or, as a weakling, to submit to the control and domination of outside influences."

The report of Grand Treasurer Edward Smith showed an increased surplus. Economy is practised, and the surplus grows year by year. The Grand Chapter is young, and wisely conserves its resources.

The Grand Secretary, R.E. Companion Lewis W. Ensign, made a very full report upon the affairs of Grand Chapter.

From the reports of the Committees on Subordinate Chapters, we find that there are 21, including one which was at this Convocation granted a charter; that the total
membership at the time of this Convocation was 1,723; and that the net gain in a year was 115.

In the report of M.E. Companion Henry Leimberger, Grand Lecturer, he recorded that there had been no calls for his services during the year just past. He then reported the occurrences at the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in October, 1918, with special references to the ritual revision.

In the Review of the Proceedings of Other Grand Chapters, by Comp. Edward L. Gauger—his third—we find that, in lieu of an introduction, he has taken from the records of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in 1916 some reflections by M.E. Companion William R. Murphey, intituled "Is Royal Arch Masonry Worth While?" Excellent matter indeed!

Companion Gauger is a careful and conscientious reviewer. He covers the proceedings of 55 Grand Bodies—several of them for two years—and contrives to make each review interesting. Canada is not forgotten—it is 1918 of course. We see that the Idaho Grand Chapter is to meet on the 13th May, 1920, at Boise; and it is possible that the excellent reviewer will have our report for 1920 as well as that for 1919 in his hands in time for notice.

William Wallin, Pocatello, Grand High Priest.
Lewis W. Ensign, Boise, Grand Secretary.

**Illinois.**

Reading the proceedings of the Illinois Grand Chapter with care and attention, we are impressed with the completeness of the organisation. And a good business organisation brings profits. Illinois retains the position of leader in the Capitular struggle for numerical supremacy, although George W. Warvelle, Grand Secretary and Reviewer, candidly admits that she will lose her primacy if she does not display more activity in making and keeping members. Illinois has a membership of 45,737; Ohio, 44,590; New York, 43,526; Pennsylvania, 38,459. But Ohio had 3,625 exaltations, and Illinois only 3,552. Comp. Warvelle points out that it is the
net gains that finally decide the question. "We must not only work to secure accessions, but we must keep, so far as possible, the recruits we obtain." In another aspect, little Rhode Island is the true leader. Take the test to be a "comparison of the number of Royal Arch Masons with each one thousand Master Masons in the State:" Rhode Island shows 50 per cent., and Illinois only 29 per cent. "While Illinois's membership is highly gratifying," says Brother Warvelle, "It is yet far below what it should be, when we consider the source from which we have to draw."

"That our school system is of incalculable value to Royal Arch Masonry in Illinois, there can be no question." So says Grand High Priest Arthur E. Wood, in his address at the opening of the 69th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, held in Chicago, on the 3rd and 5th December 1918. He refers of course to Schools,of Instruction in "our noble science and royal art." There are these schools, there is a board of Grand Examiners and a board of Grand Lecturers; there are also District Inspectors. The visiting, instruction, and inspection of the subordinate Chapters are thus well cared for. The work is done systematically and with business efficiency, and, as said above, it appears to pay. Nor is that the only advantage. Masons become better Masons and better men as their knowledge increases. A good organisation breeds quality as well as quantity.

Before the delivery of the Grand High Priest's address, distinguished visitors were received, and notable speeches were made by Nelson Williams, Past Grand High Priest of Ohio, and William H. Kuhn, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter—eloquent and excellent addresses, but too long to be transcribed here, as they are in the book before us.

The Grand High Priest explained that Grand Chapter was to have met, according to rule, on the 24th and 25th October, 1918; but at that date a scourge of influenza was abroad in the land, and the meeting had to be postponed.

Past Grand High Priest M. M. Lord, who died in Peoria, Illinois, on the 5th May, 1918, was born at
Stowe, Vermont, in 1843, and was Grand High Priest in 1906. He was spoken of as one of the most distinguished and useful Companions in the Illinois Jurisdiction.

Reference was made to the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association; the Royal Arch Hospital and Masonic Home at Sullivan; the General Grand Chapter; and many other matters.

The Grand Treasurer’s report showed total receipts for the year, $51,534.67; total payments on orders, $34,283; balance on hand, $17,251.67; total of invested funds, $30,000.

The report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters was an interesting document. There are 216 Chapters, of which 212 made returns; 26 Chapters reported no work during the year; 144 Chapters showed an increase of membership for 1918, 51 showed a decrease, and 17 reported no change from last year. The total membership for 1918 (4 Chapters missing) is put by the Committee at 47,734; increase for 1918, 1,984. (Brother Warvelle, in his interesting comparison of Illinois with other Grand Chapters, appears to have used the figures for 1917.)

The subject of the “Oration” by Grand Chaplain F. A. McCarty was “The Call to Rebuild a World.” It is printed in full in the proceedings, and is both eloquent and instructive.

William C. Sommer was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1918-19. His portrait and biography are given in the proceedings. He was born in Buffalo, State of New York, in 1849. His family removed to Springfield, Illinois, 10 years later, and there he was brought up, and there went into business—we are not told the nature of it. He was in business in Chicago from 1894 till 1904, but in that year returned to Springfield, and still lives in that city. His Masonic life, his biographer tells us, “has been a record of faithful, careful, zealous service well and modestly done. He is a man without the least ostentation, who, in Masonry, as in all his activities, has made it his rule of life that ‘What is worth doing is worth doing well;’ and his whole life-work, in all fields, has been marked by thoughtful thoroughness. . . . The proudest commentary on the character of the man is that to one and all who know him he is ‘Uncle Bill.’ ”
We have already written something about George W. Warvelle’s Report on Correspondence. It is in his conclusion to that report that he deals with figures and compares membership records. His “jurisdictional reviews” are short. The doings of 55 Grand Bodies are, however, sufficiently described; and in the introduction and “postcript” he discusses subjects or topics in his usual interesting way. Canada (1918) is not forgotten in the summary.

In the “Postcript” he alludes to the work of Theodore T. Gurney, a predecessor in the office of reviewer, whose “breadth of intellect and depth of learning commanded the admiration of all his contemporaries.” It was Gurney who said, “Masonry means manhood.”

There are many other good things in the “postcript.” We extract a few:—

“Now that we have had meatless banquets, and survived the ordeal, how would it do, as a measure of conservation, if we had speechless banquets?”

“If the odour of an article is any indication of its quality, then I am inclined to believe that some of the Chapter cigars now handed out are, in reality, German gas-bombs.”

“Among the traditions of the ‘good old days,’ when good cheer and fraternal amenities were the rule rather than the exception, the Virginia Masonic Journal hands down the following: It seems that during the latter part of the eighteenth century Fredericksburg Lodge had two demijohns, one of which was called “Jachin,” filled with Jamaica rum, and the other “Boaz,” filled with Holland gin. These were kept in the ante-room of the Lodge, and the brethren freely resorted to them when occasion seemed to require. It will be remembered that it was in this lodge that our Illustrious Brother George Washington was made a Mason.”

It is with great regret that we learn that George W. Warvelle is retiring from both of his official positions in Grand Chapter. Of the why and wherefore no hint is conveyed in the proceedings; and, so far as we can discover, there is no word of valedictory. We do not know for how many years he filled the chair of Grand Secretary; the Correspondence Report which we have
noticed was his 17th. James E. Jeffers, of Springfield, succeeds him as Grand Secretary, and E. R. Turnbull as Correspondence Committee. The Grand Chapter, we see, was to meet again on the 30th October, 1919. If it did meet, and if the new Grand Secretary is quick in getting out his volume of proceedings, we may have more to say about Illinois and especially about Brother Warvelle, whose illuminating touch we shall greatly miss.

The large volume containing the proceedings at the 70th Annual Convocation, held in Chicago on the 30th and 31st October, 1919, was received in Toronto towards the end of December. The new Grand Secretary was most expeditious. We have examined the aforesaid volume with great care, but have found nothing about Companion Warvelle.

William C. Sommer, of Springfield, of whom we have written above, presided as Grand High Priest at this Convocation. Almost his first duty was to receive a distinguished visitor, Charles C. Davis, General Grand Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America. "Companion Davis," the record says, "was introduced and duly received with the honours due his exalted station, to which he responded in his usual happy manner."

The Grand High Priest's address was an eloquent one. He spoke of "the glorious past of the Grand Chapter of Illinois—a record of 70 years of phenomenal growth, strength, usefulness, and splendid moral power and service to humanity. To-day it stands the foremost Grand Chapter in the world, not alone in point of numbers, for it is unsurpassed in the superb personnel and the high moral character and worth of that vast army, the Royal Arch Masons of the Great Prairie State. For purity of ritual, perfection of work, and zeal in the service of Masonry, it need fear no rival, as will be evidenced by the excellent reports of the District Inspectors who have laboured so tirelessly and efficiently, and, I am proud to say, have completely inspected every Chapter in the State." He also referred to "our magnificent corps of Grand Examiners and Grand Lecturers,
who have made our schools such a power in perfecting the work—a monument to our high standard and zeal in Capitular Masonry.”

Monroe Carroll Crawford, whose death occurred on the 9th March, 1919, was born in Illinois in 1835, became a lawyer and later a Judge, fought in the Civil war, and was a distinguished citizen and Mason, having been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1891 and 1892, and Grand High Priest in 1908. Of him it was said by the presiding Grand High Priest that he “was a man beloved by all who knew him, the soul of honour and probity, of splendid intellectual achievement.”

William Leroy Milligan, another Past Grand High Priest of Illinois, passed away suddenly in the streets in Seneca, Illinois, while on his way to the station to take a train to his home in Ottawa, Illinois. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1849, and was Grand High Priest in 1895. He was “one of the most profound and deeply-read students of Masonry, and has left the Fraternity a rich heritage in the results of his thorough researches in extensive writings and several valuable books.”

The Grand High Priest recommended fraternal recognition of the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia. The Committee on Fraternal Relations reported favourably upon this recommendation; but the record contains nothing, so far as we can discover, to show whether the report was adopted. There is of course no reason why it should not have been. We notice a similar omission in regard to other reports.

The Committee on the Grand High Priest’s address congratulates the Grand Chapter “on the magnificent showing made during this the most prosperous year in the history of this Most Excellent Institution.”

The report of Grand Treasurer George W. Curtiss showed the total assets of the Grand Chapter increased to the large sum of $51,978.64—the cash balance on hand being $21,978.64.

The new Grand Secretary, James E. Jeffers, was “pleased to report that the past year had been one of great prosperity, our increase in membership being
double that of any previous year." The membership on the 30th June, 1919, was 52,463. There were 5,238 exaltations during the year, 824 deaths, and an enormous net gain, 4,071. There are 217 active Chapters.

Large grants were made as contributions to the support of the Masonic Homes of the State.

The orator was Grand Chaplain Euclid B. Rogers. His address was a remarkable one and evidently thrilled his audience. Masonry, Democracy, and Progress were the themes.

Companion Frank Spencer, who at this Convocation was elected and installed Grand High Priest for 1919-20, was born at Ullin, Pulaski County, Illinois, in 1856. He grew to manhood upon a farm, became a schoolmaster, afterwards a Government official, and finally in 1894 assistant cashier of a bank in Cairo, Illinois, "which position of honour and trust he still occupies." His Masonic career "is a record of uninterrupted and strenuous progress." His portrait and a brief biography, from which we have gleaned the above, are features of the volume before us.

We had looked forward with interest to the Correspondence Report of Past Grand High Priest E. R. Turnbull, and were not disappointed. He writes easily and well and is careful and conscientious in his reviews. His conception of the reviewer's office is given in his preface as follows:—

"In presenting this report I make no claim to originality or mental keenness, but have endeavoured to note the important points in each report and show their similarity to or difference from our procedure, together with the reason for such action. This report is intended to give the Craft of Illinois some idea, not only of the Grand Chapters, but of the members who are controlling their affairs. In the frequent quotations I have endeavoured to give the Companions, in a small way, the brightest and best thoughts of, and a glimpse of the personalities of, the leaders in Capitular Masonry at the present time."

We, too, are greatly interested in the "personalities of the leaders of Capitular Masonry," and often regret that the information given in this regard is so meagre.
In Companion Turnbull's view:—

"The one outstanding feature of the year is the proposed new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, several Grand High Priests being apprehensive that much trouble will result from its adoption. However, after a more complete examination and an explanation of some of the objectionable sections, most of the trouble will probably be found to have been non-existent."

The proceedings of 46 Grand Chapters are reviewed, several of them for two years. Canada (1919) receives much attention. We are glad to see that R.E. Companion K. J. Dunstan's Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry is appreciated by an experienced and capable Royal Craftsman. Companion Turnbull quotes from it extensively and says that it "is worthy of the study of every inspecting officer in the United States." In fact this annual report is a distinguishing feature of our proceedings and has no counterpart so far as we know.

In conclusion, Companion Turnbull writes:—

"And now, Companions, I have reached the end of my wanderings. The record of my year's work is before you for approval or condemnation. I have tried to select such information as appeared likely to be of importance to the Craft in general and such as may be of assistance to those upon whose shoulders the mantle of authority has fallen. Many of you may consider various items of no value, but a comparison of all will show the general sentiment of the Craft concerning certain things: for instance, it is monotonous to read on page after page that 'the Grand Chapter invested—dollars in Liberty bonds;' but, when we find that every Grand Chapter did this without investigating the actions of others, we take it as a sign that the archives of Masonry are still a safe depository for the ideals of our Government, and so, by studying the different actions of the Grand Chapters as a whole, we begin to arrive at an understanding of the drift of Masonic opinion."

Frank Spencer, Cairo, Grand High Priest.
James E. Jeffers, Springfield, Grand Secretary.
Indiana.

Last year we recorded the election in absentia of William W. Ross, of Evansville, to the great office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Indiana. He was not installed at the Convocation of 1918; and we find in the record of the proceedings of 1919—the 74th Annual Convocation, held in Indianapolis, on the 22nd and 23rd October, 1919—a statement that he was duly installed in one of the subordinate Chapters on the 15th November, 1918. It was he who presided at the Convocation of 1919, and we find him, after the usual ceremonial opening, receiving two distinguished visitors: Past Grand High Priest George A. Newell, of New York; and Leon T. Leach, General Grand Master of the Third Veil of the General Grand Chapter, U.S.A., who is also a Past Grand High Priest of Indiana.

Grand High Priest Ross in his address said that the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction had had a prosperous year notwithstanding the ravages of disease and the horror and decimation of war. Complete harmony had prevailed, and the growth had been marvellous.

Deaths of Royal Arch Masons in Indiana in 1918 numbered 346, and among these were two eminent members of Grand Chapter: Past Grand High Priest Manuel M. Fisher, of Mishawaka, who died in April, 1918, at the age of 71; and Past Grand High Priest William H. Hamelle, of Idaville, who died in June, 1919, at the age of 64.

Two new Chapters were constituted in November, 1918, and good progress in both was recorded.

Of the Masonic Home the Grand High Priest said:—

"To my mind there is nothing in Indiana that should so attract and hold the attention of the Masons of Indiana as the Masonic Home at Franklin. The heart of every Mason should be drawn to it, and he should give his support to its maintenance and upbuilding. It is doing a wonderful work under its present management."

The Report of the Committee on "Claims," which report was adopted by Grand Chapter, recommended appropriations of $500 to the Home and $200 to the
Y.M.C.A. fund, also the investment of $1,500 in United States Liberty bonds.

The subject of "Mileage and per Diem" often occupies, we notice, the attention of the United States Grand Chapters, though we have not hitherto in these reviews referred to it. At this Convocation the Grand High Priest in his address said:—

"I wish to recommend to the Committee on Claims that it consider the matter of increasing the mileage and per diem to the members of this Grand Chapter. The present mileage and per diem are not adequate to cover the expense of attendance upon the Grand Chapter, and for that reason I make this recommendation. In the glorious history of the Grand Chapter of Indiana it has had the largest average attendance of any of the bodies in the State, so far as I can learn. Such a record is a splendid one to look back upon. In the interest of a continued large attendance, I recommend that the per diem be left as it is, and that the Committee on Claims be empowered to increase the mileage. Railroad fares have increased to such an extent that the present mileage does not meet the requirements of travel."

The Committee on Claims recommended "that the mileage allowed representatives of this Grand Chapter, after the present Convocation, shall be 10 cents per mile one way by the nearest route to the place of the Convocation," and the report was adopted.

The Grand High Priest pointed out that the Grand Chapter would be 75 years old on the 20th October next, and expressed a desire that the anniversary should be fittingly celebrated. In response to this, a special committee was appointed to prepare a scheme for the observance of the occasion, and was given full power to act and make all arrangements.

The 100th anniversary of the oldest Chapter in Indiana, Madison, No. 1, was celebrated in July, 1919. A concise and interesting history of that Chapter, which was instituted in 1819 under dispensation from the Deputy General Grand High Priest of the United States of America, is appended to the Grand High Priest's address.
R.E. Companion Vestal W. Woodward, Grand Treasurer, carried from the previous year a balance of $4,409.05, which by the 15th October, 1919, had been increased to $5,392.09, an addition to the surplus of nearly $1,000 thus accruing. In addition, the Grand Chapter has $10,000 invested in bonds.

The report of the Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. Calvin W. Prather, is an interesting one. He showed 125 active Chapters on the 22nd October, 1919; total membership, 22,550; net increase, 872. The Grand Secretary did not confine himself to statistics. The following paragraphs taken from his report are full of interest:

"It will be observed from our statistical table that the increase in membership is less than that of 1918. This will be partly accounted for in the increased number of deaths occasioned by the epidemic of 'Flu' during the fall of 1918, and the further fact that the war was at its fiercest period, which disturbed the work in the Chapters until the armistice. Our increase, however, is above the usual standard, being 872, and from all reports the spirit of fraternity has been very manifest throughout our Grand Jurisdiction."

"The Chapters of Indiana and the Grand Chapter have always taken a lively interest in the great enterprise so dear to the hearts of all Masons of whatever degree—the Indiana Masonic Home. Some information to the Companions will not be amiss. The splendid donation made in 1918 was much appreciated and of great help in the erection of an additional building to care for the orphans of our deceased Brethren and Companions. The splendid donations . . . . from all Masonic bodies have warranted the directors in beginning the erection of an additional cottage with a capacity of 40 children. This building, so very much needed, was to be completed by the 1st November, but the disturbed conditions along many lines have delayed the contractor to the extent that the cottage will not be ready for occupancy before the 1st January next.

"There are now in the Home about 70 bright and happy boys and girls, of whom you may feel justly proud. There are also in the Home nearly 100 dear old
people, who seem to be entirely content. It is a happy family down at the Home at Franklin, and the Grand Chapter is entitled to much credit for its loyalty and assistance."

The Grand Inspector, M.E. Companion John J. Glendenning, presented an exhaustive report of all the Chapters. He found the work satisfactory, the conditions good, "and the Chapters generally . . . having an era of prosperity which has never before been equalled."

We find in a special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which M.E. Companion Robert A. Woods is chairman, the first reference, in the proceedings which we have perused, to the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia, which was organised in Vancouver on the 18th June, 1919, with the full concurrence of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The Grand Chapter of Indiana fraternally recognised the new Grand Chapter and "heartily consented to an exchange of representations."

The annual dinner was eaten by the members of Grand Chapter when they were called to refreshment after their first day of labour. The main feature of the entertainment was an eloquent address by the Grand Chaplain, E. Comp. William R. Plummer, of Evansville.

The second day's proceedings were not less important, but perhaps less interesting to outsiders. Reports were presented, debated, and adopted, and the new officers were installed. The Grand First Principal or Grand High Priest, Fred H. Pocock, is brought before us by a fine portrait.

Past Grand High Priest Robert Archer Woods presents his 9th review of the doings of the Capitular world; he notices the proceedings of 48 Grand Bodies; Canada (1919) receives flattering attention.

Companion Woods, who is a thoughtful writer, the master of an exceedingly lucid style, expresses his desire "to be brief without sacrificing the salient features of the several proceedings." Among other topics, he excludes from his narrative mention of the reception of representatives and distinguished visitors and the presentation of jewels—likewise, with perhaps more debat-
able discretion, he does not consider dissertations on war and peace "vital to this review." Occasionally, we find it impossible to resist the impulse to quote something that is said, when it is well said, upon these subjects. So much for this able reviewer's foreword. We now quote a part of his conclusion, which is heartening:—

"It was on my heart to launch a few philippics at the evils, as I conceive them, of hippodroming; of waiving statutory time on petitions; of the tendency in many quarters to magnify the office of Head into one of infallibility and license run riot; of concurrent jurisdiction over border material; and of other matters of equal import. But you are tired; and so am I. Therefore, I desist. For, in the face of irregularities, the Order prospers mightily, and its influence broadens. The world is better in consequence, and our hearts should rejoice and be glad."

Fred H. Pocock, Fort Wayne, Grand High Priest.
Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Iowa.

The Grand Chapter is justly proud of its distinguished son Frederick W. Craig, Past Grand Priest of Iowa and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. This great Mason was born at Farmington, Maine, in 1854. Since 1876 he has lived and still lives in Des Moines, Iowa. He is a lawyer and a banker, and was for two years Judge of the City Court of Des Moines. He was made a Mason in Des Moines in 1883, and has ever since been actively engaged in Masonry, and has occupied, in his own State, the highest positions in all branches of Masonry.

He was Grand High Priest of Iowa in 1893 and 1894, when he was barely 40 years old. It is perhaps only a young Grand High Priest who may aspire to high honours in the General Grand Chapter. Observe that that body meets only once in three years. Comp. Craig was 24 years in office in the General Grand Chapter before he reached the top! And he lost no time, for he was elected General Grand Master of the First Veil in 1894, the very year in which he presided over his own
State Grand Chapter. At the age of 64 he entered upon a three-year term of great activity and much responsibility. His portrait, accompanying a sketch of his career, from which we have derived the information we have given, indicates, however, a man of physical and intellectual strength; and, particularly in these days, men of 65 are capable of a good deal of hard work.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa for 1918 are those before us. They are prefaced by a long honour-roll. Iowa did her share in the war without doubt. Seventeen Royal Arch Masons of that State "made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of Right, Liberty, and Justice," and hundreds of them were enrolled for war-service.

This was the 65th Annual Convocation; it was held at Fort Dodge on the 14th and 15th November, 1918, having been postponed from the 17th October, 1918, on account of the prevalence of influenza.

Isaac T. Forbes, Grand High Priest, was unable to be present at this Convocation, being ill. It seems that during a great part of his year of office he was a sufferer, but in the intervals he accomplished some visiting, and, whatever his condition, never neglected his other duties as head of the Grand Chapter. We have before us a portrait and a brief biography of this eminent Royal Craftsman. He is 67 years old, having been born in North Carolina in 1852. He became a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa, in 1890, and engaged in business there. He has done good work in several branches of Masonry.

The Grand High Priest's address was read by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Eugene Schaffter, who was later in the proceedings elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1918-19.

The address was a good one. Comp. Forbes referred first to the sad fact that the Grand Chapter had lost by death a greater number of Companions than in any previous year. Two hundred and fifty Companions died during the year ending on the 31st December, 1917.

Notwithstanding the severe loss by death, the surrender of the charter of one Chapter and the revocation of that of another, the net increase in membership was
685. The exaltations alone amounted to 1,248. The total membership on the 31st December, 1917, was 16,288. There are apparently 126 active Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $15,515.39 and an investment of $3,000 in Liberty bonds.

Large appropriations were made for relief work and as contributions to charitable funds.

The condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Iowa is on the whole prosperous. The removal of dead timber is a wise measure.

Edward M. Willard, P.G.H.P., is an addition to the roll of Correspondents. From the reference in his opening to "difficult legal propositions" we infer that he is a lawyer, and indeed his style—clear and precise—stamps him of that ilk. He reviews with care and conciseness the proceedings of 52 Grand Chapters, including Canada (1918).

We have found little to quote in the Iowa proceedings, but they are interesting nevertheless, if only as a record of business admirably despatched. The reader's pleasure is much enhanced by the careful and sequential arrangement of the matter contained in a volume of 240 pages, the superlatively good paper used, and the excellent typographical work.

Eugene Schaffter, Eagle Grove, Grand High Priest.

O. F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.

Ireland.

In this topsy-turvy country the same names, or some of them, are used for the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter as are in vogue in the United States of America, but the names of the Principals are transposed. The highest of all in Ireland is the Grand King, then the Deputy Grand King, the Grand High Priest, the Grand Chief Scribe, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Registrar—who is really Grand Secretary—the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Captain of the Host, the Grand Captain of the Scarlet Veil, the Grand Captain of the Blue Veil, the Grand Janitor, and the Grand Director of Cere-
monies. The Grand King and the Deputy Grand King are "Most Excellent," all the others are "Very Excellent"—there are no Right Excellents.

The present Grand King is Lord Muskerry, and the Deputy Grand King is William Taylor, styled "Colonel" and "M.D."

The Stated Convocations of the Grand Chapter are held in Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the first Wednesday in the months of February, May, July, and November. Of these meetings we have no report. The little book before us is intituled "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland—Report for 1918." It contains a portrait of the Deputy Grand King in khaki with the apron, collar, and jewel of his Masonic office put on over his uniform, and with the sceptre in his hand. A fine upstanding man—soldier and doctor too. Then come the list of Grand Officers for 1919 and some formal details.

The report itself begins with a letter from the Grand King, dated the 10th January, 1919, to the Grand Registrar. Lord Muskerry has read the proofs of the report and is very glad to find that "though 1917 was a record year in the prosperity of the Royal Arch, the past year has exceeded it, and now that the war is over we may confidently look forward to the present year showing still greater prosperity." And the Grand Registrar says:—

"Contrary to expectation in regard to the progress of Royal Arch Masonry, the four years of strenuous warfare were years of unparalleled prosperity. The year 1917 was a record one in the history of Capitular Masonry in Ireland, but the year just closed has substantially exceeded it. The general receipts from all sources in 1917 amounted to £1,038 15s. 8d., and in 1918 to £1,301 15s. 3d. The receipts for the registration of new members advanced from £581 12s. 6d. to £795 5s. 6d., which represents a total of about 1,200 new members who have been exalted during the year."

The Lord Muskerry, Springfield Castle, Grand King.

H. E. Flavelle, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, Grand Registrar.
Kansas.

There are some interesting features in the Kansas proceedings of 1919. Grand Chapter was convened in Wichita, on the 17th and 18th February of that year. We read that "John A. Ferrell, Deputy Grand High Priest, congregated the Companions. The Grand High Priest was unable to be present because of a snow-storm which caused a blockade of the railroads in the northwestern part of the State."

Herbert Ray Hull was the Grand High Priest. His address was read by the Deputy Grand High Priest, and he is presented to us by a portrait and a biographical sketch. We find that he was born in Pennsylvania in 1863, the son of a schoolmaster; settled in Kirwin, Kansas, when he was 19 years old, entered the service of a bank there, and after ten years became its cashier. The bank—the Kirwin State Bank—is said to be one of the soundest institutions in the State, and Comp. Hull is regarded as one of the leading financiers of northern Kansas. As a Mason he has an extraordinary distinction. We quote:—

"Companion Hull's zeal for the interests of Masonry and his loyalty to its principles have been such an inspiration to the Companions of his home Chapter that it to-day enjoys the distinction of having a membership equal to more than one-half the total population of the town in which it is located. To Companion Hull, more than any other person, should be given credit for this wonderful showing. He can always be depended on to be present, willing and able to assist in any part of the work. During the past fourteen years Kirwin Chapter No. 66 has exalted 258 companions, and Companion Hull has been present and assisted in the work each and every time."

Signal honour was done to the Grand Chapter at this Convocation by the presence of two representatives of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest, and John W. Neilson, General Grand Master of the Second Veil. These distinguished Royal Craftsmen addressed the Grand Chapter, upon being received in due form. What
they said is not told us; but each "made an interesting talk"—a quaint expression which we do not remember seeing or hearing before.

The address of Comp. Hull, Grand High Priest, was an able one. He first spoke of the war and of reconstruction, and then of the Fraternal dead. The death-toll for 1918 was 201. Among the departed was one whose long life and work in Masonry made him distinguished in the Craft—Matthew Murray Miller, Past Grand High Priest, who died at his home in Topeka, Kansas, on the 29th November, 1918. He was a Mason for more than 50 years and was loved and honoured by those who knew him. He was honoured in Masonry, indeed, far beyond the confines of Kansas. His work as reviewer or correspondent was of the best, and through it he was known and admired in all parts of this continent of North America. There are several allusions to his life and work in the volume before us, but we are not told much of the nature of the man himself. He was born in November, 1840, and was Grand High Priest in 1891. The report on Correspondence, which is in part his work, is prefaced by a statement from the Grand Secretary, who took up and completed the work for the year, as follows: "His ready wit and ever interesting reminiscences will be sadly missed by his companion reviewers. As there was a peculiar individuality displayed in his writings, we hesitate in the attempt to complete his unfinished work; but, as it is a duty that must of necessity be performed, we submit the following report for your approval."

In the report on Correspondence aforesaid—the greater part of it is the work of Grand Secretary Albert K. Wilson—49 Grand Chapters are dealt with. Canada (1918) receives a good deal of attention. A foolish remark of our own made in haste, for which we now with equal haste apologise, is very properly rebuked. Nothing is to be gained by recounting it—actually it relates back to 1917, and is therefore barred by the Statute of Limitations.

The Grand High Priest's address contains a full account of his year's administration. He deals very pleasantly with the attendance of a delegation from
Kansas at the deliberations of the General Grand Chapter in Baltimore, early in October, 1918, and does not make much of a defence to the oft-preferred charge of "junketting."

The Most Excellent had given much anxious thought to cases of weak and dying Chapters, and in his address recommended that the charters of 4 Chapters should be revoked. It was his opinion that none of them would increase their membership—they were at a standstill. The recommendation was approved by the Committee on Chartered Chapters and Chapters under Dispensation, and adopted.

The Grand Treasurer reports the safe investment of $12,500 in Liberty Loan and other bonds and a cash balance of more than 10,000.

There appear to be 96 subordinate Chapters, including the moribund four. On the 31st December, 1917, there were 11,766 members; on the same day in 1918 there were 12,158: a net gain of 393, or 162 less than in the previous year. "This decrease in net gain," says the Grand Secretary, "is largely due to the number of exaltations, as we had but 699, while in 1917 there were 900." There were not so many dimissions and suspensions as in 1917, but there were more deaths—no doubt the war and the influenza scourge were in some measure responsible.

John A. Ferrell, Sedan, Grand High Priest.
Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

**Kentucky.**

Isaac T. Woodson, of Louisville, Grand High Priest, presided at the 101st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, held in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, on the 10th and 11th December, 1919. The regular day set for the Convocation was in October. The State Board of Health having placed a ban on all assemblies because of the epidemic of Spanish influenza, it became necessary to postpone the meeting.

The Grand High Priest's address covered a good many topics, chiefly of domestic interest. What he said about the Kentucky Masonic Homes is interesting:
The Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home is successfully managed and should be assisted whenever necessary by this Grand Body. The increased cost of living should be carefully considered, and any intended benefaction for this institution should be considered from the standpoint of the decreased purchasing power of money, and great liberality should be extended toward the widows and orphans confided to the care of this institution.

"It was my pleasure to meet on two occasions with the Board of Directors of the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville. I am glad to report that this institution is well managed and should meet with continued encouragement from this Grand Body, and any request for financial assistance for this institution should be given earnest consideration. The residents are well cared for, and this noble charity meets the need it was intended to fill.

"The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home and the Old Masons' Home are justly the pride and pleasure of the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction. We should remember that it is our duty to care for them liberally at all times. We should keep our eyes toward these institutions and see to it that every assistance asked for by the respective boards of directors shall be granted, so that all men may rejoice that our institutions are well cared for as we pass this crisis in our civilization."

The Grand Treasurer reported a cash balance of $5,096.03 on hand at the close of the fiscal year, and an invested surplus of $26,000.

The total membership of the subordinate Chapters is given by the Grand Secretary as 10,243—net gain in a year, 487.

The "Doings of other Grand Chapters" for the year ending on the 30th September, 1918, are reviewed by Past Grand High Priest George B. Winslow in a novel manner. He begins: "We have read and digested proceedings of Grand Chapters as follows." Then comes a list of 53 Grand Bodies; many of the names are preceded by an asterisk, and a foot-note explains that those so marked "contained nothing which seemed to
us to be of general interest, hence we do not make a detailed reference to them." Next there is an interesting introduction, from which we quote:

"This is our 'debut party' in the rôle of 'Committee on Doings of Other Grand Chapters.' We note that different names are used in different Grand Jurisdictions for the person who performs the duties of this committee. In some Jurisdictions it or he is called "Committee on Foreign Correspondence;" in other Jurisdictions "Fraternal Correspondence;" and there seem to be various styles or forms of reports in use. Some of the Companions write their reports on the basis of writing a pleasant letter to other correspondents. Some seem to be writing to the other Grand Jurisdictions instead of to their own.

"We shall endeavour to write ours on the basis that we were appointed by the Grand Chapter of Kentucky to examine the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions and report to the Grand Chapter of Kentucky such matters, and only such matters, as may be necessary or proper for the Grand Chapter of Kentucky to take action upon."

Comp. Winslow then tells us that he invited his predecessor, the famous G. Allison Holland (now Grand Secretary), to say a parting word, or fire a parting shot, and gives the characteristic response:

"Lexington, Ky., April 5, 1918.
"Mr. George B. Winslow, Carrollton, Ky.
"Dear George:—I hesitate to say 'farewell' to that bunch of good fellows presiding over the destinies of Foreign Correspondence in each of the Grand Jurisdictions. I am emotional enough anyway, and if I should turn on the water right, there might be a recurrent flood such as would forever destroy the imminent emancipation of the drys.

"But nevertheless, through you, to the corresponding Craft—to those kings of orthography, etymology, syntax, prosody, and capitular gossip; to the uncrowned heroes of pen and scissors; to the distinguished but unextinguished militants in the ranks of Royal Arch history—let that ultimate peace which comes from the favourable inspection of important discoveries come and make its home with them. May every battle end in the victory
of principle, and all our righteous endeavours bring the sunshine of eternal joy and the most eminent fruition of our dearest hopes.

"Yours sincerely and fraternally,

"G. Allison Holland."

The introduction contains much more than has been quoted, and is both wise and witty.

What follows is by no means the stereotyped journeying through the Grand Chapters. Nothing more is heard of the Grand Bodies against whose names the fatal asterisk is placed. And those which remain are few—17 in all. Only one of the "big four"—Illinois—is among the 17, but Canada (vintage of 1918) is included. We think, of course, that the selection is an excellent one. What Comp. Winslow says about Canada is this: "The greatest 'war speech' made in any address by any presiding officer in any Grand Chapter during the year, in our opinion, is that made by the Grand Z. of Canada."

And he quotes the vigorous remarks of M.E. Comp. Gorrell at our Convocation of 1918—though by a slip he makes it 1917. A most discerning reviewer.

We were curious to learn what he would say of the District of Columbia Grand Chapter, that being one of the 17, and were not surprised to find that he gave his whole attention to Brother Fulkerson, of whom he says: "We think the secret of his success in writing so entertainingly is that he makes practically no reference to anything in the proceedings of any of the Grand Chapters. He simply takes his text and preaches from it all the time. At the close he marks it 'quod erat demonstrandum.'"

He cannot forbear (nor can we) to quote the following gem:

"VANISHED DAYS.
By the still-side on the hillside in Kentucky all is still, For the only damp refreshment must be dipped up from the rill. North Carolina's stately ruler gives his soda glass a shove, And discusses local option with the South Carolina Gov. It is useless at the fountain to be winkful of the eye, For the cocktail glass is dusty and the world is going dry.
All the nightcaps now have tassels and are worn upon the head,
Not the nightcaps that were taken when nobody went to bed;
And the breeze across the bluegrass is as solemn as is death,
For it bears no pungent clove tang on its odoriferous breath;
And each man can walk a chalk line when the stars are in the sky,
For the fizz glass now is fizzless and the world is going dry."

But exactly how or why it "may be necessary or proper for the Grand Chapter of Kentucky to take action upon" this delightful rhyme—or indeed upon our dear Companion Gorrell's "war speech"—we are not told, nor can we guess.

Sidney S. Pinney, Mount Sterling, Grand High Priest.
G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.

**Louisiana.**

A thoughtful, if somewhat depressing, address was made by Grand High Priest E. H. Addington at the opening of the 72nd Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, on the 4th February, 1919. He said that during the past year there had been but a very moderate amount of activity among the Chapters. This was in some measure attributable to conditions brought about by the war, as the Grand High Priest lucidly explained. "It is the fact," he said, "that, under our rule of territorial jurisdiction, a Chapter that for any reason is inactive actually prevents Master Masons from securing the degrees under our care, and thus becomes a hindrance to the spread of the light and growth of the Institution. . . . Extreme care ought to be taken, in the issue of dispensations and charters, to make sure that there is a reasonable prospect that the new Chapter will become a permanent and active centre of light."
The Grand High Priest went on to say that no dispensations had been issued for the formation of new Chapters during the year. He also said that he had failed, through press of engagements that could not be neglected, to visit the Chapters officially, with the exception of two.

We have said that the address was a thoughtful one—perhaps that is more striking because the Most Excellent had nothing very encouraging to relate. We quote a passage from the address—a passage, we venture to think, of singular beauty. Referring to the death of Dr. Graham Surghnor, Past Grand High Priest of Louisiana, at his home in the City of Monroe, Comp. Addington said that the departed veteran, who was born in 1861, and was Grand High Priest in 1904, "lived a brave, manly, useful life in quiet ways, always helpful always strong, never intrusive." The Grand High Priest continued:

"While no other of the official family or Past Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter have been called home during the year, our constituent Chapters have had many losses by death, and, as is usual and inevitable, our sister Grand Jurisdictions have had to bear bereavements. I never have been able quite to understand what I find to be a common feeling among men regarding death. Certainly friends and relatives who remain cannot forbear sadness in the loss of companionship. We miss those who have passed on; but, after all, if we have a real, a working belief in immortality, we wrong our sainted dead and possibly question the beneficence of the Infinite purpose when we permit ourselves to yield to the feeling that they are lost to us. Certainly 'they cannot be where God is not,' but they have completed this part of the Great Adventure. They rest. As the defeats and victories and achievements of this phase of our existence are transitory, so are the griefs and bereavements. Why grieve that to some we love release to go further has come?"

Under the head of "Outlook." the Grand High Priest says:

"I feel that the past year, will not show well in the annals of the Royal Craft in this State, and possibly
most of the fault lies in your selection of your Grand High Priest one year ago. I do not fail to realise that a more aggressive man in the Grand East would, in all probability, have accomplished more. This makes me feel all the more keenly that your loving friendship put me in the place; that my lapses have been borne without complaint. I sincerely feel that your partiality, not my own merit, caused you to commit to my care duties and responsibilities that have been indifferently handled. I humbly and sincerely thank you for the great measure of affectionate forbearance you have shown."

We need make no apology for another quotation—Comp. Addington expresses himself with rare felicity:—

"The real question is not so much how many Master Masons receive the light of these additional degrees; it is how shall we get the light out of the Chapter, out into the community, out into the world? My Companions, if Masonry, in any degree or body, has any real value, and we know it has, that value begins to make itself manifest when the final 'peace be with you' is said, and the members go out from the tyled and guarded 'place.' I am not at all concerned to have the Royal Craft make any ostentatious show in the world. I am very much concerned that it do its work in the world."

The Grand Treasurer's report shows permanent assets of the value of $16,710.80, and a cash balance on hand of $2,786.80.

There appear to be 45 constituent Chapters; the total membership is 4,559; and the net gain in a year, 105.

The Correspondence Report, by Herman C. Duncan, P.G.H.P., in brief form, reviews the doings of 50 Grand Chapters—Canada (1918) is one.

W. M. Washburn, Monroe, Grand High Priest.

John A. Davilla, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Maine.

The path of the reviewer through the Maine forest is well-blazed for him by the expert Grand Secretary, Charles B. Davis. In the volume before us we find first a portrait and then a biography of the Grand High
Priest who presided at the 94th Annual Convocation, held in Portland on the 6th and 7th May, 1919.

Clifford J. Pattee was born in Jackson, Maine, in 1874; he removed to Belfast, in the same State, in early childhood, and has lived there ever since. A graduate of the University of Maine, he has been in the fire and marine insurance business since his graduation in 1895. He became a Mason in 1896, and has ever since shown unceasing devotion to the local Masonic bodies in Belfast. Appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1912, he has served ever since as an inspecting officer, and has officially visited and inspected nearly 50 of the 65 Chapters under the sway of the Grand Chapter.

"With every visit," says his biographer, "he made friends and created no enemies."

His address was little more than a plain record of his official acts, but this paragraph may be quoted from the opening part:—

"It seems that, in spite of the fact that so many of our young men have been absent from the country on the world's business, and the minds and hearts of those left behind have been so full of anxieties and cares for the vital interests of the country, Masonry has been even more active than usual in our State. More interest than ever is manifested in our Chapters, and satisfactory increase in membership has been made."

It may be appropriate to quote here from the Grand Secretary's admirable summary—"Recapitulation, 1919"—at p. 199 of the printed proceedings:—

"Chapters enrolled, 68; Chapters consolidated, 3; Chapters working, 65; . . . Chapters to make returns, 65; making returns in time, 64; exalted, 626; affiliated, 19; reinstated, 22; total increase, 667; dimitted, 49; dropped, 95; . . . died, 297; total decrease, 361; net increase, 306; members, April 1, 1918, 11,145; members, April 1, 1919, 11,451; Grand Chapter receipts, $3,336.58; disbursements, $3,079.42; amount of charity fund, $20,249.01; paid in charity from income, $450."

During the Grand Chapter year, April, 1918, to April, 1919, two distinguished members passed on: Henry R. Taylor, born in Newfane, Vermont, May 31, 1830, died in Bangor, Maine, October 6, 1918, aged 88 years,
Grand Scribe in 1873; and Stephen Berry, born in Augusta, Maine, December 21, 1833, died in Portland, Maine, February 1, 1919, aged 85 years, Assistant Grand Secretary 1857 to 1891, Grand Secretary 1891 to 1917, Grand Secretary Emeritus 1917 to 1919.

Sadly, the Grand High Priest told how, in the 6 years previous to his occupancy of the highest office, he had inspected every Chapter assigned to him and "then some," while in this supreme year he had been able to inspect but one. His visits, he explained, were arranged for the spring months, during which, as it happened, he was physically unable to undertake the journeys. His inspections were made by other inspecting officers.

The Report on Correspondence by Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge is worthy of all praise—a most diligent and conscientious reviewer. Fifty Grand Bodies are faithfully dealt with. Canada is not one of the 50. The reason is apparent: our 1919 Convocation was postponed, and actually held later than Maine's, while our 1918 proceedings were fully reviewed in that year by Companion Bodge.

The conclusion of his latest report is well worth quoting:

"Probably there has never been a year when there was less of general interest to consider than was found in the volumes just perused. Nearly every address has been written with patriotic fervour; at nearly every Convocation action has been taken to perpetuate the names and deeds of those who have been engaged in the great struggle; only too often has there been a report by the Grand High Priest that he had exceeded his authority in granting dispensations, so that those enlisted, about to enlist, or who might be called to the colours, could receive in short time the Capitular degrees, and in most cases the transgressions have been condoned. While the desire to give to those who were enlisting all the comfort and assistance possible was laudable, yet I have confidently held that to permit candidates to receive the degrees in short time, and then allow them to go away with no knowledge of our mysteries, could never be other than detrimental to them and to our Institution. Let us hope that the permissions
granted during the times of stress will not be considered as precedents for future acts, and that those to whom special favours have been extended will show their appreciation by the exercise of their powers for the advancement of Masonry.

“As the war brought many new questions, so will the coming of peace and the new order develop perplexing conditions. May future ages commend the Masonry of to-day for its share in bringing about the broader brotherhood of man!”

Samuel B. Furbish, Brunswick, Grand High Priest.
Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Michigan.

In reviewing in 1919 the proceedings of the Michigan Grand Chapter of 1918, we quoted some words from a biographical sketch of Elmer Sylvester Atherton, the Grand High Priest of 1917-18, ending with: “Being yet young in years, it is hoped he may devote his talents to the good of Capitular Masonry for many years to come.” This fond hope was not realised. The energetic and gifted Atherton ended his year of office as Grand High Priest on the 22nd May, 1918, and died six months later, at his home in Durand.

Charles Henry Axtell, who was Grand High Priest in 1881, died at his home in Sawtell, California, on the 27th August, 1918. He was born in New Jersey in 1833.

Leonard HaskellRandall, Grand High Priest in 1872, was even older when he died on the 18th June, 1918. He was born in 1829, in the State of New York, and died at his home in Chicago. He was the “dean” of the Past Grand High Priests of Michigan.

The Convocation of 1919 (the 71st Annual) was held in the City of Grand Rapids on the 20th and 21st May, 1919. The proceedings are contained in a large volume, well arranged and well printed on good paper.

This volume contains, in addition to a record of the proceedings, a portrait of the presiding Grand High Priest, a sketch of his career, and two or three other things extraneous to the record.
Walter Horace Booth, who was elected Grand High Priest on the 22nd May, 1918, was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on the 23rd January, 1869. He graduated from the University of Ann Arbor in 1891, and has since practised as a dentist in Grand Rapids.

A page in the fore-front of the volume contains "Brother Marshall's Creed," that is, the political (not party) confession of faith of Thomas R. Marshall, Vice-President of the United States, who is a Royal Arch Mason, and has attained the 33rd degree in the Scottish Rite. The creed is too long to be quoted in full; we give two pregnant paragraphs:—

"I believe that every inequality which exists in the social and economic condition of the American people is traceable to the successful demands of interested classes for class legislation, and I believe, therefore, that practical equality can be obtained under our form or government by remedial legislation in the interest of the American people and not in the interest of any body thereof, large or small.

I believe that America belongs to American citizens, native and naturalised, who are willing to seek redress for their grievances in orderly and constitutional ways, and I believe that all others should be taught, peacefully if we can and forcibly if we must, that our country is not an international boarding-house nor an anarchistic café."

Another page in the volume is devoted to an account of the 9th Annual Meeting of the Past Grand High Priest's Association of Michigan, which was held on the eve of the convening of Grand Chapter. The meeting naturally took the form of a dinner; Past Grand High Priest Lou Barney Winsor was the host—15 of the members of the association were present and 5 absent. "It seemed to be the opinion of all of us that this was the most delightful meeting we have ever had."

A copy of verses by Hall Caine on "The Day" also finds a place in the volume.

The total recorded attendance at the Grand Convocation was 229.

The address of Grand High Priest Booth was brief and business like. After referring to the fraternal dead
for the year, who numbered 509, he dealt with "Official Bonds," "Correspondence on Degree Work," which had been unusually large, "Grand Chapter Relief Fund," and "Grand Officers." Under the last head he mentioned that the Grand Scribe, Charles J. Gray, was, by the latest accounts, still in Germany with the Army of Occupation. We note that Companion Gray was advanced to the office of Grand King. The Grand High Priest gave some particulars of his official visits, reported his attendance at the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and made some recommendations. But possibly the most interesting part of his address was devoted to what is known in Michigan as "Field Work," i.e., a sort of missionary work among the Chapters with the object of increasing their activities. The Grand High Priest said that from nearly two years' experience he was fully convinced that this work was helpful—that it had been the cause of waking up Chapters which had been dormant for years. "All reports indicate," he said, "that the present year will show a larger number of Chapters doing work than any year in our history."

The report of the Grand Secretary contained an interesting analysis of returns. There are 155 chartered Chapters (none under dispensation); exalted in the year, 1918; affiliated, 88; restored, 22; total gain, 1,728; died, 509; dimitted, 102; suspended, 168; withdrawn, 30; total loss, 809; total membership, 27,760; net gain for the year, 919. The Chapters having exaltations during the year numbered 135; 20 Chapters had none. A gain in membership was shown by 108 Chapters, a loss by 8, and 13 were stationary. There was a greater gain in membership in the previous year, the exaltations this year being 278 less than last year, owing, it was said, to unusual conditions existing in the country. Nevertheless Michigan has now passed Massachusetts and takes 5th place in membership among the Grand Chapters of the World.

We learn from the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee that there is a handsome surplus in the treasury—$22,600.76, of which $15,000 represents investments in bonds.
The Finance Committee, reporting on matters specially referred to them, recommended the discontinuance of the publication of the annual report on correspondence; and this, we regret to say, was adopted—probably "in view of the present high cost of printing."

The "Annual Review of Capitular Masonry from the Printed Proceedings of other Jurisdiction," prepared by Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary—we assume for the last time, or at least until the price of printing goes down—is as entertaining and valuable as usual. The report proper is preceded by Companion Conover's "Scrap-Book," containing valuable articles on Masonic subjects, reprinted from various sources. The Grand Chapters are then taken up in order, beginning with Alabama and ending with Wyoming. There are just 50 by actual count. Canada is one—that is, Canada of 1918—and the treatment of the doings of our Grand Chapter is all that can be desired. Scotland takes up 7 pages of the report—Michigan has not severed fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. The new Grand Chapter of Queensland, which is demanding recognition from the Capitular world, has been banned and cursed by Scotland, with bell, book, and candle; so has the Grand Chapter of New South Wales. "There is more than one question that must come up for settlement at the 'Peace Table'," says the reviewer. "Can it be possible," he asks, "that Scotland is the only Grand Chapter that is right on this subject of jurisdiction?"

We quote the concluding words—we hope they are not really the last words—of this able reviewer, with whom we have been for five years growing in intimacy:

"Thus endeth the last chapter.

"If any Grand Chapter proceedings have not been reviewed herein, it is because they have failed to arrive before closing this report. Delayed annual meetings and unusual labour conditions are undoubtedly responsible for many proceedings being late. Their turn will come next, that is, if Grand Chapter decides it wants any 'next.'"
"I hope you may find a little bit of interest in this report to pay for the vast amount of work and time required for its preparation."

The words are simple, but have for us a certain pathos.

George W. Leedle, Marshall, Grand High Priest.
Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

Minnesota.

The proceedings before us are somewhat ancient. We suspect that we just missed receiving the neat volume for 1918 in time for our review of 1919. In 1918 we had two years' proceedings of Minnesota before us, 1916 and 1917; and we hope to get 1919 before this record of ours is closed. In 1918, the Grand Chapter of Minnesota met in St. Paul on the 8th October. M.E. Comp. William P. Roberts, of Minneapolis, elected Grand High Priest in 1917, presided. There were two distinguished visitors—M.E. Comp. Stephen P. Wright, Grand High Priest of Montana, and R.E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of North Dakota.

In the address of Grand High Priest Roberts, he referred in appropriate words to the death, on the 27th April, 1918, of Giles William Merrill, Senior Past Grand High Priest, who since 1857 had been active in all Masonic bodies in Minnesota; he was Grand High Priest in 1871-2. Nathan Kingsley, who was elected Grand High Priest of Minnesota in 1885, and General Grand High Priest in 1907, died on the 8th September, 1918. We referred in our report of 1919 to his life and Masonic career.

The Grand High Priest said that one of the subordinate Chapters had voluntarily surrendered its charter on the 14th December, 1917. It was said that this Chapter had been unable for some years to secure the attendance of a quorum for the transaction of its necessary business; but, with great trouble, had, on the day mentioned, secured the attendance of 10 members at a meeting. The 10, after full discussion, voted—7 to 3—to surrender; and so the charter and all property were turned over to the Grand Secretary.
This subject—the surrender of charters—has a certain interest. In our opinion, the Institution is injured by the existence of Lodges or Chapters which are not working and not in a condition to work. The Most Excellent said that at least one other Chapter had discussed the matter of surrendering, because of the small local membership and the difficulty of getting together a quorum for business. The war, the Grand High Priest opined, emphasised the difficulties. He anticipated renewed interest in Capitular Masonry after the end of the war—the end was very near at hand on the 8th October, 1918.

Two new Chapters authorised at the last Annual Convocation—one at Alexandria and the other at Rush City—were duly constituted during the year and their officers installed. “Both Chapters appear to be officered by intelligent Companions, and are so well located that we may confidently expect increasingly good reports from each as quickly as peace comes again to our distracted world.”

The Minnesota Masonic Home enterprise was reported upon. Satisfactory progress had been made, but a site for the proposed Home had not yet been chosen. The Grand High Priest thought that the Grand Chapter should charge itself with “some specific Home fund and project.” This suggestion was referred to a committee, who recommended “that there be appropriated from the available funds of this Grand Chapter the sum of $3,000, to which shall be added from and after the year 1918, 10 per cent of the gross receipts of this Grand Chapter,” for the general purposes of the Home apparently, as nothing specific was mentioned. The money is to be under the control of trustees for the Grand Chapter. The report was adopted.

The great feature of the proceedings was the presentation of the report of a special committee on “Revision of the Laws.” The draft “Revised Constitution” was submitted with the modest hope that it might merit the approval of Grand Chapter and prepare the way, if adopted, for a “complete and workable Capitular Code of Minnesota.” It was resolved “that the Revised Constitution, this day reported and recommended by the
Committee on Revision, be and is hereby approved, and that the same shall be entered upon the minutes of this Grand Convocation, and referred to the next Annual Grand Convocation for adoption, as provided by law;” and the report was adopted. The Revised Constitution is set forth in the record before us. We do not pretend to have read it, but we note specially that the Grand Chapter unanimously approved the action of the committee in eliminating the office of Deputy Grand High Priest.

The report of Grand Treasurer W. W. Rowell shows a cash balance of nearly $7,000 and investments of $15,000.

The Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. John Fishel, showed 76 active constituent Chapters; returns received from all but 7; exalted during the year, 449; joined and restored, 63; total gains, 512; withdrawn, 120; stricken from the roll, 123; died, 111; total losses, 354: net gain, 158; membership at end of year, 10,438.

A very good review of the work of 52 Grand Bodies is presented by R.E. Comp. Irving Todd, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Canada (1918) is one of the elect.

George M. Stowe, Wadena, Grand High Priest.
John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

Mississippi.

The 71st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi was held in a beautiful and historic city—Meridian—on the 27th February, 1919.

Jere H. Power, Grand High Priest, in the course of an excellent address, said that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction and throughout the Capitular world—perhaps forgetting the banning of Scotland.

None of the Grand or Past Grand officers had been removed by death during the official year, but 79 Companions in the subordinate Chapters had gone to their reward, with many, distinguished and undistinguished, in other Jurisdictions.
A sort of house-cleaning went on during the year, with good results, as shown in the address of the Grand High Priest and more specifically in the report of the Grand Lecturer.

The office of Grand Lecturer is in this Grand Chapter one of great importance. It was M.E. Comp. William Carter Harrison's first year in that position, and he opened his report with the remark that it had been an exceedingly hard one for promoting interest in any activities other than those connected with the war. He found that Companions all over the State had a very inadequate conception of the function which the Capitular degrees perform in the Masonic system, of their essentially vital and necessary teachings, and of just how they complete and round out the Masonry of the Symbolic degrees. He had visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction except one, but had not seen work in all those that he visited. On the occasions of visits to Chapters he lectured to Master Masons when it was possible with the object of securing applications for the Chapters. In most places his lectures to Master Masons were gratefully received and resulted in a number of applications for the Capitular degrees. During the year two Chapters were consolidated, others were recommended for consolidation, and two new Chapters were started under dispensation. "The modern good road," said the Grand Lecturer wisely, "has brought the near-by Chapter so much nearer" that consolidations are advisable in many cases. What is surprising to read of, in the close analysis made by the Grand Lecturer, is the small number of Chapters capable of doing good work. With 65 Chapters on the roll, it is said that only 23 can confer the degrees in a satisfactory manner. Ten Chapters can confer the degrees in some manner, but only with help can they do satisfactory work. There are 13 more in this condition: "I doubt whether they would even try to confer the degrees without help, or, if they should do so, whether the new Companions would know just what it was they had taken." About the ability of the remaining 19 Chapters to do work, the Grand Lecturer had no knowledge, not having seen them work or had other opportunity of forming an opinion. In
spite of the difficulty of the task of bringing up the Chapters in the Jurisdiction to the proper standard, the Grand Lecturer is hopeful of success. We see that he has been continued in office, and will probably accomplish much in his second year.

The Grand Treasurer’s report shows an increased and quite substantial surplus; and the Grand Secretary’s statistical summary reveals an increase in membership of the 65 Chapters from 4,286 to 4,539—a net gain of 253.

In the Masonic Home, it was reported, there are now 161 children, all enjoying good health and happiness.

Joseph J. Brooks, of Dublin, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1919-20. The volume of proceedings contains his portrait and a brief account of his career. He was born at Grenada, Mississippi, in 1850, and is a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Oliver Lee McKay, “reporter,” reviews the proceedings of 49 Grand Bodies. His reports are unusually full and his comments most felicitous. Canada (1918) receives an adequate share of attention and is commended for taking a broad view in dealing with the “physical perfection bugaboo.”

Joseph J. Brooks, Dublin, Grand High Priest.
Frederic Gordon Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Missouri.

There is much to interest the reader in the report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Missouri at its 73rd Annual Convocation, held in Kansas City, on the 22nd and 23rd April, 1919. In our 1918 report we reviewed the Missouri proceedings of 1917. The proceedings of 1918 never reached our table, we know not why. The loss is ours and that of our readers—if any.

The Missouri year is from April to April, and the period from April, 1918, to April, 1919, was a banner one in the Grand Jurisdiction.

An able and active man was at the head, Thomas Franklin Hurd, lawyer, sometime Judge, Presbytery Moderator, distinguished citizen, and Grand High Priest.
His portrait shows a man of vigour and distinction, carrying easily his burden of years—56, for he was born in 1863. His birth-place was a farm near the little town of Florida, where Mark Twain was born. We have not only a portrait but a biography of Grand High Priest Hurd in the thick volume lying before us. "D.M.W.," the biographer, described Mark Twain as "the greatest humorist the world has ever seen." While we cannot go quite that far, we concede that Missouri has the right to be proud of Mark Twain—and of Thomas Franklin Hurd. The following panegyric, evidently sincere and unexaggerated, may be quoted:

"Our Grand High Priest has for many years past given freely of his time and talents to Freemasonry. He has been no sluggard or eleventh hour man. Neither is he one of those who are always thrusting themselves forward and seeking the lime-light; he is of too retiring a disposition to do that. Firm in his convictions, conservative in his thoughts and methods, true-hearted and to be depended on, he is a tower of strength in the community in which he has spent his life. The fraternity ought to and does like to honour such men, and in honouring them honours itself. He has made, as might be expected, a splendid record in his high office, and proven himself worthy of the confidence his Companions of the Royal Craft have reposed in him."

This distinguished Royal Craftsman presided at the Convocation of April, 1919.

His first duty was to receive with special honours and welcome the following dignitaries: Frederick W. Craig, Past Grand High Priest of Iowa and Present General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter; William Frederick Kuhn, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri and Present Deputy Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter; John W. Neilson, Past Grand High Priest of Kansas and Present General Grand Master of the Second Veil of the General Grand Chapter; William A. Campbell, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Colorado; and Eugene Schaffter, Present Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. These most Excellent Companions addressed Grand Chapter, but their remarks are not reported.
The address of Grand High Priest Hurd was an able one. Refraining from "glittering generalities," he, after a brief reference to the war, the peace, and the future, proceeded to give an account of his stewardship.

He reported that of the sum of $2,500 placed by the Grand Chapter at the disposal of the Grand Council for war-relief work, one-third had been given to the Salvation Army and one-third to the Y.M.C.A.; the remaining one-third had been intended for the Red Cross Society, but the armistice put an end to the need for it, and so the sum of $833.34 was returned to the treasury.

Dispensations to resume labour had been issued by the Grand High Priest to two Chapters which had incurred forfeitures. One of them had effectively resumed labour and was flourishing. The dispensation issued to the other was not permanent, the privilege of resuming labour being continued only until the Grand Chapter should make a final determination. This matter was dealt with by the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported approving the action of the Grand High Priest and recommending that the Chapter continue its labours. In regard to a third Chapter, whose hall or meeting-place, charter, and property were destroyed in a fire, this committee recommended that no duplicate charter be issued, "and that its authority as one of the Chapters of the State is hereby rescinded in lieu of arrest." The report of the committee was adopted. This third Chapter had not met since the fire, about two years and a half before the meeting of Grand Chapter, and the Companions of that Chapter who had been consulted said that "there was no possible show to revive" it.

The way in which these three Chapters were dealt with strikes us as commendable. It is surely best for the interests of the Craft to deal gently with the erring; and it is no kindness, but the reverse, to perpetuate in name a Chapter whose life has practically come to an end.

The Grand High Priest was a diligent visitor and scored a distinct triumph in the results of his visits. He communicated his own courage and enthusiasm to the Chapters. "The first notable visit of my official career,"
he says, "was made to Bolivar Chapter. This Chapter had a class of 77, and we exalted, upon the 18th day of June, 1918, when the thermometer stood above 100, 72 out of the 77. This, I suppose, is the record-breaker for a Chapter outside of large cities. . . . The revival here was largely due in the first instance to the effort of my predecessor in reviving the Chapter in March, 1918. Then perhaps the greatest credit is due to the High Priest at that time, Collins E. Bushnell. . . . A man who can succeed in getting a class of 77 in a small county-seat town of possibly 2,000 people, and exalt 72 of the 77 in one day in the midst of the harvest, most of the candidates being farmers, has some attractive qualities." "And then some," we may add, adopting the vernacular.

With gratitude and not in a spirit of boastfulness, the Grand High Priest proceeds:—

"We went over the top this year and cleaned up all of "No Man's Land," except one shell-hole—all of the Chapters having made their annual returns and paid their Grand Chapter dues, except one. The exaltations for the year 1918 were 1,503, breaking all previous records for one year. The net gain in membership for the year was 978. The total membership is 17,775. Orient Chapter, No. 102, of Kansas City, also broke all previous records for exaltations in subordinate Chapters, having exalted 225."

The report of the Grand Treasurer, George L. Hasset, who retired at the end of the year, showed a good surplus—$18,444.27, in addition to $11,500 invested in Liberty Loan bonds.

George Coslow was elected and installed as Grand Treasurer for 1919-20.

The Grand Secretary's report throws light upon the condition of the Royal Craft in Missouri. We quote his concluding remarks:—

"Twenty-three of the 109 Chapters fail to show activity by a return of exaltations, but some of them since the first of the calendar year have redeemed the obligation and are on the road toward a better exhibit.

"Fifteen hundred and three exaltations in the State breaks all former records, and the net gain of almost
1,000 members by 86 Chapters shows activity that cannot well be questioned.

"The suspensions, dimissions, and deaths are severe, almost reaching the record of last year, but the law requiring dues to be paid in advance, and shortening the period wherein action may be had on delinquents, is proving effective, and most of the Chapters have pretty well cleared up their big lists."

The death of one Past Grand High Priest was reported. Henry L. Bosworth was elected Grand High Priest in April, 1899, and served for one year. He was born in Brunswick, Missouri, in November, 1849, and died in Houston, Texas, in March, 1919.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, George C. Marquis, P.G.H.P., is an interesting one. It may be guessed that a good deal of the improvement in the subordinate Chapters is due to his exertions.

"I think you will all agree with me when I say that to be a true and faithful Royal Arch Mason one must be subject to an honest and faithful conscience." This is the text of a neat little sermon preached by Companion John Henderson Miller, Fraternal Correspondent, by way of introduction to his report. He has 50 Grand Bodies on the carpet, takes them up in alphabetical order, and deals with them leniently. Canada (1918) receives much attention and a good deal of commendation. Comp. Miller is a clergyman, a scholarly writer, and a strong withal gentle reviewer. At the end of the reviews proper, "four clippings of unusual interest" are given under the heading "Fruit of the Scissors." The four subjects are: "Conduct during Conferring Degrees;" "An Appeal for Reason in Place of Passion;" "The Largest Royal Arch Chapters in the United States;" and "Proposed Changes in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter." These are followed by "Items of Interest for Missouri's Royal Arch Masons," being excerpts from the reviews of Missouri's Grand Chapter by the writers of the correspondence reports in other Grand Chapters. And then the conclusion, which has to do with Reconstruction and the Duty of Royal Arch Masons, who, says this thoughtful writer, "will be expected to put forth extra efforts along lines of unselfish
service for all mankind, and set the example for the highest order of sobriety, purity, and righteousness."

Last of all two stanzas of verse, which we quote, without prejudice to a general objection which we entertain to "dropping into poetry:"—

"It makes no difference who sang the song,
   If only the song was sung,
It makes no difference who did the deed,
   Be he old in years or young;
It makes no difference who ran the race,
   So long as the race was run;
So why should the winner be proud of himself,
   Because it was he who won?

"If the song was sweet and helped a soul,
   What matters the singer's name,
The worth was in the song itself,
   And not in the world's acclaim.
The song, the race, and the deed are one,
   If each be done for love;
Love of the work (not love of self),
   And the score is kept above."

We have been thus particular to describe Comp. Miller's product in detail because we deem it a model review.

Ray V. Denslow, Trenton, Missouri, Grand High Priest.

Robert F. Stevenson, 911 Locust Street, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter in 1918 are contained in a slim volume; but there is matter in it. There is no report on correspondence, which accounts for the slimness of the book. It was resolved in 1917 that until further action by the Grand Chapter no reports on correspondence be published.

The Convocation of 1918—the 52nd Annual—was held on the 11th and 12th December, in Omaha.

A portrait of John A. Stine, the presiding Grand High Priest at this Convocation, is the frontispiece:
but there is no other key to the character of the man, unless it be found in his address, which was both eloquent and sensible.

Representatives of 22 of the 53 constituent Chapters were present—the light attendance being due to the epidemic of Spanish influenza.

"Our participation in the war," said the Grand High Priest, "has been typically American—without thought of aggrandisement, territory, or power." And much more in the same strain, excellently well framed. He rejoices in the armistice and the prospect of peace.

Two Past Grand High Priests had joined the majority during the year: Frank Henry Orcutt Young, who was born in 1852, was Grand High Priest in 1891, and lost his life in the waters of Florida on the 24th December, 1917; and Julius J. Wilson who was born in 1855, was Grand High Priest in 1910, and departed this life at Corpus Christi, Texas, on the 10th June, 1918.

Much is said about the Masonic Home—too much cannot be said. From the Grand High Priest's address these words are taken:

"The pride that is in the heart of every true and loyal Mason in Nebraska, as regards the Nebraska Masonic Home, continues amply and fully justified.

"Companions, the Home is a source of supreme satisfaction to every one who believes in the cardinal principles of our great institution. The work the Home does so splendidly and acceptably is most gratifying to me. It is indeed and in truth a Home, in all that that word implies: the officers and employees are courteous and attentive, and the residents are comfortable, well cared-for, and as happy as possible in the circumstances. The same lively interest continues in the Board of Trustees, and I have no recommendations whatever to offer in regard to it, but I do want to go on record as enthusiastically and unqualifiedly endorsing the management and its policies, and personally to express my sincere appreciation of the splendid services the trustees are unselfishly rendering our brotherhood."

And these from the report of the Grand Secretary:

"During the year 1918, 7 adults and 9 children
have been admitted to the Home; 3 adults have died; and 2 boys and 1 girl have left.

"There are now at the different Homes 22 men, 18 women, 19 boys, and 16 girls, 10 of the children being in the cottage on the Home grounds at Plattsmouth, and the others in the two cottages at Fremont. Thirty-four brethren, their widows, or orphans, are being assisted by the Committee on Relief and Care of Orphans of the Grand Lodge.

"Of the 862 shares of stock issued, the Grand Chapter owns 160.

"The total cost of maintaining the Home for 1917 was $12,428.84, being an increase of $271.71 over the year 1916."

Among the appropriations is one of $1,500 for 15 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home Association.

As to the condition of the Royal Craft in Nebraska, let us again quote from the Grand High Priest’s address:

"With a few exceptions Royal Arch Priest within our Grand Jurisdiction is in a prosperous condition. Considering that our country was engaged in war, the amount of work done during the year may be considered satisfactory. There are a few Chapters that need a little fostering care. A Chapter is not necessarily weak because it is not conferring degrees. If it holds meetings, and transacts the ordinary and necessary business, there is no reason why it should not continue to exist. I regret to say, however, that a few of the Chapters do not properly comply with our rules and regulations; there is too much delay in sending in receipts for the rituals, reporting elections and installations, making returns, and answering correspondence.

"I recommend that the incoming Grand High Priest and the Grand Lecturer should carefully consider the conditions in some of the Chapters that are neglectful in the above named matters, and report at our next Annual Convocation on the advisability of some of the Chapters consolidating with others, or surrendering their charters. A Chapter that simply exists is occupying territory that might be used by others near where
it is located, for active work in the Order. The closing up of a few of the weaker Chapters might help to strengthen others, by giving them more territory from which to draw material."

The report of Grand Secretary Francis E. White gives the aggregate membership of the 53 active Chapters on the 1st November, 1918, as 5,754; net gain in a year, 250.

William D. Funk, Bloomfield, Grand High Priest.
Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

**Nevada.**

We are always a little in arrear and in an attitude of striving to catch up with the doings of the Grand Chapter of Nevada. In 1918 we reviewed the proceedings of both 1916 and 1917; in 1919 we had nothing before us; and now (1920) we have the belated proceedings of 1918. We note that the Grand Chapter met on the 10th and 11th June, 1918, and then arranged that the next meeting should be held in June, 1919; but of the Convocation of June, 1919, we have heard nothing. Further, the learned and able reviewer of Nevada, Edward D. Vanderlieth, who is also Grand Secretary, notes in his 1918 review of Canada (1917) that Nevada has no place in our Correspondence Report. We find all this rather distressing. We suggest to Companion Vanderlieth, with great deference, that it will be well to include in his annual summary the proceedings of all Grand Chapters which shall have come to his hands before the 1st May in each year, and that, as Grand Secretary, he might issue his annual volume within (say) two months after the Annual Grand Convocation. As the negro said about the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church, "dere is too much readin' ob de minutes ob de las' meetin'."

After all, this is no very great grievance; and, overcoming a slight feeling of irritation, we have found both pleasure and profit in reading the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Nevada at its 45th Annual Convocation, held in Tonopah, on the days of June, 1918,
above mentioned. At that date, the war was of course in the minds of everybody; and the condition of the Royal Craft in war-time, its duties, its privileges, and its burdens, were the things which were discussed. Happily, the war is now over; we have celebrated the first anniversary of Armistice-day; we are confronted with other problems; and yet the principles of the Craft stand like stone.

An impassioned war-time address was delivered by Grand High Priest Robert Lewers at the opening of the Grand Convocation. We have, in the well-arranged and well-printed book of the proceedings, a portrait of this distinguished Craftsman, but no note of his career. We judge him to be not much beyond the middle of the journey of our life, and intellectual vigour and strength of character are apparent in the physiognomy presented to us. Incidentally he mentioned in his address that he had been acting as president of the University of Nevada, and we may well suppose that he is one of the professors. We take these two paragraphs from his address:—

"In the midst of the most stupendous struggle of all time, we have met to consider the problems confronting Royal Arch Masonry in Nevada. Our hearts are wrought with anxiety for the future of all Masonry, but as sure as there is a Benign and All Wise Father in Heaven, we shall emerge from this struggle for the preservation of our liberties, wiser and better than ever. Now we appreciate the value of associations that bind men together in a common cause, and the worth of an institution that teaches Humanity, and not cruel Kultur.

"Win we will and win we must. Thousands of Royal Arch Masons have entered the service of our great country, and are marching on to victory for democracy around the world. Everywhere in Masonry we find the principles which the world needs, liberty of thought, freedom of action, and charity to all mankind. More than ever it is our duty to impress them upon all Royal Arch Masons, for their comfort and guidance; and to help Masonry make good."

The passing of two of the subordinate Chapters was regrettfully commented upon by the Grand High Priest.
These two Chapters had found it impossible to hold meetings on account of the moving away of their members, and had surrendered their charters. They had done good work in their time, with honour to the Royal Craft, said the Most Excellent.

The Grand Chapter is not a large one—there were 11 constituent Chapters, now there are 9. The Chapter in Reno has the largest membership, 106 in 1918. The whole membership of all the Chapters was in 1918 only 529, and there was a net loss of 7 for the year. The Grand Secretary in his report said that the indications for the coming year were favourable. And the Grand High Priest said that the establishment of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Nevada promised better things for Royal Arch Masonry. Likewise the growth of agricultural settlements in various portions of the State gave promise of more Chapters.

The Grand High Priest clothed some good advice in the garb of an anecdote, which we transcribe:

"I am fond of rehearsing the story of the two frogs that fell into the can of cream. One said: 'It's no use, we cannot get out of this can.' He gave up and was drowned. The other said, 'Let's keep paddling.' In the morning the maid found him sitting on a lump of butter that he had churned in his struggles. Keep at it and you will develope the butter of Masonry... You cannot get out of it more than you give. This is the law, and it is correct. When such things seem to be at low ebb, it is time to be up and doing."

Companion Vanderlieth's Report on Fraternal Correspondence is in every way excellent. It is not always the largest Grand Chapters that produce the best men. Any Grand Chapter might be proud of Nevada's eloquent Grand High Priest and her scholarly reviewer. Floreat Nevada!

Fifty-five Grand Bodies are under review in the report, Canada (1917), as we have said, being one.

Thomas Lindsay, Tonopah, Grand High Priest.

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Reno, Grand Secretary.
New Hampshire.

The 100th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons Hall, Concord, on Tuesday the 20th May, 1919. There was, of course, a centenary celebration, but that took place a little later.

At the regular Convocation, Grand High Priest Albert R. Junkins, who as Deputy and acting Grand High Priest presided at the Convocation of 1918, was again in the Grand East, and read an address appropriate to the occasion. His first reference naturally was to the fact that it was the 100th Annual Convocation to which he had the rare privilege of welcoming the Companions. He referred briefly to the war and the advent of peace, and then passed on to the notables who had died during the year. The most prominent was Joseph Emerson Knight, who was born at Hatfield, Mass., in 1851, and died at Exeter, New Hampshire, on the 19th October, 1918. He was Grand High Priest in 1914.

After a detailed account of his official acts, Grand High Priest Junkins announced that the special committee appointed in 1918 had arranged a programme for the celebration of the Centennial on the 10th June, 1919, the anniversary of the date of the organisation of Grand Chapter.

In referring to the condition of the Royal Craft in New Hampshire, the Grand High Priest said: "Capitular Masonry in New Hampshire was never in so flourishing a condition as at the present time. Our Chapters are holding special Convocations for the purpose of conferring degrees, and I am pleased to say that nearly all our candidates are young men. Although we have exalted a large number... yet, owing to death and other causes, our net gain is only 630." In June, 1918, a net gain of 31 was reported. A convenient summary in the report of the Committee on Chapters and Returns gives the number of Chapters on the roll in 1919 as 26; all making returns; membership, 4,692; exaltations, 187; deaths, 113.

The Treasurer's budget is not a large one, but there is a healthy surplus—$3,063.11.
The Report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Charles B. Spofford, P.G.H.P., and is printed at the end of the proceedings. It is prefaced by a very interesting history of the "Correspondence Report in New Hampshire." The beginning was a very small one, in 1826. The first detailed report was by Horace Chase, Grand Secretary, in 1847. From 1883 to 1905, inclusive the reports were written by "the eminent jurist Albert Scripture Wait, who gave to the work of review much Masonic as well as legal knowledge. His reports were scholarly, and were recognised throughout the entire Masonic world as beyond criticism." Wait's successor was the Rev. Josiah L. Seward, whose last two or three reports we had the privilege of perusing and admiring. Seward died in July, 1917, at the age of 72, and was succeeded by Comp. Spofford, who says of his predecessor: "His criticism was gentle but forceful, with authority to prove his statements." Forty-eight Grand Bodies are briefly reported upon by Comp. Spofford in his review of 1919. There is no word of Canada. Our proceedings of 1918 should have been before the reviewer—not of course those of 1919, for our meeting was postponed and was held practically at the same time as the New Hampshire Convocation.

The Centennial Celebration took the form of a special Convocation of Grand Chapter held on the 10th June, in the Freemasons Hall, Concord. There was an opening in ample form at 10.30 a.m.; a short address by M.E. Companion Arthur Charles Stewart, who had been elected Grand High Priest at the recent regular Convocation, followed; and then some degree-work by three of the constituent Chapters. In the evening there was a banquet, and an historical address was delivered by R.E. Companion Harry Morrison Cheney, Grand Secretary. A very clear and convincing account of the rise and progress of Royal Arch Masonry in New Hampshire was the result of much delving into the records by Companion Cheney. The beginning of Royal Arch Chapter life in New Hampshire was in 1807, when the warrant of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 1, of Hanover, was issued by Thomas S. Webb, of Boston, who was then General Grand King. The warrant was formally ap-
proved by the General Grand Chapter in 1816. At the organisation of the Grand Chapter in 1819, there were four Chapters in existence, including St. Andrew's. In 1830, the Grand Chapter permitted the removal of St. Andrew's Chapter to Lebanon, where it still flourishes as No. 1 on the roll. "Of the men of 1819 we may say that they built better than they knew. Let us hope that the men of 1919 are not spineless inheritors of their realised vision." These are the concluding words of a spirited and highly interesting historical sketch, by one who frankly confesses himself a "Masonic devotee."

Arthur Charles Stewart, Concord, Grand High Priest.
Harry Morrison Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey.

At the 63rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, held in the City of Trenton on the 14th May, 1919, the seat of the Deputy Grand High Priest was vacant. Death had in this instance invaded what is sometimes called the "official family" of Grand Chapter, and extinguished a shining light in Masonry. In the volume containing the proceedings of 1919 much is told about Louis A. Menegaux, who was elected Deputy Grand High Priest in May, 1918. He attended the session of the General Grand Chapter in Baltimore, in October, 1918, and before he returned to his home in West Hoboken was attacked by influenza, which developed into pneumonia. He died in his own house on the 16th October. He was a contracting plumber, and a man of rare sagacity and judgment—public-spirited, moreover, and highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens. He had not held high office in other branches of Masonry, but would certainly have been made Grand High Priest at this Convocation if he had lived. He was born in June, 1868, and so was only 50 years of age when death came to him.

John Besson Bertholf, who was Grand High Priest in 1898, died on the 29th July, 1918. He was born in 1851, in Monroe, New York; was for 30 years manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company's office in
Jersey City; upon retiring in 1909 he returned to his old home in Monroe, and was there buried, having died in a sanatorium at Goshen. He had a distinguished Masonic record, and until his health became impaired was a most useful member of Grand Chapter.

Andrew N. MacKinnon, Grand High Priest, presided at this Convocation. He welcomed a number of distinguished visitors, representing the Grand Chapters of New York, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The visitors made speeches in response to the welcome given them, and Grand High Priest Willard of New York said that it seemed to him that Masonry was at this time having new life put into it—an opinion shared by all.

The presiding Grand High Priest in his address said that the Capitular year just closing had been a most prosperous and successful one, notwithstanding the ravages of the dread influenza. On the 5th March, 1919, a dispensation had been granted to 20 Royal Arch Masons to form and hold a Chapter in the Forest Hill section of Newark, N.J., to be known as Branch Brook Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under dispensation. He recommended that a warrant be granted to this new Chapter, and that recommendation was concurred in by Grand Chapter.

This new Chapter being added to the roll, there are 44 Chapters in the Jurisdiction. All made returns and 39 were represented at this Convocation. There were 741 exaltations during the year, and 155 deaths. The total membership at the date of this Convocation was 9,358, and the net gain in a year 481. These figures are given in the report of Peter McGill, Grand Secretary. Edward Mills, Grand Treasurer, had in hand a cash surplus of $4,091.91; and the Grand Trustees reported investments of $5,500.

Henry S. Haines, P.G.H.P., Grand Lecturer and Chairman of several committees of Grand Chapter, presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence—a "fair treat." He is a delightful writer, quoting little, but bringing the recorded doings of other Grand Chapters before us in his own graceful words. He deals with 49 Grand Chapters and gives each serious and thoughtful attention. Canada's report of 1919 was of course not
available to him, and, as he had disposed of Canada for 1918 in his review of that year, there is no mention of our Grand Chapter at all. It is probable that both 1919 and 1920 will be upon his table when he begins his next review. The whole report so lends itself to quotation that we have difficulty in making a selection.

Writing about the Grand Chapter of New York, he is glad to notice the adoption of a resolution confining Chapters to the English language in their work, transactions, and records, and says that similar action has been taken in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey—apparently not in the Grand Chapter. He finds the New York Correspondence Report of Companion Newell, the successor of the lamented Marvin I. Greenwood, "a faithful transcript of the record of all the Jurisdictions whose transactions were revealed to him, with an almost complete and probably studied absence of personal comment." "Perhaps some of us," he adds, "might profitably take a lesson from him and thereby avoid the rebuffs which the more loquacious are apt to encounter, but it is probable that, heedless of such admonition, we shall still hobble on with our stumbling gait without carefully observing the pitfalls awaiting our careless steps."

Probably, however, the reviewer puts more of himself into his beginning and ending, call them by what names you will, and so we quote the quiet words with which the report opens and its apt conclusion:—

"With pleasing anticipation we again turn aside from the harassing cares of busy life, to roam through ambrosial groves of Masonic literature and lore, by the side of those whose companionship makes the path a pleasant one, and gives promise of a fuller comprehension and higher enjoyment of the matters which present themselves to view.

"Not all that we find will be new to us; but we realise that the great truths of Freemasonry, like the wonders of nature, lose none of their sublimity by frequent contemplation.

"In this faith we take up our work year after year with increased devotion, and with a more earnest hope that our humble ministry may awaken now and then a thought found worthy of a lodgment in some Masonic heart."
"A retrospect of the year now closed shows it to have been one of unusual activity in Capitular affairs, an unprecedented accession to the ranks of the Fraternity having been experienced.

"We believe that although not always, yet quite generally, this is an evidence of moral growth; for it must be clear that no thoughtful, conscientious man could assume the responsibilities imposed, and keep the covenants implied by the pledges given, without a sensible increase of strength in his moral and spiritual convictions.

"It seems to us that in many directions we discern a desire for higher Masonic education, which is essential to a proper appreciation of the lofty and beneficent purposes of our Institution, the want of which is exhibited in the relish for practices, happily disappearing, better befitting the Tall Cedars or the Shrine; and we regard with pride the revolution in this respect wrought in our own Jurisdiction by the more constant and systematic instruction, the closer inspection and the stricter discipline adopted and insisted upon by the Grand Chapter during the last decade.

"These favourable conditions are, however, not universal. Notwithstanding great professions of endeavour in some quarters to attain it, we observe upon closer analysis a regrettable remissness in these particulars, resulting naturally in a loss of vitality in many Chapters, and too frequently a surrender of the warrant; but we rejoice in the assurance that local apathy and indifference and even enmity cannot quench the fire that glows upon the altar of Freemasonry, whose majestic spirit will still irradiate the pathway of life, and with its earnest loving heart continue to provide philanthropic institutions, public charities, and benevolent associations which are the boast and the glory of the age.

"In its true character it assuages in a measure human sorrow, brightens its joys and gladdens the desponding spirit with reviving hope; and is ever seeking opportunity to tender its consolations of fraternal sympathy and love to those in need."

Richard C. Woodward, Bordentown, Grand High Priest.
Peter McGill, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.
New South Wales.

In 1918 we noticed the proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales at six Quarterly Convocations and a Special Convocation, ranging over the period from February, 1916, to July, 1917. We have had nothing since until recently, when we find upon our table the proceedings at the following Convocations: Quarterly of the 8th August, 1917; Quarterly of the 14th November, 1917; Quarterly of the 13th February, 1918; Quarterly of the 8th May, 1918; Quarterly of the 14th August, 1918; Special of the 28th October, 1918; and Quarterly of the 13th November, 1918. These Convocations were all held in the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh Street, Sydney, and were presided over by M.E. Comp. A. Chandler, Grand Z., who made an address on each occasion. There was also at each meeting a report from the Grand Committee of General Purposes and a report from the Grand Inspector of Workings.

We find the beginnings of the Grand Chapter of Queensland in a report of the Grand Committee of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales, made at the Convocation of August, 1917, recommending that the Grand First Principal of New South Wales "accede to the report of the R.A. Masons of Queensland, and grant warrants for Chapters in Queensland." This report was adopted.

At this August Convocation Comp. Chandler was re-elected Grand First Principal, and was re-installed at the November Convocation of that year. In his address on the latter occasion he said:—

"This installation meeting marks another mile-stone in the history of this Grand Chapter. For 27 years this Grand Chapter has pursued the even tenor of its way, and for 4 years I have had the distinguished honour of guiding its destinies."

He also said that during the past quarter 4 warrants had been issued for new Chapters in Queensland—he had dedicated these 4 Chapters and installed the principals in their respective chairs.
"It might," he continued, "at this juncture, be opportune to state a few facts in regard to our action in granting these warrants in our sister State. In the first place, Queensland, in regard to R.A. Masonry, is unoccupied territory, having no Grand Chapter of its own, but the principles of R.A. Masonry are dispensed by the District Grand Chapters of England and Scotland, with one Chapter . . . working under the Grand Chapter of Ireland. On that ground there can be no doubt as to the legality of our action. But the fact that weighed mostly with your Grand Committee was, that R.A. Masonry in Queensland is suffering in a very marked degree."

There was much more, including the announcement of the receipt of a protest from the Grand Chapter of England.

In New South Wales proper—leaving Queensland aside, as the subject of a very pretty controversy—Royal Arch Masonry, in the period covered by these Convocations, made great progress. New Chapters were dedicated and the membership of existing Chapters was increased.

At the Quarterly Convocation of August, 1918, M.E. Comp. S. Scott-Young was elected Grand First Principal.

The Special Convocation of the 28th October, 1918, was called for the purpose of considering an application for recognition from the newly-formed Grand Chapter of Queensland. The Grand Committee of General Purposes presented a report recommending that the request be granted and that representatives be exchanged. The report was unanimously adopted.

At the Quarterly Convocation of November, 1918, Grand First Principal Chandler "passed his sceptre to his successor after five years of active service."

"Five years ago," he said, "there were 18 Chapters working under our Constitution; since then 19 new charters have been issued and 963 certificates. These, with the visitations, have entailed no small amount of effort on Grand Chapter Officers, and I find that during that period I have travelled over 25,000 miles and installed over 300 Principals. This Grand Chapter is in
a very flourishing condition, the finances are sound, and the prospects are very bright.

"I have also to report that, on behalf of this Grand Chapter, I installed the Grand Principals of the newly-formed Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland."

The concluding words of the retiring Grand First Principal's address were impressive:—

"I have only the regret that that which was dear to my heart, viz., the bringing about of an amalgamation of the various Constitutions of R.A. Masonry in this territory did not take place. History shows that everything that was possible has been done, but possibly the time may come when there will be only the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales governing Royal Arch Masonry in this territory, and I trust it will be soon.

"Amongst all the Chapters under our Constitution a splendid spirit of Companionship exists. During the five years . . . no case of dispute has been referred to our Grand Committee, but the best of feeling permeates our Order:"

The new Grand First Principal and the other officers were duly installed.

There appear to be 34 active constituent Chapters. We do not find any record of the membership.

S. Scott-Young, Grand First Principal.

Alfred J. Burbidge, 32 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

New York.

Testimony to the close connection between the Grand Chapters of New York and Canada is not lacking in the printed proceedings of the latter Grand Chapter at its 122nd Annual Convocation, held in Albany on the 4th and 5th February, 1919, at the accustomed and historic place of meeting, the Masonic Temple, on the north-west corner of Maiden lane and Lodge Street. The presiding Grand High Priest, J. William Prouse, is our near neighbour, Buffalo being his home and the centre of his many Masonic activities. There was no delegation from
Canada at this Convocation, but the Grand High Priest in his address said that he had issued a commission to Frederick Weir Harcourt, of Toronto, to represent the Grand Chapter of New York near the Grand Chapter of Canada, in the room and stead of John Ross Robertson, deceased; and said also that on the 27th February, 1918, he had attended the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and as representative of the Grand Chapter of New York was given a most cordial welcome. "I wish you could know," he continued, "how much our neighbours across the border appreciate the close relationship which exists between their own Grand Chapter and ours. This was emphasised many times during their session by reference to the manner in which the Grand Chapter of New York conducted certain matters; and again, when others were being discussed, I was called upon to explain our methods. The visit to Canada had an added personal pleasure by reason of the fact that my acquaintance in the Grand Chapter of Canada is nearly as great as in my own." Another instance may be given. The Grand High Priest reminded the Companions that a year ago R.E. Companion William Nisbet Ponton, Grand Second Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, visited the Grand Chapter of New York as the official representative of the Canadian Grand Chapter, "and delivered an address that is still remembered for its eloquence and feeling. He had expected to visit us again this year, but the Grand High Priest had received a communication from Companion Ponton stating that he had just lost his wife." "I feel," said the Grand High Priest, "that, inasmuch as Colonel Ponton was our official guest one year ago, and had expected to have been our official guest to-day, it might not be out of place for the Grand Chapter to send him a telegram of condolence." The Grand Secretary was directed to send such a message. There is a further reference to Canada in a resolution anent the famous "Travelling Triangle," which was then in New York and was "soon to be returned to its final resting place in the St. Patrick Chapter, Toronto, Ontario." A special committee was appointed to represent the Grand Chapter in that ceremony. In the Correspondence Report, of which more anon, Canada is also "featured."
At this Convocation the representatives of 208 of the 212 constituent Chapters were present.

The chair of the Grand Scribe was vacant, owing to the presence in France, with the American Expeditionary Force, of R.E. Comp. Willard T. Chevalier, Major in the 11th regiment, U.S. Engineers. It was announced that Comp. Chevalier expected to arrive at home in a few weeks.

The Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New York and many other distinguished visitors not only from that State, but from New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, were received and enthusiastically welcomed: all of them were heard in response, and their words were taken down and transcribed in the proceedings.

What is termed "a personal incident" was an interesting departure from the set routine of Grand Chapter proceedings:

"The Grand High Priest: 'Companions, my heart is filled with pleasure and delight to think that I have in this Grand Chapter to-day my son. This is the first time he has ever seen his father as Grand High Priest. Harold, please stand up.' Companion Harold Prouse, in Naval uniform, stood up, and was received with a great outburst of applause."

In describing his reception in his "home city," the Grand High Priest said that the members of his own Chapter, Keystone, No. 163, expressed a desire to acknowledge the honour which had come to them; and, later on, all the Chapters in the district made it known that they wished to join in the celebration, "especially as never but once before had the City of Buffalo been honoured by having a Grand High Priest, and that was 40 years ago." At this celebration, distinguished Companions from Canada were again to the fore.

Referring to the 37th Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Baltimore on the 2nd and 3rd October, 1918, it was announced that Henry DeWitt Hamilton, a Past Grand High Priest of New York, had been unanimously chosen for the position of General Grand Principal Sojourner. This eminent Companion is now in the line of succession, and if he is then alive he may be General Grand High Priest in 1833.
In regard to "dormant Chapters" some wise words were said by the Most Excellent:—

"After much study and consideration, I have reached the conclusion that the question of dormant Chapters requires our earnest attention. While they are not numerous, yet there are some scattered throughout the State. In some cases, I have given these Chapters my personal attention, and have called together the Council Officers and Past High Priests and put the question squarely before them. I have suggested that, unless some remedy were found, either by putting new life into the Chapter or by removing it to some better field, it would be better to surrender the charter, because I firmly believe that a Chapter which is practically dead is a detriment to Royal Arch Masonry.

"I have found that Brethren who were possible candidates for our degrees have reached the conclusion that, because the Chapter in their vicinity showed no signs of activity, Capitular Masonry did not possess anything worthy of their time and attention. This condition of things should be changed if possible."

The report of the Grand Secretary, M.E. Companion Charles C. Hunt, was an interesting one. Returns had been received from all the 212 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation, and all had paid their dues. The total membership on the 27th December, 1918, was 44,491; net increase in a year, 965. There were 2,429 exaltations, but there were many deaths also. "The fatal effects of the epidemic of influenza and the war conditions are apparent in these figures. Not only is the number of exaltations and the net increase in membership materially reduced, but the largest number of deaths ever recorded, 886, is reported. The largest number of deaths previously recorded was 668 in 1916."

The finances of the Grand Chapter are more than healthy. A fund of $100,000 is invested, and the cash balance on hand at the end of 1918 was more than $55,000.

The Grand Chapter unanimously resolved "that every Chapter in this Jurisdiction shall transact all its business, keep its records, and perform all ritualistic work, in the English language. Failure to comply with
this resolution shall be sufficient cause for the arrest and forfeiture of the charter of the offending Chapter.”
A significant declaration.

The Right Excellent and Reverend Companion Pierre Cushing, Grand Chaplain, delivered an inspiring address on the theme “The Sprig of Acacia,” to which the Companions listened with interest and demonstrations of approval. The address is printed in an appendix to the proceedings.

The number of Companions who died during the year was, as has been said, abnormally large. The roll of Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests had not, however, been invaded. One of the honoured dead was selected for special mention—Ex. Comp. William Graf, Past High Priest of Hudson Chapter, No. 6, who died in France, in the service of his country, on the 29th November, 1918—whether of wounds received in battle or of sickness, the record did not state. “In either case,” said the memorialist (Comp. Cushing aforesaid), “he died in the service of his country and died for his country—for Democracy, that it might live; and, as Masonry in its essence is Democracy, he died for Masonry.” A fine tribute!

We trust that our (possible) readers will find these details of and extracts from the proceedings as interesting as we deem them.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was prepared and submitted by an illustrious Royal Craftsman, George A. Newell, and is printed as an appendix to the proceedings. He comes fresh to the work, the successor of the lamented Greenwood, and introduces himself, with becoming modesty, thus:—

“In presenting the Report on Foreign Correspondence, covering the Proceedings of Grand Chapters received during the year 1918, your Committee feel a great degree of hesitancy.

“We are aware that in any circumstances it is not an easy task to prepare a report to meet the expectations and taste of every Companion.

“When we are called upon to follow M.E. Comp. Marvin I. Greenwood and to take up the task he so suddenly laid down, we hesitate indeed.
"Companion Greenwood was well fitted in every way to prepare these reports. His great love for Freemasonry, his particular delight in Royal Arch Masonry, his talent for correct writing, his gentlemanly manner in treating his co-workers of sister Jurisdictions, his erudition in both civil and Masonic law, all conduced to the preparation of an excellent report.

"Yet, the task having been assigned to us, we have prepared and now present our report. Aware that the method and style used by Companion Greenwood have been approved by the Grand Chapter, we have, so far as possible, continued the same method, trusting that our report may in some small degree meet with your approval."

He then reviews, very much in the style of this report, for which we can claim no originality, being quite content to follow the illustrious Greenwood and our own Bennett, the proceedings of 55 Grand Bodies—Canada (1918) being one—and winds up with "a few remarks in conclusion:"

"In the foregoing pages we have written of the salient features found in the proceedings of the 55 Grand Chapters coming to our attention. From such proceedings we learn that peace and harmony prevail in and among the Grand Chapters, Scotland being the only exception, and we hope that time, patience, and perseverance will bring about a renewal of fraternal intercourse with that Grand Chapter.

"In the addresses of all the Grand High Priests are found expressions of fervent patriotism and devotion to country; and, as proof of loyalty, large investments in Liberty bonds and donations to the Red Cross and other war activities have been made by all the Grand Chapters.

"We find that the financial condition of the several Grand Chapters is very good, many having large invested funds.

"Notwithstanding war and the continued calls made upon every citizen for support of government and all measures of relief, every Grand Chapter, with the exception of those of the District of Columbia and New Brunswick, shows a net gain in membership."
"The war now having ended, Royal Arch Masonry ought to receive greater attention the coming year. "With this brief résumé, our report is committed to your kind consideration."

Percy W. Willard, 239 Columbus Avenue, New York, Grand High Priest.

Charles C. Hunt, Masonic Hall, New York, Grand Secretary.

North Carolina.

A word of apology from the printer accompanies the little volume containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina for 1918. The printer desires that the Grand Secretary shall not be blamed for the late appearance of the volume. A period of more than a year and a half has elapsed since the Convocation of 1918 was held, on the 7th and 8th May, in the City of Southern Pines. We cannot say just when this 1918 volume was got out; at the time of writing, we have heard nothing of the 1919 volume, though it may come to hand before our review is closed.

Grand High Priest O. W. Spenceer presided at this Convocation. His address was of unusual brevity. He spoke of the war of course—the world was then aflame with war. And he spoke of a great North Carolina Mason who had died full of years and honours—Past Grand High Priest John Nichols, who was born in 1834, was Grand High Priest in 1871 and 1872, and died on the 28th September, 1917. Nichols was at first a printer, afterwards an editor, later held public office as Postmaster of Raleigh, later still a Congressman for one term, after which he was appointed United States Commissioner, and held that office until his death.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed that two Chapters had surrendered their charters during the year, and no new ones had been chartered, though there are good prospects in that regard. The Chapters accordingly number only 51, but the membership increased during the year from 4,187 to 4,485—net gain, 298. The number of exaltations, 386, was unusually large.
On the second day of the Convocation, a distinguished visitor was introduced, General Grand High Priest George E. Corson, who was enthusiastically received and who made a patriotic and eloquent address, set out in full in the proceedings.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is by a new hand—our old friend Leon Cash could not be induced to continue the work which he did so well. His successor pays a tribute to him as "an experienced teacher and student, an enthusiastic Mason, a most jovial and lovable companion, always overflowing with goodwill, wit and humour—modest, gentle, and withal genial in his ways."

The new reviewer, W. B. McKoy, writes well, but he covers only 24 Grand Chapters, Canada (1917) being one. We shall look forward to a longer report from him next time. He is at least a promising recruit.

J. F. Rhem, Newbern, Grand High Priest.
John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota.

Notwithstanding a solemn declaration that his year of office had been an uneventful one, M.E. Comp. G. Roy Ringo, Grand High Priest, 1918-19, had some interesting things to say in opening the 30th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, in Grand Forks, on the 18th June, 1919. The proceedings are carefully minuted and well printed, and are prefaced by a portrait and brief biography of the presiding officer. G. Roy Ringo was born in Nebraska in 1878, and is a young man as Grand Rulers go. He studied medicine in the University of Illinois, and after graduation practised for some time in Chicago. He moved to Minot, North Dakota, in 1907, and has been a successful physician and surgeon there ever since. His Masonic career began early, but he has not held high office in Masonic bodies other than the Grand Chapter. In 1911 he was appointed Grand Sentinel, and has gone up steadily; his election as Grand High Priest in 1918 was unanimous. "Companion Ringo," says the Grand Sec-
rotary, "is in the prime of a vigorous manhood and possessed of fine professional skill and experience. He is capable of rendering large service for many years to come."

At the evening session with which the Convocation began there was, it is said, a fine representation of all Chapters in the Jurisdiction. This was the first time in a number of years that all the Chapters had been represented—and it augured well for the interest taken in Capitular Masonry.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, said that there had been three important events during his tenure of office which had had a vital influence upon Capitular Masonry—the signing of the armistice and cessation of the war, the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, and the death of Past Grand High Priest Sylvester J. Hill.

It was a time, he said, of financial conservatism and social impairment—not a prosperous time for Capitular Masonry. The cessation of the war did not immediately restore the old order of things, and only now was a normal basis in Chapter work being reached.

The Grand High Priest, with others, represented his Grand Chapter at the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in Baltimore in October, 1918. He was impressed with the fact that "most of its active members are very old men with snow-white hair." He referred also to the Constitution and By-law of the General Grand Chapter and the Ritual of Royal Arch Masonry adopted by that body. He strongly recommended its adoption in North Dakota, and his wish was gratified, for a resolution in favour of adoption was put and carried by a substantial majority in Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest referred to the influence upon Capitular Masonry in North Dakota of M.E. Comp. Sylvester J. Hill as nothing less than tremendous. For years he had moulded the policy of this Grand Body. He was born in New York State in 1846, was Grand High Priest in 1894-95, and died on the 1st March, 1919.

Something said by the Grand High Priests about visits, or "visitations," as he calls them, strikes us as peculiar. We mean that it is strange that the presence
of the Grand High Priest should not be eagerly sought by at least half of the Chapters. Let the Most Excellent speak:—

"In reviewing the addresses of the various Grand High Priests of North Dakota, I am impressed by the unanimous tendency to apologise for infrequency of visitations. It would seem, therefore, that the Grand High Priest should visit more than has been the custom. Why is this not done? I do not believe any one could pass through the chairs of a Grand Chapter and not enjoy the courtesies that are always extended to the state officers of an organisation, when visiting its constituent bodies. Personally, I have been willing and anxious to visit the various Chapters, and have had an abundance of time for doing so. In spite of this, I have not made a single official visit. I have received no special invitation to visit any Chapter and learned of no official business calling me to any particular Chapter."

The Grand Treasurer, R.E. Comp. Harry Lord, accounted for a good round sum in receipts and showed a balance on hand of $7,714.81.

The Grand Secretary, R. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, said that the year just closed had been unusual. Little or nothing was done in Capitular Masonry until after the new year 1919, but since then there had been, in all but two or three Chapters, a tremendous revival of interest.

Statistics: 24 constituent Chapters; 247 exaltations; 61 deaths; present membership, 3,271; net gain in a year, 161.

By resolution it was decided that the time of the Annual Convocation should be changed. The day of opening for the future is to be the Tuesday before the third Thursday of January in each year.

Turning to the Appendix of the book of proceedings, we find the "Report of Fraternal Correspondence" by Past Grand High Priest E. George Guthrie, of Fargo—his 5th annual epistle to the elect. By way of introduction he makes some shrewd remarks which we quote in full, as being of general application:—

"There seem to be a few, a very few, correspondents who feel that an extended review is a useless task, of
no good to any one, so they treat the subject in an unbalanced discourse, which is designated as in topical form, touching on things that appeal to their ideas of usefulness in Capitular life; they generally are not appointed to the duties a second time, or else they decline the appointment. The reason advanced by those that advocate that method is not very largely endorsed, as is evident by the greater number of Jurisdictions that approve of the more extended synopsis of the doings of other Grand Chapters.

"A great leniency in granting special hurry-up dispensations has developed during the past two years, in order to expedite the conferring the degrees to those who were called to the Colours, enabling the boys to acquire additional light, thereby strengthening their hold on the fundamentals of Masonry; that will, no doubt, soon disappear; and the by-laws will again be the only chart to steer the Craft by, now that the pressing demand for rapidity of action has passed. A normal condition of things will soon be manifest; the litheness of the Constitution will not be so severely tested; the precedents established will be deleted, giving way to sounder judgment; then the excusable display of sentiment that has shattered all pretensions of dignified resolution will be history."

He then proceeds with his review, and gives the first place to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in October, 1918. Referring to the revision of the Constitution and By-laws, he said:—

"In the revision it is intended to hold the General Grand Convocations biennially instead of triennially. It is also intended that the power of the General Grand Chapter shall be extended, that it shall be clothed, as a matter of fact, with powers that it never had or never exercised, as you may read:—

"This General Grand Chapter shall have and possess such powers as are conferred by its Constitution and Laws, and such further and other powers as are indispensably necessary to properly preserve, promote, and perpetuate Capitular Masonry within its jurisdiction. It can exercise no doubtful powers, and all powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand Chapters."
'The new constitution takes upon itself the power to admonish or instruct Grand Chapters and to act as arbitrator between Grand Chapters in any matters of controversy. These powers and all others taken in this report which we have the honour to present to you, are necessary to the maintenance of the dignity and authority of this General Grand Body.'

Forty-seven other Grand Chapters are then noticed and their proceedings reviewed. Canada (1919) could not have been included, as its session was almost concurrent with that of North Dakota; and Canada (1918) was reviewed in 1918.

Companion Guthrie, who has only one year's advantage of the present writer (or compiler) in length of service, is getting well into his stride, and holding his own with the best.

A. M. Christianson, Bismarck, Grand High Priest.
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

**Nova Scotia.**

The proceedings of 1918 are quite interesting, and we hope to have those of 1919, which should be still more interesting, before our record is closed.

The 49th Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held in Halifax on the 11th June, 1918, while the world was still at war; and the first note of Grand High Priest Joseph Robert Bennett’s address was, naturally, the difficulty of the situation created by a war which had then been raging for four years.

He next alluded to "the terrible calamity which befell the City of Halifax on the 6th December, 1917." "The Masonic Fraternity, as usual," he said, "was foremost in coming to our relief;" and he gratefully acknowledged contributions made by the Grand Chapter of Canada and by Evanstown Chapter, Illinois, specially for the relief of Royal Arch Masons and their dependents. Two Halifax Companions, Thomas Spruce and Adam Burgess, lost their lives in the disaster, whilst many suffered great losses in their dwellings and effects.
The losses by death during the year numbered 35. The most distinguished of the departed Royal Craftsmen was Luther Bracette Archibald, who was born in Truro, Nova Scotia, in 1849, and spent nearly the whole of his life there. He was Grand High Priest in 1897, and held high office in the other Masonic Bodies in his native Province. He died on the 16th February, 1918.

This Grand Chapter has jurisdiction over not only the Province of Nova Scotia but the Province of Prince Edward Island and the Colony of Newfoundland also. In the annual proceedings hitherto reviewed we have always found a report from R.E. Comp. William A. Ellis, representative in Newfoundland of the Grand High Priest. There is apparently only one Chapter—Shannon, No. 9, in Newfoundland; and of it Comp. Ellis, in his return for 1918, reports favourably.

Grand Chapter is some day to meet in St. John's, Newfoundland; but, although the aforesaid William A. Ellis was at this Convocation elected Grand High Priest for 1918-19, we note that the place of meeting for 1919 was to be Truro, not St. John's.

S. J. Waddell, P.G.H.P., is Grand Secretary. He had been ill during a large part of the year, and was assisted in his office work by a Royal Craftsman of Truro, E. Comp. Brenton F. Porter, who at this Convocation received an appointment as Assistant Grand Secretary, and may now be styled Very Excellent.

Companion Waddell, in his report, spoke thus of the 17 constituent Chapters of the Grand Jurisdiction: 12 have increased, 2 have decreased, and 3 have remained stationary; there were 117 exaltations during the year; the present membership is 1,688, the net gain in a year being 74. All Chapters have made returns, and all but one have paid full dues for the year.

In closing his report, the Grand Secretary called attention to the fact that 1919 was the Grand Chapter's Jubilee year. A special committee was appointed to make arrangements for the proper celebration of the event—we look forward to the report of 1919.

The preparation of the Report on Foreign Correspondence was entrusted to a committee composed of three Past Grand High Priests—Samuel J. Waddell,
Malcolm McF. Hall, and Donald D. Fraser. The report was to cover the years 1916 and 1917. Owing to Companion Waddell's severe and protracted illness, his contribution was but a small one. Companion Hall was also hindered from doing his share of the work. So the Assistant Grand Secretary was recruited, and made a good contribution. The scheme of the report is perhaps unusual. Taking the Grand Chapters alphabetically, those from Alabama to Kansas were allotted to Comp. Fraser for review, and he reports separately as to these, saying that he has gone over the proceedings of Alabama, Alberta, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Canada, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Idaho, and Kansas—all for the years 1916 and 1917, with the exception of Canada and Connecticut, which were only for 1916. Even 1917 is now rather ancient history, and we observe that the reviewer is still concerned about the Canada-Alberta conflict, now happily almost forgotten. Companion Fraser tells us that he began in the orthodox fashion, giving detailed information about each Grand Chapter, but ended by casting aside his work, and preparing what has been called a "topical review" more California. That is the final form in which his report is cast, and there is much to be said in favour of it. The reviewer is not without a sense of humour, and in fact has produced a very readable report—something in the style of a magazine article, a thing which we are very far from disparaging. He seems to be—as we are—much impressed with Roe Fulkerson, the famous reviewer of the District of Columbia Grand Chapter. We have quoted other characterisations of Fulkerson, and we must give Companion Fraser's. He says that Fulkerson "can keep you awake with sheer nonsense." He also knows something more about Fulkerson's avocations—taking his vocation to be the writing of correspondence reports—than we do, as witness this paragraph:—

"We had been reading Fulkerson for some time in a trading house journal that boosts salt sales, and never dreamed that he was a Masonic booster and enthusiast until the District of Columbia report uncovered him. On his account, we are taking an added pinch of salt
now, but the general prohibition which he good-naturedly deplores is against it becoming a general practice."

The remaining Grand Chapters, from Kentucky to Wyoming inclusive, were apparently assigned to the other two members of the committee. Each of these Grand Chapters is reviewed separately in the good old-fashioned way, and we find at the end of most of the reviews the initials "B.F.P.," indicating that they are the work of Assistant Secretary Porter—very good and conscientious work it is.

Thus far had we written in November, 1919; and the ink was scarcely dry when another goodly red volume from Nova Scotia reached our sanctum. It was of course the expected book of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia in 1919. The Grand Chapter was convened—in New Glasgow, not in Truro as was at first arranged—on the 10th June, 1919.

After the formal opening, Grand High Priest William A. Ellis, to quote the record before us, "brought to the attention of the Companions assembled the fact that we were at this Grand Convocation completing the 50th year of work since our organisation as a Supreme Grand Chapter; to the steady progress made during these 50 years, sometimes through discouragements, but often, as to-day, looking forward to a bright future.

"He also spoke sympathetically of those who had gone from this Grand Chapter to uphold, on the battlefields of the world, the honour of our flag and the grand principles enshrined in Masonry, of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and of the added pleasure we should have in celebrating our Semi-Centennial, that it would always be remembered as the year in which Peace came again to this war-weary world."  

In the formal address which he read, after a hymn of praise and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand High Priest, whose portrait shows him to be a comparatively young man, vigorous and stalwart, welcomed the assembled Companions "to this Grand Convocation, on the auspicious occasion of the Golden Jubilee or 50th Anniversary of this Grand Chapter," and referred to the place of meeting as "the great industrial centre of the Province of Nova Scotia."
In the report of the Board of General Purposes it is stated that "the sub-committee of the Semi-Contennial Jubilee Committee reported that they had carried out their instruction relative to the procuring of the medals which are to be distributed at this Grand Convocation." And in the report of the Assistant Grand Secretary it is said: "It seems fitting that this 50th anniversary year should be a banner year, having the largest number of exaltations in any one Chapter, the largest total of exaltations, and the largest net gain."

It is also stated in the minutes that the High Priest of Lebanon Chapter, New Glasgow, "extended" a cordial invitation to the officers, members, and visitors of the Grand Chapter to a banquet at the Norfolk House on the 10th June—the day of meeting.

There is a note at the end of the proceedings that "the banquet in the evening of the 10th June was largely attended and proved a most enjoyable function. The different Masonic Grand Bodies were duly toasted, and many good speeches were made—none of them being more enjoyed than those of M.E. Companion William A. Ellis, Past Grand High Priest, and M.E. Companion John C. MacKay, Grand High Priest, in response to the toast of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia."

We may perhaps take it that the main features of the celebration were the distribution of the medals and the banquet, but we are not so informed in any direct way.

The address of Grand High Priest Ellis was most interesting. He is evidently whole-heartedly devoted to the cause of the Royal Craft, and his modest narrative of his doings in his year of office is most impressive. He said that his official visits had afforded him one of the greatest pleasures of his Masonic life. He had visited all the subordinate Chapters, and he told in a simple hearty way what he had seen in each of them. One feels that his visits must have greatly helped the stability and growth of the Chapters. He was installed in June, 1918, visited his own Chapter, Shannon, St. John's Newfoundland, in August of that year; and on the 7th February, 1919, set out for Nova Scotia and Prince
Edward Island; he spent rather more than a month in systematic visiting, and in doing so travelled more than 3,000 miles by rail and 1,500 by water.

It was with pleasure that he announced the formation of a new Chapter at North Sydney and the possibility in the near future of two new Chapters being organized in Newfoundland. The new Chapter at North Sydney—a appropriately styled "Victory Chapter"—received a warrant or charter at this Convocation.

Amid general rejoicings in the attainment of the respectable age of half a century and in the increased and increasing prosperity of the Grand Chapter, there was a sad, a very sad, note. The Grand High Priest referred to our most worthy and well-beloved Most Excellent Companion Samuel James Waddell, the Grand Secretary of this M.E. Grand Chapter for the past thirteen years. On the 10th April, 1919, he passed through the inner veil. To know him intimately was to love him, for his purity of heart, his great integrity of purpose, his kind consideration for others, and his sense of right, justice, and honour.

Samuel James Waddell was born in 1847, in Truro, Nova Scotia, where he died on the 10th April, 1919. He was an active Mason, in several branches; was head of the Grand Chapter in 1903, and was elected Grand Secretary in 1906. At the time of his death he was Deputy Grand Collector of Inland Revenue at Truro.

The energetic Assistant Grand Secretary, Brenton F. Porter, was elected Grand Secretary at this Convocation. His report for the year preceding this Convocation was an encouraging one. A new Chapter had been added to the roll; returns had been received from all the Chapters; there were 171 exaltations during the year; a present aggregate membership of 1,809; and a net gain of 121 for the year. Four Chapters had each had more than 20 exaltations—the largest number exalted in one Chapter was 41.

Not satisfied with his good year's work as Assistant Grand Secretary, Companion Porter undertook also the preparation of the Report of Foreign Correspondence, with some assistance, gratefully acknowledged, from Past Grand High Priest John Hay. The work of 56
Grand Chapters is reviewed carefully and conscientiously. Canada (1918) receives appreciative attention. Our Convocation of 1919 was held at the same time as Nova Scotia's.

He concluded his report with a valuable "appreciation" of his predecessors in the office of reviewer. This we quote in full:

"In concluding this review we would place a wreath of appreciation on its pages to the work done by the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, who for so many years wrought in the quarries, and brought forth work fit to pass the test of the Overseer's square."

"This committee, consisting of M.E. Companions, Black, Bingay, and Waddell, commenced their work as a committee of three members in 1908, although all of them had worked for several years previously as members of a larger committee—Companion Bingay commenced correspondence reviewing in 1899, the other two a few years later.

"These men gave not only of their knowledge and ability, but took the time to do 'good work, true work, and square work,' which was appreciated by all who took the benefit to be obtained in following their reports.

"Companion Black was the first whose place on the committee became vacant, when, in May, 1917, he passed within the great white veil. He was well versed in Masonic law, and his love for Masonry was manifest in all his work.

"After Companion Black's death, Companion Bingay, whose fearless attitude and thoughtful judgment won for him the respect of his fellow-correspondents as well as that of his Companions at home, retired from the work, thus leaving Companion Waddell as the last one of the original committee. Not unexpectedly, in April of 1919, M.E. Companion Waddell laid down his working tools and entered into rest.

"A veteran correspondent in Kansas recently remarked, 'Poets may be born, not made, but the converse is almost invariably true concerning those whom we call correspondents,' and, while firmly agreeing with him, we would say of Companion Waddell that he seemed to have a natural talent for reviewing, which
many years of experience perfected. A conservative critic, he deplored haste in things Masonic and innovations in ritual, and placed himself always on the side of those who stood for adherence to the laws of Capitular Masonry. His ability as a correspondent was frequently attested to by those who laboured in the same work, nor was he left without approbation from the companions at home.

"The influence of these Companions in their work for Capitular Masonry will long remain with the Companions of this Jurisdiction."

As Canadians we in the west may well take pride in the progress and high standing of the smaller Grand Chapters in the east. The perusal and consideration of these Nova Scotia volumes has afforded us profit and pleasure to an unusual degree.

John C. MacKay, Sydney, Grand High Priest.
Brenton F. Porter, Truro, Grand Secretary.

Oklahoma.

Jabez Holmes Mann, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma for 1918–19, was born near Halifax, England, in 1855. He came, with his parents, to America, in 1858, and settled in McAlester, Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, in 1888. Since 1890 he has been very active in Masonic circles in the State. "Through merit and service alone," we read in a brief sketch of his life, which with a portrait prefaces the volume of proceedings for 1919, "Companion Mann has filled practically every station in the various constituent bodies of Indian Territory or Oklahoma. . . . His occupation is that of locomotive engineer, and as such he has been in the service of the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railway Company since 1886, and has the distinction of serving this long period without a complaint or grievance having been filed against him—an honour and distinction of which few can boast."

The Grand Chapter was convened in the Masonic Hall, McAlester, on the 15th April, 1919, and was in session upon that and the following day. The first half
of the first day was devoted to greetings from the Companions of Union Chapter, McAlester, and responses to the hearty welcoming words which were said. It was in McAlester, in 1889, that the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory was organised, and so the 30th Annual Convocation was, as one of the speakers said, an appropriate occasion and the birthplace of the Grand Chapter a most appropriate place “for us to renew our faith” in the sublime principles of Freemasonry.

The address of Grand High Priest Mann was full of feeling. He announced with sorrow the death of George Henry Bruce, of Ardmore, who was Grand High Priest in 1897. He was born in Vermont in 1841, and died in Ardmore, on the 20th March, 1919.

The condition of the Royal Craft in Oklahoma was stated to be highly satisfactory. The charter of one Chapter, whose situation was perhaps unique, was surrendered, and there were two consolidations—all well advised, but, on the other hand, a dispensation for a new Chapter was issued during the year, and it was chartered at this Convocation.

The Grand Treasurer's returns showed a handsome surplus and some sound investments.

The Grand Secretary reported a prosperous year. There are 70 active Chapters; 66 made returns, showing an aggregate net gain of 428; the gains were local rather than general; 8 Chapters reported aggregate gains of 293; 37 reported gains of 137; 18 reported losses; and 3 remained at a standstill; the total membership on the 31st December, 1918, was 6,784.

Two events of interest in the first day's session are recorded:

“Companion Barrowman entertained the Grand Chapter with some Scottish songs, which were thoroughly enjoyed.”

“Companion Matlock, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Alabama, was introduced and received with the Grand Honours and welcomed by Grand High Priest Mann.”

Companion William Noble is the author of an excellent report on Correspondence. The doings of 15 Grand Bodies are quite fully reviewed—Canada (1918) is one.
Companion Noble's "Conclusion," which explains his position as an entered apprentice in the reviewers' craft, is worth quoting in full:

"This is our first review. We did the best that we could. We hope that our feeble efforts please you. I know that I cannot equal the gifted Bennett, or approach anywhere near my predecessors, who are past masters and the peers of any now sitting, or who have sat, at the Round Table.

"This may be my last review. I know not, as I was not an applicant for original appointment and not a candidate for re-appointment.

"I find that Capitular Masonry is holding its own throughout the Masonic world, and that practically all of the Grand Chapters report an increase in membership, notwithstanding the awful war and its far-reaching effect on all Masonic bodies; but, with news that we are nearing peace, I believe that reconstruction will in the end benefit our Royal Order and that Royal Arch Masonry will grow by leaps and bounds.

"Having reached the end of our journey, and having reviewed all proceedings received by us, we offer one and all, individually and collectively, our very best wishes for peace and happiness."

We note that Companion Noble is the chosen Committee for 1919-1920.

John Angus Gillis, Frederick, Grand High Priest.

James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.

Oregon.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Oregon in 1919 were scarcely as interesting—at least to the outside reader—as those of 1918; and yet the tale is one of continued endeavour and substantial progress.

The Grand Chapter met in the Masonic Temple, Portland, on the 9th June, 1919.

The printed proceedings are prefaced by a portrait of Max Bollack, the presiding Grand High Priest, and a short biography which, for its intrinsic value, we quote in full:
"Companion Max Bollack was born February 23, 1856, in France, and resided in Paris until 1875, when he came to the United States.

"In 1876 he arrived in Oregon, where he has since resided. He was made a Master Mason January 18, 1896, in Multnomah Lodge, No. 1, in Oregon City; exalted a Royal Arch Mason November 16, 1896; in Clackamas Chapter, No. 2, in Oregon City; elected Grand High Priest June 10, 1918.

"Companion Bollack was in Paris during the war of 1870-71, and the terrible times of the siege—his father, the late Daniel Bollack, doing his duty in the National Guard. He also witnessed the great Civil War (Commune) which ended in such fearful destruction.

"Companion Bollack's only son, Edmund Carl Bollack, who, at the beginning of the great allied war, enlisted in the United States Marines, was killed in action, April, 1918, giving his life to uphold the principles of his father's native country, France, and adopted country, the United States of America."

At the opening of the Convocation, a distinguished visitor, W. Irving Latimer, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, was welcomed and took his seat in the Grand East.

In his address Grand High Priest Bollack said that he was unable to be present at the regular Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, in Baltimore, October, 1918. He had appointed Companion Ralph D. Robinson to represent the Grand Council of Oregon, and that eminent Mason had made a report, which the Grand High Priest read. For a special reason, the Triennial Convocation was of great interest in Oregon, and that is disclosed in Companion Robinson's report, from which we quote:—

"The subject of granting to Oregon a charter from the General Grand Chapter was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, who took the stand that Oregon needed only such authority as was originally granted the Grand Chapter when placed under dispensation; and, as such authority gave full power, it was needless to ask for further warrant. This was upheld by the General Grand Chapter. It is a notable fact that this
Grand Jurisdiction still is the only Grand Jurisdiction that acknowledges the supreme authority of the General Grand Chapter; but, in the opinion of your representative, to the Convocation, this fact is of no direct or indirect benefit; and, until each Grand Jurisdiction adopts as a basis or acknowledges the constitution as before them, it can confer no right or grant powers other than the individual Grand Jurisdiction sees fit at its will and pleasure to accept.”

It was gratifying to hear from the Grand High Priest that “the Craft is holding its own and harmony prevails.”

Death had, however, been busy in the ranks: 88 deaths were reported during the year; among the departed were the ruling Grand King, T.M. Baldwin, who died on the 14th January, 1919, and Past Grand High Priest S. S. Spencer, who died on the 15th July, 1918.

The report of Grand Treasurer David P. Mason showed a cash balance or surplus of $3,127.22, and invested funds amounting to $16,500.

Two new Chapters were set to work under regular charters during the year.

The Grand Secretary, James F. Robinson, reported 37 Chapters in the Jurisdiction—all making annual returns; 248 exaltations in 1918; total membership 4,499; net gain during the year, 120.

An eloquent address was given by the Grand Orator, Companion W. H. Hollis, on war, peace, reconstruction, and Freemasonry.

“We are of the opinion that a candidate who, by the use of an artificial limb, can give the grips and signs, is eligible for the Capitular degrees.” This sensible opinion is expressed in the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which, we are glad to see, was adopted by Grand Chapter.

At the last Convocation, Ex. Comp. A. H. Steiner, of Salem, was appointed the Grand Chapter’s Committee on Correspondence. He presented a report in which he said that he had been ill during a part of the year and had during the rest been burdened with the ever-increasing work of a State Department, and so had been unable to prepare the report, but he hoped to have it
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ready in time to be printed with the proceedings. In a note of later date, the Grand Secretary stated that he had been informed by Companion A. H. Steiner that he would be unable to have his review completed in time for the issue of the volume, and "thought it best to defer the report until next year."

J. H. Richmond, Portland, Grand High Priest.
James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania.

"Not like other Grand Chapters" might be written over the portals of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. It is like our own in that it follows the custom of electing its presiding officer for two years in succession. But he is called Grand High Priest and not Grand First Principal. That is in accord with the practice of the General Grand Chapter and all the Grand Chapters of the United States. Quarterly communications are held, as in England, Scotland, and Ireland. So Pennsylvania has points of resemblance to many Grand Chapters, while it is not exactly like any one.

The volume before us—"Proceedings of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto Belonging for the Year ending December 27, 1918, being its 123rd Year,"—is not a very large one, but contains a good deal that is both interesting and important. We have the "Quarterlies," held on the 7th March, the 6th June, the 5th September, and the 5th December, at all of which we find Thomas McConnell jun., the Grand High Priest of 1917, re-elected for 1918, presiding.

These meetings are for the transaction of business, largely financial; but there is room and opportunity for amenities. At the first one, we read that "the Most Excellent Grand Secretary was directed to convey by telegram to M. E. Companion Meredith, confined in the hospital at Pittsburgh, the fraternal greetings of Grand Chapter and the hope for his speedy recovery in health." Companion Meredith did recover, for we find him present at the June Quarterly, whereat "the
Most Excellent Grand High Priest touchingly referred to the illness of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, Companion Edward B. Spencer, Past Grand High Priest, and expressed regret at his inability to be present.” Companion Spencer was not present at the subsequent Quarterlies, and at the December Quarterly the Grand Chapter received a communication from him, stating that on account of advanced years and poor health he declined re-election as Grand Treasurer. The elections were then held, and David J. Davis was chosen Grand High Priest for 1919, and Thomas McConnell jun., the retiring Grand High Priest, Grand Treasurer. The installation of these and other Grand Officers took place at the Annual Communication, held on St. John’s Day, the 27th December, 1918, at the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, where also the Quarterlies were held.

We must not omit a reference to an unusual and perhaps unique meeting of Grand Chapter, held in the same Masonic Temple on the 17th November, 1918, and styled an “Emergency Communication.” The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 2.30 p.m., and was then “called off” for the purpose of conferring the Capitular degrees upon Brother Thomas McConnell the third, a son of the Grand High Priest. A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason conferred upon the candidate; this was followed by similar proceedings in a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters. When this was closed, the Grand Chapter was “called on” and Brother Thomas McConnell the third was exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch, by the Grand High Priest, assisted by the Grand Officers. We read further that “addresses were made, felicitating the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and his son (the candidate) upon the occasion, also complimenting the Grand Officers upon the very high character of the work done.” Nothing is said about refreshments, but we infer that some physical sustenance was provided—the record says that the Grand Chapter was closed in peace at 9.10 p.m.

At the Annual Grand Communication on St. John’s Day, there were two addresses—one by the outgoing
Grand High Priest, the other by the incoming one, after his installation.

The address of Grand High Priest McConnell contained these paragraphs, expressing in happy language a policy which may be commended to all Grand Chapters:

“There has been more than the usual activity in our work during the year, and when the figures are made up no doubt they will show a greater increase in Chapter membership in the jurisdiction than any previous year, but no new Chapters have been constituted, and there have been no requests for warrants. Under the circumstances, perhaps, there may be some evidence that the field is fairly well covered—up to the needs of the present, at least.

“While there is always a willingness to grant new warrants where circumstances indicate the propriety of so doing, it is nevertheless more desirable to allow new growth to strengthen and stimulate interest in the Chapters already existing rather than create new Chapters, if there is any doubt of their being required to cover the territory properly.”

We learn from the Grand High Priest’s address that the circumstances in which his son was exalted, as above described, were even more remarkable than they appeared to be from the narrative in the minutes of the Emergency Communication. The candidate was just 21 years, 2 months, and 27 days old when the Chapter degrees were conferred, probably the youngest Royal Arch Mason ever made in Pennsylvania—or perhaps anywhere. He was a student in Haverford College, enlisted in the United States Navy. In view of the probability of his going abroad, and his father's desire that he should receive the Royal Arch degree at his father’s hands while that father was Grand High Priest, and before going away, he was allowed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be made a Mason in his presence, before he (the candidate) had attained the full age of 21 years. When the meeting of the 16th November, 1918, was arranged for, there was every indication that the war would continue for some time; but the armistice, happily, brought the
practical close on the 11th November. This was probably the first time that the degrees were ever conferred in the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Distinguished visitors, representing the Grand Chapters of New Jersey, Delaware, North Carolina, and New York were present at this Annual Communication.

We must give two more quotations from the address of Grand High Priest McConnell:

"Our Capitular Schools of Instruction at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh have continued during the year their labour of love for the benefit of Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania and the work throughout the Jurisdiction continues in a high condition of excellence and accuracy. The workers in these schools are entitled to the highest commendation."

"My two years as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter have been filled with earnest work in the Chapters, there has been no lack of activity, and yet, without a single incident, so far as I have known, to mar the peace and harmony usually prevalent in our Fraternity."

The address of M. E. Comp. David J. Davis, after his installation, was brief, but full of wisdom, strength, and beauty. "The real greatness of Freemasonry," he said, "is in its character and capacity for service."

From statistics given by the Grand Secretary we find that there are 144 subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 40,260—net gain in a year, 1,801.

The treasury is abundantly supplied.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence is also unusual in some respects. It begins with the statement that "the list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter, and to whom the reviews were assigned." Then follows a list of the names of 58 Grand Bodies; Alberta is not one of these. There are five members of the committee and the schedule shows the apportionment of the Grand Bodies among the five. The curious thing is that the reviews which follow are only 31 in number, and Alberta is one of the 31. The chairman of the Committee, Past Grand High Priest William B. Meredith, writes an excellent preface, and eleven of the reviews have his
initials appended to them. Canada (1918) is very fully and courteously noticed by him. He says that the whole 324 pages of the volume containing our proceedings are readable.

In regard to the frame of the report, there seems to have been some miscarriage, for the report ends abruptly with a review of South Carolina, and the Grand Chapters coming after it in alphabetical order are not noticed.

David J. Davis, 339 South Main Avenue, Scranton, Grand High Priest.

George B. Wells, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Quebec.

The annual volume from Quebec always receives a welcome when it reaches our table. There is an aristocracy of annual reports, and Quebec's report belongs to it. The volume is a slim one—167 pages in all. It has but a paper cover, a red paper cover, as is proper, but it deserves to be bound in calf, if not in morocco, for it is beautifully printed, on good paper—a model for all Grand Chapters. The excellent arrangement of the matter and the careful proof-reading are doubtless to be credited to William M. Couper, Grand Scribe E.

And yet the Grand Chapter is a small one. There are but 14 constituent Chapters, and the total membership on the 31st December, 1918, was only 1,971, though that was greater by 160 than the number at the corresponding date in 1917. Every Chapter, except one, received additions during the year; the excepted Chapter had a decrease of two in its membership, but has brighter prospects for 1919.

Most excellent Companion Richard S. Kinghorn, of Montreal, Grand First Principal, presided at the 42nd Annual Grand Convocation, held in the Masonic Temple, Montreal, on the 26th March, 1919. In his address, after a brief reference to the war and its quasitermination, he dwelt upon the peace and harmony which prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction and the
substantial progress that had been made. The number of exaltations was much larger than ever before, and the net gain more than double that of the past.

There had been 34 deaths of Quebec Royal Craftsmen during the year. The most eminent of those who had departed was Benjamin Tooke, who was Grand First Principal in 1898, and died on the 5th January, 1919; he was First Principal of Royal Albert Chapter, Montreal, in 1893. Intellect and bonhomie are well-marked in the features presented to us in a portrait of the deceased Companion. Some particulars of his Masonic career are given. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in 1899 and 1900. Of him it was said that "his long and active labours in every branch of Masonry and the important part played by him in connection with the erection of this Masonic Temple in which we meet will long be cherished by the Craft in this Jurisdiction."

The Grand Treasurer's report showed that the financial position was very good.

There are reports from the Grand Superintendents of the four districts into which the Grand Chapter's territory is divided; and there is a report of the Committee on the State of the Order. This Committee pointed out that there was still room for improvement in the matter of the increase in the number of Royal Arch Masons. There were in the Jurisdiction approximately 10,000 Master Masons, while there were less than 2,000 Royal Arch Masons. "We feel," the Committee said, "that a prudent effort may well be made to increase the number of admissions into Capitular Masonry; but, in making the suggestion, we would point out that the effort should be a general one, and should not be carried on in such a way as to make an abnormal increase in any one Chapter."

In the report of this Committee and in other parts of the proceedings there are references to the Paul Hanson Fund for the work amongst the returning soldiers and their families. This fund was apparently instituted by Montreal Companions—Lieut.-Col. Paul Hanson being himself a Companion of the Order.
The Grand Lecturer, R.E. Comp. J. I. Phillips, visited all the Chapters, gave instruction, and assisted in the work during the year.

The Report of Foreign Correspondence by M. E. Companion E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.Z., is, as usual, well worth reading. These reports, as the humorous Fulkerson says, are worth while when they are read, and are read when they are worth while. The gentle Quebec reviewer writes an interesting introduction, dealing with timely topics of value to Masons, and then gives short reviews of the proceedings of 45 Grand Chapters. In his report of 1918, he reviewed Canada's proceedings, of that year, at some length, and with appreciation. He now, not having our proceedings of 1919, because our Grand Chapter was late in meeting, again takes up our proceedings of 1918. This was probably by inadvertence; but it will be observed that there is no want of harmony between the two reviews.

Grand First Principal Kinghorn was re-elected—our methods are similar to those of Quebec.

Richard S. Kinghorn, Montreal, Grand Z.
William M. Couper, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

Rhode Island.

We have two volumes from Rhode Island—the proceedings of the Grand Chapter in 1918 and 1919.

In 1918 Charles T. Glines was Grand High Priest, but he did not preside at the 120th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, held in Freemasons Hall, Providence, on the 12th March, 1918. Wilbur A. Scott, Deputy Grand High Priest, opened the Grand Chapter and received the following distinguished visitors: Henry De Witt Hamilton, Grand Master of the Third Veil of the General Grand Chapter; William Herbert Lowe, Grand High Priest, and A. Boylan Fitzgerald, Grand Chaplain, of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey; and Alfred A. Adams, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York.
Grand High Priest Glines, being a Major in the army and unable to be present on account of military duties in Washington, his address was read by the Deputy Grand High Priest.

The address followed the usual lines, dealing with the war, the distinguished dead (none being of what is termed the "official family" of this Grand Chapter), and "visitations." It appeared that Companion Glines, in spite of his military duties, had visited all but one of the constituent Chapters. He made a distinction between official and unofficial visits. Only two of his visits were official, he said; but, as the avowed object of all was "personally to observe the work and the manner in which the business was conducted," we cannot believe the distinction to be important. He uses terms of praise in speaking of the work and condition of the Chapters visited by him. During the year he issued a dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter at Wakefield. The new Chapter was not chartered at this Convocation, but was continued under dispensation.

The Deputy Grand High Priest also presented a report. For several weeks before this Convocation the chief executive has been absent from the State, and the deputy had been performing the duties of the chief so far as was necessary and proper. Regretting the absence of the actual head, the members of the Grand Chapter would, he suggested, "find that keen satisfaction in the thought that his (the Grand High Priest's) service, together with that of 240 of our Companions, has been claimed by our country in this critical hour of its history." The 240, he said, included only those now actually engaged with the armed forces of the United States. Many others were engaged in Red Cross work, and other patriotic endeavours, and he took pleasure in recording the fact that M.E. Companion Wendell R. Davis, Past Grand High Priest, "is at present in France, actively engaged in assisting and promoting the splendid work of the Y.M.C.A."

The Grand Treasurer's report showed a good surplus and sound investments.
The Grand Secretary reported that all the Chapters had made returns; that there had been 338 exaltations during the year, 66 deaths, and a net increase in membership of 252; the aggregate membership at the end of 1917 was 5,236.

There was no Correspondence Report.

We find in the volume a portrait of Charles T. Glines, Grand High Priest for 1917-18, who is depicted clothed in the khaki uniform of active service. There is also a biographical sketch, from which we learn that he was born in Cranston, Rhode Island, in 1864, and has lived both in Pawtucket and Providence. "He was actively engaged in the grocery and provision business for a long time and with great financial success, but retired therefrom in 1911, since which time he has devoted most of his attention to military matters. . . . On December 22, 1917, he entered the Federal service with the rank of Major in the Quartermaster Corps, and on September 10, 1918, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the same branch of service." He has also had an active career in Masonry—fully described in the pleasant little biography from which we have quoted.

Wilbur A. Scott, Deputy Grand High Priest, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1918-19; and when we take up the volume of proceedings of 1919, we find him presiding at the 121st Annual Convocation, held in Providence on the 11th March, 1919.

Wilbur Allen Scott, we learn from a sketch of his life, which accompanies a portrait of him in the volume before us, was born in Providence, in 1874, and is thus comparatively a young man. He is a graduate in Arts of Brown University and in Law of the Harvard Law School. He practised first in Cumberland, R.I., where he was town solicitor for a time, but now lives in Providence, and is a member of a firm of insurance agents, brokers, and adjusters. He has been active in other branches of Masonry as well as in the Royal Craft, and has given much time to voluntary and enlightened public service.

The following paragraphs from the address of this eminent Royal Arch Mason may prove of interest:
"Freemasonry has everywhere borne its full share of the burden of war, and our chapters are no exception to the rule. Thousands of dollars have been contributed to the various loans, and hundreds of our Companions have accepted as a privilege the right to shed their blood if need be in defence of Liberty and Democracy, which have always been the ideals of Freemasonry."

"On February 3, 1919, Companion James C. Blake died at his home in East Providence, R.I. He was one of the oldest Masons in Rhode Island, being in his 91st year, and the dean of many of the bodies in which he claimed membership. He served this Grand Chapter as Deputy Grand High Priest during the years 1880 and 1881, nearly 40 years ago, and had been regular in his attendance at the Annual Convocations of Grand Chapter."

"In my report one year ago, I had the pleasure of recording the number of our Companions who were at that time enrolled in the armed forces of the United States. A similar report to-day will show a splendid increase, and I take pleasure in presenting the figures at this date—428.

"This showing, nearly 9 per cent. of our membership, is a record of which we may well feel proud. In addition to the number reported, a number of Companions have been engaged in the work of the Red Cross, the Y.M.C.A., and other Government and patriotic endeavours. It is with special pleasure that I record the fact that M.E. Companion Wendell R. Davis, Past Grand High Priest, is still in France, actively engaged in assisting and promoting the splendid work of the Y.M.C.A."

Formally or informally, officially or unofficially, the Grand High Priest was a constant visitor at the meetings of all the Chapters, including Unity Chapter, under dispensation. The work of this new Chapter, was highly spoken of, and it was recommended that a charter or warrant should be issued to it—this recommendation was acted upon. And two new Chapters were started under dispensation in 1918.

There is much more in the excellent address of Companion Scott which we should like to quote did not limitations of space forbid.
The Grand Secretary, R.E. Companion William R. Greene, who had served the Grand Chapter in that capacity continuously since 1876, a period of 42 years, was continued in office, but was given an assistant, that is to say, the office of Assistant Grand Secretary was created, and was filled by the election of Wilbur A. Scott, whose term of office as Grand High Priest expired with the election and installation as his successor of Joseph Lawton, of Providence.

The Grand Treasurer's Report showed an increased surplus and the Grand Secretary's report an increase in membership from 5,236 to 5,381—net gain, 145.

There is no Correspondence Report, but Wilbur A. Scott is, in addition to his work as Assistant Grand Secretary, to prepare a report next year. The following memorandum by Companion Scott, dated the 19th March, 1919, and headed "An Explanation, An Appreciation, and a Resolution," is of historic value:—

"The absence of a comprehensive report on 'Foreign Correspondence' from our proceedings for 1918, recently distributed, and a similar omission in the proceedings for 1919, copy for which goes to the printer to-day, seems to call for a word of explanation.

"The Explanation. The exacting demands upon the time of Companion S. Penrose Williams, whose duties as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and as Secretary of other Grand and Subordinate Masonic Bodies, have quite overwhelmed him during the past year, make it impossible for him to prepare the customary Correspondence Report for 1918. The Grand High Priest has acceded to Companion Williams' request that he be relieved from further duty in this behalf, and with great reluctance, since his thoughtful and intelligent reviews were highly appreciated by his Companions of Grand Chapter. The wise and general demand for the prompt publication of the proceedings of 1919, make it quite impossible for the newly appointed Correspondent to undertake to present a proper review in the limited time available.

"The Appreciation. For 60 years, with but few exceptions, correspondence reports have appeared with our proceedings, and yet during that period but four
Companions appear to have had the honour and privilege to be entrusted with the responsibility of preparing them. Oliver Johnson, a stalwart figure in Rhode Island Masonry, who was correspondent in 1858, was succeeded in 1871 by George H. Burnham, a Masonic leader in his day, not only in Rhode Island but in New England as well. Henry Warren Rugg, known, beloved, and honoured in every Masonic Rite and Jurisdiction, presented his first report in 1895, and continued as correspondent until his death, 1910. His successor, S. Penrose Williams, was associated with Dr. Rugg on the Foreign Correspondence Committee for three years, and has, since 1911, continued to serve Grand Chapter, giving unspARINGLY of his time and thought, and with entire satisfaction. We believe that the labours of these distinguished Companions have been of inestimable value to Capitular Masonry in Rhode Island.

"The Resolution. The present correspondent has undertaken to assume the duties of the office, fully aware of his own shortcomings, but with a positive resolution to give freely of his time and such ability as he possesses in the hope that his work may be of some real value to the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction.

Joseph Lawton, Providence Telephone Company, Providence, Grand High Priest.

William R. Greene, Freemasons' Hall, Providence, Grand Secretary.

Scotland.

The proceedings of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland do not greatly resemble those of our Grand Chapter, nor are they recorded in the same way; but the same tale of progress and prosperity is told. We have before us the reports of the Quarterly Convocations held on the 20th September, 1918, and on the 20th December, 1918; of the Annual Convocation held on the 21st March, 1919—the "vernal equinox"—and of the Quarterly Convocation held on the 20th June, 1919. The place of meeting was always Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh; and the volume of business transacted on each occasion was considerable—the Grand Chapter, as we have heard before, is a giant
organisation, whose branches are spread over the four (or is it five?) divisions of the globe. The Earl of Cassilis, the Grand Z., was much engrossed with military duties, even after the date of the armistice, and was not present at the Annual Convocation nor at the Quarterlies, except the last. The Deputy Grand Z., Colonel Peter Spence, presided when the Grand Z. was not present, and is apparently a very hard-working and efficient officer and an excellent chairman of committees.

Some idea of the work of the Grand Chapter and also of the differences between its system and ours may be obtained in a perusal of the following extracts from the address of the Depute First Grand Principal at the Annual Convocation in March, 1919:

"During the year which has just past we have had a period of unexampled prosperity. We have added some £2,500 to our funds, and the lettings of the Halls, apart from those which are devoted to Masonry alone, have once more shown an upward tendency, so that for the years to come we may expect a substantial revenue from them.

"The furniture and fittings of the Halls are all in good condition and well kept up, and the market value of our movable possessions at the present moment is about three times what we paid for them, probably not less than £5,000. They are, as you know, written off and not counted in our balance-sheet except by name.

"The Royal Arch registrations during the past year were a record, being almost double last year’s, which again was almost double the year’s before. We registered no fewer than 7,155 Companions. A very large proportion of these are life-members of the Chapters to which they belong, having commuted their annual subscription. We do not, under the Scottish jurisdiction, have the system which prevails in other Constitutions, of counting only those as members who are paying members of their Chapters. We continue to regard any member, though he is not in good standing in his Chapter, as being still a member of the Order. It is impossible to suggest that after conferring a degree upon him he should be cut off as an outsider as if he had never received any degree at all. We only disqualify him, so long as he is not in good standing, from voting
or holding office. We, I believe, have far more exaltations annually than any other Constitution in the world, and the work, as well as the material, remains at a high standard of excellence."

"Upon the question of our relations—a word or two may be said, so far as our Colonies and sister Jurisdictions are concerned. We have endeavoured to maintain, in every case without exception, the friendliest intercourse and the most loyal co-operation. It is greatly to be regretted that some of the American Grand Chapters are not at present in harmony with us, and I await with great interest the delayed report from Grand Scribe E. upon the various questions of jurisdiction which are under discussion. While some of the American Grand Chapters have severed friendly relations with us, we have never done the same with them, and we have been only too pleased to welcome any of their members in our Chapters, believing that the present estrangement is only a temporary phase. The framers of the correspondence reports of some of these Grand Chapters might be recommended at a study of a poem known as "The Jackdaw of Rheims," who, notwithstanding being cursed by bell, book, and candle, did not suffer very greatly, and, to the astonishment of his critics, was not one penny the worse.

"A letter of apology from our splendid head, the Earl of Cassilis, has been read to you to-night. Many of our activities have suffered from his absence and the want of his wise counsel, but we hope to see him soon amongst us again."

The record of the closing of the Annual Convocation is in quaint form:—

"The Hymn of National Prayer having been sung according to time-honoured custom, Supreme Grand Chapter was closed in full form, after which, before the Companions separated, a simple collation of fruit and cake was partaken of in the Banqueting Hall, and many old friendships were revived and old memories recalled."

The Earl of Cassilis, Grand Z.

Alfred A. Arbuthnot Murray, Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.
South Carolina.

The proceedings of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina at the 108th Annual Grand Convocation, holden in the City of Greenville, on the 9th April, 1919, are contained in a neat volume, well printed, on good paper, which reached us in November, 1919.

Grand High Priest William A. Giles presided. He was elected to his high office in June, 1918. In his address read to the assembled Companions he said that at the beginning of his year of office he made plans for extensive visiting of the subordinate Chapters, but early in May was called into the service of the Government at Charleston, and had imposed upon him such duties as prevented him from carrying out his plans. Several Past Grand High Priests came to his assistance, and a good deal of visiting was done before December, 1918, when the Grand High Priest accepted a position in Alexander City, Alabama, and moved out of the Jurisdiction, turning over the management of the Royal Craft to Deputy Grand High Priest Samuel T. Lanham. The Grand High Priest, however, made a flying visit to South Carolina in April, took his place in the Grand East at this Convocation, and gave an account of his official acts in an address which was in the nature of a valedictory.

He said that only one of the officers had died during the year—the excellent Grand Chaplain, Companion Robert Edward Turnipseed, who was born in Richland County, South Carolina, in 1872. He was a Methodist minister, devoted to the service of God and man, and much esteemed by his Masonic brethren. His death occurred in October, 1918.

The Grand High Priest dwelt upon various other matters of importance—new Chapters formed in the Jurisdiction, the triennial session of the General Grand Chapter, investments in Liberty Loan bonds, and the importance of general and systematic visiting of the subordinate Chapters.

The Deputy Grand High Priest also read an address, dealing with his administration of affairs during the
latter part of the official year. He too had much to say about visiting.

But perhaps the most interesting part of his address was that which related to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Early in 1919 he had, as the Grand Chapter's representative, attended a meeting of this association, "held in the quaint and fascinating old city of Alexandria, Virginia, which is hallowed by a thousand memories of the Father of his Country. . . . At this convention plans were formulated for a nation-wide campaign to obtain the balance of funds necessary to erect upon the summit of Shooter's Hill the magnificent Masonic Temple which is to be a perpetual memorial to George Washington the Mason. . . . Those who attended this convention caught a new vision of the nobility and grandeur of the cherished dream which is the aim and ideal of the association, and I have faith to believe that our beautiful dream is soon to become an actual reality."

The Deputy Grand High Priest recommended that charters be granted to two of the three new Chapters under dispensation, and this was endorsed by the Grand Chapter.

Grand Treasurer J. Halsey Mallory reported a satisfactory surplus of $5,687.30.

From the report of the Grand Secretary it appeared that the total membership of the 48 Chapters was 3,770; net gain in a year, 306; 384 exaltations; 66 deaths.

The proceedings of 50 Grand Chapters are reviewed by Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie, of Darling- ton. (He informs us that his name is pronounced in Scotland as the dative of the first personal pronoun in Latin is there pronounced—"Mihi." We have the name in Canada; it is generally pronounced "Mickey," but the Michies themselves call it "Meekie.").) Both wit and wisdom are to be found in every page of the report; and the review of Canada (1918) is in this famous correspondent's best vein.

- After disposing of "Wyoming" he takes the topical turn, and, among other subjects, discusses "Flag-raising." We have read a good deal about this ceremony
in the reports of 1917, 1918, and 1919, but have hitherto refrained from saying anything about it. As Mrs. Gamp said, "Harm it can't do, and good it may," and so we let it pass, but we like to quote Companion Michie, and we shall:—

"The Flag Ceremony, introduced in several Jurisdictions, has met the fate of all innovations—favourable and adverse criticism. Briefly, the argument in its favour is, that Masons thus display, or show, their loyalty to their country; while conservative, old-fashioned brethren, like this scribe, think Masons do not need to parade their loyalty so ostentatiously; that loyalty to their country is one of the chief characteristics of our fraternity; and that we should be careful to avoid all appearances of pharisaical display. So there you are."

We are inclined to take the same view as our learned and judicious brother-scribe—though perhaps even a concurring opinion from a rank outsider may be considered impertinent.

Samuel T. Lanham, Spartanburg, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

South Dakota.

William A. Norris, Grand High Priest (1918-19) of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, is shown by counterfeit presentment at the beginning of the volume of the proceedings of that Grand Body at its 30th Annual Convocation, held in Sioux Falls on the 12th June, 1919. He presided at this Convocation, and began his address by referring to "the dawn of the coming peace which has thrilled American Masonry with an idea of new and greater duties and privileges."

His next reference was to the death of Companion Frederick Alexander Fowler, of Sioux Falls, Grand Tyler and Grand Sentinel, who died on the 25th January, 1919. Fowler seems to have been a "character," a wandering artist, actor, chef, traveller, and a Mark Tapley in unselfishness and cheeriness. From 1906 until his death he was custodian of the Masonic Temple
in Sioux Falls. "Eminent in Masonic life, in private a devoted husband, he 'stood four-square to all the winds that blow,' an embodiment of those virtues which are the heart and soul of Freemasonry."

Upon the important subject, "Growth of the Order," the Grand High Priest said:—

"Notwithstanding the unsettled condition of the country and the fact that many of our young men have been serving our country in a foreign clime, the growth of the Order and increase in the membership has been very satisfactory, and I congratulate the several Chapters for the interest and splendid energy shown throughout the year."

Coming to the no less important matter of "Visiting the Chapters," he said that he had been unable to make visits because his duties as Chief Draft Executive of the State of South Dakota took up all his time. This he greatly regretted, for he had a high conception of the value of visits by the head of the Order, in strengthening the Chapters.

The concluding words of his address, following a vivid description of the war, are inspiring:—

"I am constrained to believe that 'now is the accepted time' for Masonry to make a special effort and lend its influence to build the ideal country that will carry out and preserve the ideals for which the boys of our Fraternity fought 'over there,' and for which many of them made the supreme sacrifice, and found their last resting place underneath the lilies in the fields of France. This, to my mind, is the great work which Masonry should engage in."

The report of Grand Treasurer Louis Jacobs showed a balance "in treasury" of $3,703.91.

There is a little bit of history in the report of the veteran Grand Secretary, George A. Pettigrew, of Sioux Falls:—

"It is with pleasure that I present herewith my 24th annual report, which covers the 30th year of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota. In 1889, when the territory of Dakota was divided into two States, and the Grand Chapter of Dakota met in June, they resolved to prepare for two Grand Chapters, as soon as the Act
of Congress became operative, by holding two conventions, adopting a constitution and by-laws, and electing their officers. The Congressional Act became effective on the 2nd November following; the convention met again in Yankton on the 6th January, 1890, and the 1st Annual Convocation was held at Madison on the 9th June, 1890."

The Grand Secretary told also of a dispensation granted on the 22nd May, 1919, for the formation of a new Chapter at McIntosh, Corson County, under the name of "Standing Rock Chapter." The dispensation was continued for one year.

Statistics: Chapters, 36; members, 4,310; exalted, 272; deaths, 62; net gain in a year, 188.

The gain was not large, but most of the exaltations were in the spring of 1919, when, apparently, a revival, as in so many of the other States, had begun. The prospects are excellent.

Two Chapters were consolidated—for the good of the Order.

The "Doings of the Capitular World" are chronicled by M.E. Comp. Louis G. Levoy in an interesting report in which 50 Grand Chapters are included. Canada is not one of these. Our proceedings of 1918 received attention in Comp. Levoy's report of 1918, and our Grand Chapter did not meet in 1919 until a few days after the South Dakota Convocation.

Frederick Treon, Chamberlain, Grand High Priest.

George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee.

The 90th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee was held in Freemasons Hall, Nashville, on the 27th and 28th January, 1919.

Of the 86 Chapters in the Jurisdiction, 76 were represented.

Grand High Priest James Harry Swan, of Bristol, Tennessee, presided and delivered an eloquent address, a large part of which bore upon the world-conflict which had then recently ceased.
The regular business of Grand Chapter was not forgotten. The Grand High Priest said that on the 21st August, 1918, he had granted a dispensation for a new Chapter at Strawberry Plains, to be known as "Driscoll Chapter." This was approved of by the Grand Chapter, and a charter was granted for Driscoll Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest J. H. McClister, of Morristown, whom we know as a member of the Correspondence Corps, is the handy man of Royal Arch Masonry in Tennessee.

The Grand High Priest, speaking of Grand Lecturers, said:—

"On the 5th February, 1918, I appointed Companion J. H. McClister, of Morristown, Grand Lecturer for East Tennessee. Companion McClister went to work at once and has visited nearly all the Chapters in the Eastern Division of the State. Companion McClister's report will be read later. On the same date I appointed Companion C. H. Smart, of Nashville, Grand Lecturer for Middle Tennessee. Companion Smart wrote me at the time that he did not see how he could do anything in that line, but would try and help me out. Later his time was fully taken up, and he tendered his resignation. I could not find a Companion in West Tennessee who would act as Grand Lecturer for that Division. On the 19th August, I appointed Companion McClister Grand Lecturer for West Tennessee. Companion McClister made out an itinerary about the time the "flu" made its appearance, and had to cancel all engagements. Companions, we have tried appointing many Companions, each to visit a few Chapters, and it was a failure. We have tried to secure three Grand Lecturers, one for each Division of the State. My predecessor failed; I have failed. I would recommend that one Grand Lecturer be elected for the State, with a salary that would justify him in devoting his whole time to the work. Of course, you want to make no mistake in the man. He should be tried and true, competent and conscientious in every respect. There are a great many Chapters in the State that need heroic treatment, and I firmly believe that one man—the right man—could bring order out of chaos by working hard for two or three years."
The recommendation was adopted; Companion McClister was the appointee; and the annual salary was fixed at $2,400.

The Grand Treasurer's report showed a comfortable cash surplus of $7,100.97 and $5,000 invested in Liberty Loan bonds.

The Grand Secretary reported that all but 6 of the Chapters had made returns, and that the returns showed a net gain in membership of 174, or a total membership of 6,181, on the 31st December, 1918.

In respect of the Masonic Homes the Grand High Priest said:—

"Certain necessary improvements have been made at these institutions, and owing to the increase in the price of materials and labour the total cost has been much more than was estimated, and quite an indebtedness has been created. I think it no more than right that this Grand Chapter should assist in helping pay that indebtedness; and I, therefore, recommend that the sum of $3,000 be appropriated and applied on such indebtedness."

The Committee on Ways and Means recommended that "our loan to the Grand Lodge of $3,500 be cancelled, provided this amount be appropriated and applied on the indebtedness of the Widows and Orphans Home Maintenance Fund." This was adopted.

Joseph A. Fowler, resident of Memphis, born in Memphis in 1883, prominent as a director of many electrical and industrial corporations, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest. He is a young man, as Rulers of the Craft go, and, judging by his portrait, full of life and energy. He is high up in all branches of Masonry.

Companion McClister begins his report on Correspondence thus:—

"The whistles are blowing and the bells are ringing out the glad news that the war is closing and Democracy has triumphed. The dark pall that has obscured the horizon so long is about to be lifted, and the glorious sunshine of peace is rising over the world as we begin our 16th investigation of Grand Chapter proceedings. But joy is ever tempered with sorrow. The fearful
epidemic of influenza is sweeping over the land at this time and taking from us our Companions and friends. The mournful procession is daily going about our streets and wending its way to the last resting place of some loved one."

Beginning with Alabama and ending with Wyoming, he then takes up in turn the proceedings of 52 Grand Chapters, and has something of interest to tell about each. Canada (1918) receives a due share of attention, and indeed some commendation. The conclusion of the report is also well worth quoting:—

"Thus ends our journey through the Capitular world, with the exception of California, Minnesota, Montana, North Carolina, and North Dakota. We regret that we could not 'visit' with them, but their proceedings were not received.

"The principal subject in all addresses and reports was the war, and ‘Man’s Inhumanity to Man.’ Now that the conflict is over, What of the Hour? Shall we as Masons measure up to the standard that our Order inculcates, in the great crisis confronting us in the reconstruction of affairs which have been disrupted by the war? Do we rightly appreciate our privilege in this great work? Or shall we say, as one of old, ‘Am I my brother’s keeper?’ Masonry is on trial, and never in the world’s history has there been greater need for the practice of Masonic tenets than in the times we are approaching."

Joseph A. Fowler, Memphis, Grand High Priest.
Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Texas.

The most ambitious of the Grand Chapters of the United States is making progress towards its goal. Texas Chapters are increasing in number and in membership, and the endowment fund of the Texas Home for Aged Masons is growing apace. The Grand Chapter of Texas is the only Grand Chapter which has built and become responsible for the maintenance of a Home. The Home is at Arlington, and much about it may be
read in the rather bulky book containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Texas at its 69th Annual Convocation, held in the Masonic Temple, Waco, on the 2nd and 3rd December, 1918.

The Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. O. M. Long-necker, in his address to the assembled Companions—99 chartered Chapters were represented—said that, pursuant to a resolution adopted at the last Convocation, he appointed a committee to secure an endowment fund of at least $100,000 for the Home. This committee, in conjunction with the directors of the Home, had been earnestly at work upon this undertaking; and, while they had not accomplished their task, they had made good progress, considering the abnormal conditions—the country at war and a goodly proportion of the State suffering from a three-year drought.

"While the financial condition of your Home does not justify any undue alarm, and never will as long as there is a Royal Arch Mason in Texas, still the necessity for the raising, at an early date, of an endowment fund in a sufficient amount to take care of the future needs of the Home, does exist if you desire to continue and enlarge the work that you have undertaken and give an asylum to all that are knocking at your door. To that end I believe that such a committee as this should be continued, now that our nation is at peace; and that the raising of this endowment fund be vigorously prosecuted during the coming year."

The report of the committee showed that a good beginning had at least been made—about $10,000 having been collected—and the committee was, by resolution, continued for the year 1919.

The volume of proceedings contains interesting reports of the Home by the directors and officers, from which we quote:

"In 1917 the Grand High Priest recommended a fee for exaltings—this fee to be added to the per capita as provided for in our laws for endowment. This was a wise provision, and from that since there has been received from our Grand Secretary, up to the 15th November, by the Treasurer of the Home Funds, the sum of $8,475. While we can hardly expect our rapid
growth to continue, yet it can be seen from this first year of its results that it will be a factor in helping to put the Home on an absolute and secure foundation financially, and at the same time work a hardship on no one.

"When the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas undertook to build the Home for Aged Masons, thus setting a new field of usefulness for Royal Arch Masons, never before undertaken by any Grand Royal Arch Chapter in the world, it had a membership of 14,500; it now has a membership of 28,748—thus showing a growth equalling one-half of its entire previous existence, a growth that, if continued, promises soon to make it one of the largest Grand Chapters in the United States."

"With few exceptions, all Grand Lodges in the United States have Orphans' Homes, and quite a number of them maintain both the children and the old folks under one management."

Another Texas feature is the summer school. At five places in the State, during the summer of 1918, schools of instruction were held under the direction of the Grand Chapter's Committee on Work. This committee reported that the schools were attended by 211 Companions, representing 67 Chapters. The committee had also been in session for six days immediately preceding the opening of this Convocation, in the Masonic Grand Temple in Waco, imparting instruction to a class of 57 delegates and a number of visitors.

The merry work of constituting Chapters which had been duly chartered and instituting new Chapters under dispensation went on during the whole year, notwithstanding the handicaps already referred to.

As regards returns and finances the Grand Chapter year ended on the 23rd June, 1918. Some of the Chapters did not make returns, and the membership of these had to be estimated. The total estimated membership on the date named was 25,464, and the net gain for the year was 2,195. (The figures are not the same as those given above in quoting from the reports about the Home.) The Grand Treasurer accounted for large receipts, large disbursements, and showed a large surplus—$25,411.45.
The distinguished dead of the Texas Jurisdiction were more numerous than is usual, including: Samuel May Williams, who was born in Texas in 1844, was Grand High Priest in 1883, and died on the 24th July, 1918, at Houston, Texas—a nephew of Samuel May Williams, who was prominent in the early days of the Republic of Texas, and was the first Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter. John P. Bell was also born in Texas in 1844; he was Grand High Priest in 1891, and died at San Angelo, Texas, on the 3rd April, 1918. John K. Stone was Grand High Priest in 1895; he was born in Mississippi in 1849, and died at Arlington, Texas, on the 27th May, 1918. William Anderson Scott was born in Texas in 1854, and was Grand High Priest in 1915; he died at Floresville, Texas, on the 1st June, 1918. In the report of the Committee on Obituaries, it is said:

"We cannot contemplate the life-records of these four men and their well-rounded careers without noting that in addition to their Masonic work several were very active in church work, those who were old enough served their country in the civil war, while two occupied positions of honour and trust in their communities."

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is presented by Carlton E. Mead, Chairman—his 6th Annual Review. His introduction is of general interest:

"On account of the expense of printing, we have endeavoured to shorten the report as much as possible, and yet give the important matters which ought to be included. This necessarily reduces the quotations from the addresses, reports, etc.

"Some reviewers very well say that they find nothing in the average uneventful Convocation of a Grand Chapter worthy of interest to report. This is true so far as cold type records the skeleton minutes; but, if we look beyond this, we can see, on each of these occasions, a band of noble, red-blooded men, drawn together by the strongest ties that have ever bound the human race, and for as laudable a purpose as ever inspired mortal man. This of itself make' the meetings important events. It is the internal and not the external qualities
that count, and the best of these sessions cannot be reflected in the reports. It is just as impossible to weigh the joyous, laughing outbursts from the heart of a happy little child, or the agonising sobs of a broken heart, as it is to weigh the pleasure, profit, and beneficial results from a gathering of true Masons on such occasions as these. Friendship are renewed, brotherly love cemented, and a better spirit of charity is engendered."

The proceedings of 44 Grand Chapters are reviewed. Canada (1918) was one of those which did not reach the reviewer.

Perhaps the reviews are shorter than of yore, but we observe that Companion Mead does not miss much that is contained in the reports which come before his eye—he has a special liking for anything which has to do with Masonic Homes, and a not unnatural hunger for paragraphs dealing with the position of Texas towards the General Grand Chapter. He is quite vigorous in occasional denunciation, but a quaint humour, which is chiefly good humour, is his most noticeable characteristic.

He refuses "to be dignified all the time."

"With fraternal greetings to our Companions," he concludes, "and a kind adieu to our brother reviewers, this report is submitted. It is a decided improvement over the one last year—it is shorter."

B. K. Hawkins, Canada's representative near the Grand Chapter of Texas, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1918-19. His address does not appear in the proceedings. "Texas" will find him, no doubt.

T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.

Utah.

The 8th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Utah was held in the Masonic Temple, Ogden, on the 7th May, 1919, Grand High Priest Frank P. Sherwood presiding. In his address he naturally gave the first place to remarks upon the war, its close, reconstruction, and the duty of Royal Arch Masons, whom he dubbed "Capitularians"—a new word to us, recalling the old division of the Church of England clergy into Attitudinarians, Platitudinarians, and Latitudinarians.
The "Capitular Dead" was the second head of his discourse. He selected two for special mention: Nathan Kingsley, Past General Grand High Priest of the United States, who died on the 8th September, 1918, and Birt Griffin Blackman, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Utah, whose death occurred on the 4th December, 1918. "These Companions," he said, "were particularly active in Capitular Masonry, and were honoured in other branches of the craft. Companion Kingsley was an honorary member of Island Chapter, Cuba, and of the Grand Chapters of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Utah. It was with his permission and efforts and those of some of our Companions here to-day that this Grand Chapter was organised, in September, 1911. . . . Most Excellent Companion Birt Griffin Blackman was Grand High Priest of this Jurisdiction in 1914. He received all his degrees in Masonry in this Jurisdiction, and was active up to the time of his demise."

The Grand High Priest, dealing with the condition of the Royal Craft, said:—

"The Chapters throughout the State are in good condition, peace and harmony prevailing. The increase in membership has not been as great as in some years, owing to the extreme conditions due to the great war and the intense epidemic of influenza, which caused quarantine measures to be established in every section of our State. This enforced inactivity, coming as it did so soon after the long summer vacation, interfered extremely with the activities of the constituent Chapters. But, as health conditions improved and quarantines were raised, our Companions were soon in their accustomed places in the Chapters, exhibiting new and greater energy accumulated during their rest from labour, and the prospects are for a greater interest in Capitular Masonry than ever before."

The Grand High Priest attended the General Grand Chapter Convocation held in Baltimore in October, 1918. This was the first time that the Grand Chapter of Utah was represented in the General Grand Chapter. Companion Sherwood was duly impressed, and spoke of the courtesies and welcome which he received.
The Grand Treasurer, R.E. Companion H. M. Chamberlain, reported a cash balance on hand of $592.54 and an investment of $200 in Liberty Loan bonds.

Grand Secretary Walter Daniels reported that the 6 constituent Chapters had an aggregate membership of 784, and had made a net gain of 13 in a year.

In the minutes of the Convocation there was this note: "Much to our regret, Companion A. S. Chapman, our devoted and esteemed Correspondent, was unable to be with us, on account of his feeble condition, caused by his recent illness."

Five days later, on the 12th May, 1919, his gentle spirit returned to God who gave it. This we learn from a touching postscript written by the hand of Peter Atherton Simpkin, under the heading "Correspondent's Report." We wish we had space to quote the whole of this "report"—we must content ourselves with a few paragraphs:

"Arvis Scott Chapman was born in Seville, Ohio, on August 17, 1839. He received a sound education, and largely widened and deepened it through his long life. Devoted in abnormal measure to fine literature and poetry, he was well versed in the lore of the ages, knew well the main streams, and many of the lesser ones, of history, and was dowered with a faculty of expression that made charming all he wrote.

"When he was at the age of 22, the civil war broke out, and he went to the Capitol and gave there for some years a valued clerical service in one of the vital administrative departments.

"Choosing the profession of dentistry, he qualified and practised, first in Illinois, at Princeton, and for the last 38 years in Salt Lake City.

"He was here the dean of the profession, a past president of the state association of dentists, for many years secretary of the local organisation, and a leader in all the affairs of the dentists of Salt Lake.

"He was of sunny, equable temperament, wise beyond the ordinary, a hater of insincerity, a humanist, a deeply religious man, who was inflexible in integrity, loyal in friendship, beautiful in his life."
"Passionately fond of music and oratory, interested in every movement for the betterment of the world, markedly eager to lend whatever help and counsel he could to the young life about him, he carried with a fine dignity the simplicity of a little child. He was one of the truly great in our Masonic family, and when he fell asleep, oh! so swiftly, he carried with his blazing white soul a part of the light of life that we shall long miss.

"He left a wife and family to bear the larger grief that his outgoing lays upon us all."

He had a distinguished career in Masonry, and filled many important offices. Of his work as correspondent or reviewer we wrote in 1917, commenting on the Utah proceedings of 1916:—

"Companion Chapman's review is of great merit, if we may say so—it is careful, concise, judicious, and humorous."

More eloquently, Companion Simpkin thus comments:—

"A constructive and progressive Mason, guarding well the landmarks, but believing in the deeper and wider meanings and service of Masonic manhood back of all the hoar-touched symbolism of the Craft, his judgments were appreciated and his utterances worthy of the heed- ing. Seeing clearly, he fought strongly, but ever sweetly, for the truth as he saw it."

We are promised a Capitular—or Capitularian—review by Companion Simpkin himself next year.

Charles F. Dinsmore, 512 Eccles Building, Ogden, Grand High Priest.

Walter Daniels, Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary.

Vermont.

Convocation, Communication, Convention, Conclave, Meeting. Which of these words best describes the annual coming together of the members of a Grand Chapter? We are led to ask the question by reason of noticing—almost accidentally—that the Committee on Credentials at the—shall we say?—meeting of the Grand
Chapter of Vermont in 1919, used the words "this Annual Conclave." Turning to the title-page of the book of proceedings, we found "Convocation," and as the beginning of the record, "The 102nd Annual Convention of the M.E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont convened in Masonic Temple in the City of Burlington, at 9 o'clock a.m. on Friday the 13th day of June, A.D. 1919." So there you have three of the words—and "Conclave," with its connotation of secrecy, though we do not recall its use in Masonic proceedings elsewhere, is not inapt. Pennsylvania, most conservative of United States Grand Chapters, stands rigidly for "Communication." "Convocation" is the usual term. Our own preference is for the Anglo-Saxon "Meeting," which 9 out of 10 delegates will use when they are telling their friends where they are going—but we have not found "Meeting" used in any of the formal parts of the proceedings of any Grand Chapter.

We have given the date and place of the 1919 meeting, and now complete the introduction by adding that Grand High Priest William H. Brewster presided and made a very good address, without saying anything of much interest to outsiders.

Although 99 deaths of Royal Arch Masons in Vermont were reported, the official ranks were unbroken.

The Grand High Priest had attended the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in Baltimore, in October, 1918, and remarked that it was a privilege and very great pleasure to do so, but did not enter into any defence of the General Grand Chapter, whose usefulness has been questioned by others.

A digest of existing decisions together with general regulations and standing resolutions had been prepared by M.E. Companion E. S. Weston—of whom more anon—and the printer's proof was ready for submission to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who will probably report upon it at the next annual meeting. This should be a valuable aid in the solution of the conundrums that are propounded for the consideration of the Grand High Priest each year.
Grand Treasurer Charles W. Whitcomb presented his account showing a cash balance, $5,526.81, and investments in Liberty and Victory Loan bonds, $8,500.

Statistical Report of Grand Secretary Henry H. Ross: chartered Chapters, 30; Chapters making returns, 30; Chapters showing work, 27; Master Masons exalted, 192; deaths, 99; total membership in 1919, 4,716; net gain in a year, 61.

The rest is routine till we come to the report of the Committee on Correspondence, and that is interesting. Eugene S. Weston, P.G.H.P., is a serious reviewer, with an instinct for the orderly treatment of subjects, and the ability to put forth his views in excellent English. We have quoted him before—for this is his third annual report. He “hopes it may be of benefit to the studious Capitular Masons of our Jurisdiction, for whom it is written.” The form is the orthodox one—each Grand Chapter is taken, in turn, in alphabetical order, and what each is doing is described and commented on. “Whether the form here used is the better or not,” writes the learned reviewer, “remains a mooted question. We try to present all questions that are of interest in the Capitular world, showing wherein they agree with the usage in this Jurisdiction, and discussing, in a short manner, those that differ from our custom and law.”

He then notices the proceedings of 47 Grand Chapters: the General Grand Chapter is one; not so the Grand Chapter of Canada, but that is not to be wondered at, for our 1918 proceedings were reviewed by Companion Weston in his report of 1918, and our meeting of 1919 practically synchronised with the “Conclave” the proceedings of which are before us.

Every one—even the confirmed skipper—should read this thoughtful reviewer’s conclusion, which we give (not quite in full):—

“We find that Capitular Masonry is flourishing in almost every Jurisdiction. The only ones we have visited that reported loss were District of Columbia, New Brunswick, and Nevada. Some reported a less
gain than usual, owing to the war. Many of the Jurisdictions have an Honour Roll printed in their proceedings. In later years, those that have not done this will have something to regret.

"No burning question has come up in any of the Grand Chapters, as is sometimes the case. We prophesy that the next two years will bring out quite an amount of discussion relative to the change proposed by the General Grand Chapter, whereby they wish to gain more power than they now hold. Already there are mutterings of the coming storm, found in addresses of Grand High Priests of those Jurisdictions that have held Convocations since the Convocation of the General Grand, and also in the views advanced by some of the Correspondents. So far as any opinion has been expressed, it has been against any such surrender of the sovereignty of the Grand Chapters. Frederick T. Comee, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and also Correspondent, expresses my view in as good shape as I could give it in the following: 'Under the law adopted in 1859, the General Grand Chapter has for 60 years enjoyed an unprecedented period of success and become the largest Masonic organisation in the world, and prosperity, peace, and harmony have prevailed within its constituent Grand Bodies, which have been practically independent and sovereign within their several jurisdictions. If that independence and sovereignty are now abridged, I am of the opinion that the action will result in positive and determined opposition from several Grand Chapters, and seriously doubt the wisdom of disturbing fraternal relations which have proven so satisfactory.'

"This is, as we believe, the opinion of a large majority of the most earnest workers in Capitular Masonry, and we hope it will prevail, when the question comes up at the next Triennial of the General Grand Chapter.'

George I. Whitney, Bellows Falls, Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.
Victoria.

The little book, marked "1918," containing a record of proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria, has been more than half round the world, so we must not complain that it is somewhat out of date. We observe that we had no "Victoria" in our review of last year.

The first Convocation duly chronicled is one held in Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on the 18th July, 1917, at which Most Eminent Companion A. T. Holden, G.Z.—of whom we have written aforetime—presided. In a brief communication to the Grand Chapter, he referred with sorrow to the death of Em. Companion Owen Deakin, "of whose sterling qualities as a man and a Freemason" he spoke. Several country Chapters, where he had been a pillar of strength, would sorely miss the eminent deceased.

The Most Eminent also said that he had enjoyed the privilege of paying a visit to the recent Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales, when he was most cordially received by Most Eminent Companion A. Chandler, G.Z., and the Companions of the sister State. He had conveyed to them the greetings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria, and was asked to bring back to the Companions in Victoria the heartiest of good wishes from the Grand Chapter of New South Wales. A brief account was given of the recent negotiations, that unhappily had failed for the time being, to bring about a union of Royal Arch Freemasons in the sister State.

The next Convocation was held at the same place on the 17th October, 1917. First Grand Principal Holden again presided, and again found it his melancholy duty to deplore the loss by death of three men who had rendered conspicuous service to Royal Arch Masonry: Most Eminent Companion Joseph D'Amer Drew, P.G.Z.; Right Eminent Companion Edwin Rodda, P.G.J.; and Right Eminent Companion Charles Carty-Salmon, P.G.H.

After dealing with some matters of routine business, the Grand Z. spoke as follows:—
"I have to cast myself upon your kind and generous consideration, for, as you know, I am shortly proceeding to London in response to what I feel to be an urgent and insistent call to national duty in relation to this war which is still demanding the full strength of our Empire. When I was installed in this office for a third year last April, I had not the remotest idea that anything would transpire to prevent me from fulfilling my duties of G.Z. during the period of my election. But higher powers have determined otherwise, and I expect soon to take over the administration of the chaplaincies of the A.I.F., so far as my own denomination is concerned, at the Australian Headquarters in London.

"I must rely upon the Past Grand Principals and Grand Chapter Officers to keep the Royal Arch flag flying in this territory until a new First Grand Principal is installed next April, and I appeal to you with the utmost confidence. I know your keen interest and devotion, and am sure that this Supreme Degree will lack nothing in the direction of loyal and self-sacrificing service. Their personal promise to render every possible assistance during my absence has been given to me by Most Eminent Companions P. Cohen, T. Lambert, G. E. Emery, and E. Coulson, and I sincerely thank them.

"I shall not forget the Companions of this Supreme Grand Chapter, and, particularly on the occasion of your Quarterly Convocations, my heart and thoughts will be with you.

"The fact that I know I take away with me your continued goodwill and your kindly wishes, will be a source of inspiration and strength to me when engaged in my difficult duties 12,000 miles away. Companions all, 'Au revoir.'"

Then we come to 1918, the first Convocation for that year being held in the same place, on the 16th January, 1918. The presiding officer was Most Eminent Companion Thomas Lambert, P.G.Z.

R. Em. Comp. William Player Bice, P.G.H., was nominated for the office of First Grand Principal.

A specially interesting feature of this Convocation is indicated in the following paragraph of the record:—
“By request, V. Em. Comp. J. E. Kennedy, who had recently returned from a visit to Canada and the United States, entertained Grand Chapter with an account of his observations and Masonic experiences while travelling in that part of the world. Though Masonry is universal, and the means by which we are known to each other practically the same, there are points of difference in ceremonies which may be recounted with interest, and Companion Kennedy’s reminiscences firmly held the attention of the Companions for a most profitable half-hour. It is not possible to publish a report on a subject of this nature—suffice it to say that Companion Kennedy gives our American brethren and Companions credit for complete and earnest work, rather more elaborate than the English practices, which we follow, but not excelling the ideals and standards observed by us in all degrees of Freemasonry in Victoria. He found our American brethren and Companions warm-hearted and hospitable, fully upholding the best Masonic traditions.”

Next and last is the Convocation of the 17th April, 1918, at which Past Grand Z. Thomas Lambert again presided.

The ruling Grand Z. has been heard from: he had written an interesting letter, and on the day of the meeting cabled fraternal greetings to Grand Chapter and all Companions.

Grand Treasurer Charles E. Towl at this Convocation presented his annual statement of accounts. He was able to show a cash balance of $144 4s. 2d. and a War Loan investment of $310 12s. 6d.

There were no other nominations for First Grand Principal, and R. Em. Comp. William Player Bice was declared elected to that office for the ensuing year, and was duly obligated, installed, proclaimed, and saluted as Grand Z. He made a short address, from which we quote: —

“Our membership at the beginning of 1917 stood at 1,000, and at the close a net total of 1,090, an increase of 9 per cent., which may be considered in every way satisfactory. The majority of our Chapters are in a healthy condition; and, if they can do a little more than
hold their own during the troubled times through which we are passing, we can look forward with great confidence to the future, when this great war has come to an end and we enter on a more peaceful existence.”

The number of Chapters on the register was 21, and all these had been visited by the First Grand Principal and his officers during the time that he had occupied the chair.

Not very long after the above review was written, we came into possession of another little volume, entitled “Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria, 1918-1919;” and in it we found, after some statistical tables, a portrait of M.E. Comp. W. P. Bice, First Grand Principal, fully clothed and bejewelled according to his rank. Then came the minutes of Communications of Grand Chapter held on the 17th July, 1918, the 16th October, 1918, the 15th January, 1919, and the 16th April, 1919. At all of these meetings Companion Bice presided as First Grand Principal, and was again elected to that office and installed at the April Communication.

The proceedings at these meetings do not call for special notice from an outsider. The business was largely of a routine nature. At the January Convocation there was a special service of thanksgiving for the cessation of hostilities.

There are 22 subordinate Chapters on the roll, with an aggregate membership on the 31st December, 1918, of 1197; net gain in a year, 111.

William Player Bice, Grand Z.

George L. Marquand, 317 Collins Street, Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

**Virginia.**

The Grand Chapter of Virginia is usually convened on the fourth Tuesday in October—in 1918 the meeting was postponed till the 26th November, on account of the epidemic of influenza, and was duly held on that and the following day. The Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. James Braxton Blanks, was ill for a long time
after the meeting—many months—and inserts in the printed proceedings an apology for his delay in getting out the volume. Even if it had been issued with reasonable promptness, it would hardly have reached us in time for our review of 1919, nor can we hope to have the 1919 proceedings on our table in time for this review. We are glad that Grand Secretary Blanks has been restored to health, at least partly, and hope that he will have many opportunities for service in the time to come.

James Bowman, Grand High Priest, presided in 1918. His portrait and that of his successor, James H. Price, are inserted in the front of the volume before us. Both are men of high intellectual gifts, as we can see.

This Annual Convocation was the 111th, and it is marked with a red stone as one at which unusual advancement and prosperity were reported. "We may," said the Grand High Priest, "with satisfaction contemplate the splendid progress of the year as shown by the harmony throughout this Jurisdiction, the greatest increase of membership ever made by us within a year, and the financial prosperity that has been our portion." Deaths were rather numerous throughout the Jurisdiction—there were 106 in all—but the ranks of the Past and Present Grand Officers were not invaded. The Grand High Priest gave an account of his administration and spoke of the assistance he had received from the Grand Secretary, whom he described as "full of years and honours, of good deeds and gentle courtesies." We notice that there is a Deputy Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. Charles A. Nesbitt, of Richmond.

An interesting bit of ceremonioal work at this Convocation was the installation, by request of the General Grand High Priest, of Most Excellent Companion Henry De Witt Hamilton, of New York, as General Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter. Companion Hamilton was elected to that office at the Triennial Convocation in October, 1918, but was unavoidably absent on active service when the general installation took place. M.E. Companion Hamilton—Colonel Hamilton by military rank—"was," says the record, "profuse and eloquent in his expression of thanks to the Grand Chapter of Virginia for the honour
 conferred upon him, and the more so as the Grand Chapter of Virginia was an older Masonic organisation than the body which he represented on this interesting and memorable occasion.”

Grand Secretary Blanks gave some interesting figures in his annual report—his 23rd. When he was elected Grand Secretary in 1895, the Grand Chapter was composed of 34 subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 2,407 Companions. There are now 69 Chapters, with a total membership of 8,725—net gain in 32 years, 258 per cent. In 1918 there were 662 exaltations; and the net gain, the largest in the history of the Grand Chapter, was 515. One Chapter, Norfolk No. 1, at Norfolk, has a membership of 681. Of the 69 Chapters, 65 made their returns and paid all dues to the Grand Chapter.

We do not quite know what to make of the Grand High Priest’s allusion to financial prosperity. Probably he refers to the finances of the individual constituent Chapters. Unless we misread the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee, Grand Chapter itself is not laying up a large surplus. We know no reason why it should. As we read it, the cash balance on hand was slightly reduced by the expenditures of the year, and the investments were not increased. Some Grand Chapters accumulate large surpluses; but, if the income be expended wisely and well, no one need ask why there is not a big surplus. (And it is none of our business anyhow!)

The Grand Lecturer, R.E. Comp. John T. Cochran, did a good work, visiting and instructing the Chapters and reviving those which showed marks of approaching dissolution.

We had strayed into some remarks about finances before we had thoroughly caught the drift of a remark made by R.E. Comp. Joseph W. Eggleston, Virginia’s Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who, in a very careful and complimentary review of Canada (1917), takes issue with us as to the interest attaching to “facts and figures.” Companion Eggleston goes so far as to say that they are of no interest—but we cannot agree. We think, for instance, that the
fact that a prosperous Grand Chapter is not providing for posterity, but spending its income "like a gentleman," is not without interest. And we all know that figures, though esteemed dull, can be made even of fascinating interest by a brilliant Chancellor of the Exchequer, like the late William Ewart Gladstone. We don’t pretend to any skill in the matter of figures, and our occasional treatment of the subject is possibly esteemed dull—while the facts and figures themselves may be of surpassing interest.

There is at least nothing dull about Companion Eggleston’s reviews—they are among the most readable that come to our table. We quote his conclusion:—

"The work is done—some in cold weather and some in heretofore unparalleled heat, for Richmond, on the 6th August, 1918, held the record of 107 degrees on top of her highest hill and out in a park. Months of labour are represented in the foregoing pages; and, if we have written nothing worth perusal, we do know that we have quoted much that would be or at least should be entertaining and instructive. Anyhow we hope it will please."

James H. Price, Richmond, Grand High Priest.

James Braxton Blanks, P.O. Box 55, Peterburg, Virginia, Grand Secretary.

Washington.

The 35th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington was held at Ellensburg, on the 5th and 6th May, 1919. After the usual formalities, the Grand High Priest, Jacob Henry Miller, delivered a short address, in which he stated, among other things, that in the course of the year he had visited 24 out of the 38 constituent Chapters in the Jurisdiction. Actual experience of the workings of the Chapters had convinced him that it would be well for Grand Chapter to establish the office of Grand Lecturer, and he so recommended. This recommendation was referred to the Finance Committee, who reported against it, and recommended
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that "the several Grand Officers act as Deputies to the Grand High Priest and instruct the Chapters in the work in their respective localities, as assigned by the Grand High Priest; that the room and local expenses be paid by the Chapter visited; and that the sum of $250, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the necessary expenses of said Deputies." The report was adopted.

In 1918 this Grand Chapter met in September, as we recorded a year ago. The meeting of 1919, it will be observed, was in May—the Grand Chapter changing back to its pre-war date. The next Annual Communication is to be held on the first Monday in May, 1920.

Allusion was made by the Grand High Priest and in the report of a special committee to the death in October, 1918, of William Vance Rinehart, who was Grand High Priest in 1890. The passing of this veteran—he was 88 years of age—was referred to in our last review of the Washington proceedings.

Grand Treasurer Horace W. Taylor reported a substantial surplus; and an investment of $500 in Liberty Loan bonds was authorised by Grand Chapter.

Yancey Crawford Blalock, Grand Secretary, reported that the annual returns of all the Chapters had been made and the dues paid. There were 116 exaltations; but there was a loss in membership by the surrender of a charter, as well as by deaths and the cause described by the unfortunately recurring initials "N.P.D.," and so there was a net loss of 17 for the year 1918, at the end of which the membership stood at 4,861. This report was Companion Blalock's 30th annual report as Grand Secretary. A portrait of him and some particulars of his Masonic career are contained in the volume now before us—not by his own desire.

Companion Blalock is also the writer of the Report on Correspondence, his 29th report. He gives a very elaborate summary of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter in October, 1918, and briefly reviews the proceedings of 32 other Grand Chapters, explaining that, on account of the change in the time of the meeting from September to May, we had up to the time of going
to press received only 33 volumes of proceedings. Canada is not and could not be one of the 33—our 1918 proceedings were noticed in 1918, and our 1919 meeting did not come on till June.

Edwin Hugh Van Patten, Dayton, Grand High Priest.

Yancey Crawford Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

West Virginia.

It may seem that we have been neglecting West Virginia, but the real truth is that we have received no copies of the Grand Chapter's printed proceedings since 1917—and then it was the volume of 1915. We have now the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia at its 48th Grand Annual Convocation, held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the City of Wheeling, on the 9th and 10th December, 1918. The meeting was a month behind the schedule-time, "on account of the terrible epidemic of influenza."

Grand High Priest Luther H. Clark read an address in which he said that the duties of his office had been extremely light. "Capitular Masonry, while showing a substantial gain, has, like everything else, been overshadowed by the great world-war." There had been no deaths in the "official family" of Grand Chapter during the year, but many Companions who were soldiers had made the great sacrifice. The official acts detailed by the Grand High Priest were not such as to excite interest beyond the confines of West Virginia.

The report of Grand Treasurer Samuel N. Myers, P.G.H.P., was a gratifying one. The receipts for the year exceeded the expenditures by nearly $1,300—and the total amount in the treasury was $11,179.60.

Another Past Grand High Priest is Grand Secretary D. K. Reed. He also had the satisfaction of reporting excellent progress. We find from his summary that the total membership in 1918, of the 43 Chapters was 7,738, and the net gain in a year 302.
M.E. Comp. Kephart D. Walker, whose first "Review of other Grand Chapters" was, we believe, written in 1915, and noticed by us in 1917, has probably been "on the job" ever since. At this Convocation a letter from him was read, dated from his home in Fairmont, regretting that his report was not quite finished, "owing to a long siege of illness," and regretting also "that I cannot be with you. I can stand disappointing you all, but I do hate to disappoint myself." We find his report in the appendix to the volume of proceedings, with a memorandum to the effect that it was finished on the 21st December, 1918, at midnight. There are reviews of the proceedings of 48 Grand Chapters—Canada (1918) is one. We give Companion Walker's pathetic conclusion almost in full:

"For nearly 50 years I have been an active worker in all of our Masonic Bodies, both Supreme and Subordinate, but the infirmities of 82 years of life remind me that it is time to call a halt. This I now do. This is the last compilation that I shall prepare for your information, and in all probability I shall never be with you again at our Annual Convocation. The latter I regret, for of the many pleasant memories that are scattered through my life those connected with our gatherings and my association with the Brethren are among the uppermost."

We note that Companion Kephart D. Walker, P.G.H.P., is named as a member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for 1919, but has associated with him another Companion—James A. Bryan, of Parkersburg.

The volume is prefaced by a portrait of Benjamin Alexander Caruthers, who was, at this Convocation, elected and installed as Grand High Priest. He is, we are told, a native of the beautiful little city of Buffalo, in the State of West Virginia, and was born in 1867. His home is in the State-Capital, Charleston-on-Kanawha, where the next Annual Convocation will be held—has been held, no doubt, as we are writting in December, 1919.

It is also said, in the brief biography from which we have taken these particulars, that "his untiring energy,
honesty of purpose, and intelligent handling of affairs, have elevated him to an enviable position in the confidence and esteem of the business-world of his home-city; and in Masonic affairs, it is altogether safe to say, he is considered a 'court of last resort' in all matters pertaining to the various branches of the Order.” And he looks it all—every bit of it.

Benjamin A. Caruthers, Charleston, Grand High Priest.

D. K. Reed, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.

**Wisconsin.**

The Constitution of the Grand Chapter requires, among other things, that the presiding officer make a statement of his official acts and decisions during the recess, and give such information upon subjects of Masonic interest and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

The duties, thus with some precision defined, were well discharged by Grand High Priest Michael Barry at the 69th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, which was opened in ample form in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the City of Milwaukee, on the 18th February, 1919, and continued in session on that and the following day.

There was nothing out of the ordinary in the official acts and decisions detailed by the Grand High Priest. Subjects of Masonic interest touched upon were the war, the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, and the distinguished dead. It was a sad duty for the Grand High Priest to allude to the death of the heir-presumptive to the throne and sceptre. In the midst of his business and Masonic activities, Edward Arnold Raymond, Deputy Grand High Priest, was taken, on the 20th June, 1918, and was buried with Masonic honours, three days later, at Green Bay, where he had lived and had for some years before his death been engaged in business as an insurance agent. He was born at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on the 11th April, 1861. Of him it was said, in a touching memorial:—
"He was a dependable citizen and active in all movements looking toward a finer and higher public and civic life. He was lavish in the giving of his time and effort to all that seemed to him for the general good. He was a member of the Wisconsin Assembly in 1911-1912, and was highly regarded by his legislative associates.

"His genuine and generous qualities of heart and mind compelled the respect of associates and the love of friends. His was a delightful and impressive personality—frank, open, well-poised, courteous, and kindly, with an inevitable appeal to all who knew him. He passed on in the very strength of his manhood and at the time of highest usefulness. His life was a steady growth in all that makes up worthy, useful manhood. With him there was no resting upon laurels. He travelled hopefully to the end."

The recommendations of the Grand High Priest were of local interest only.

The Grand Chapter continues to prosper. The Grand Treasurer had on hand, at the date of the Convocation, a balance of $9,083.29; and the trustees reported investments amounting to nearly $10,000. Statistics: membership 1st January, 1919, 13,615; net gain for 1918, 398; exalted in 1918, 782; died in 1918, 233; chartered Chapters reporting at this Convocation, 94; Chapters not represented, 8.

Grand Lecturer C. S. Stockwell reported that the work was in good condition. Since the 1st January there appeared to have been a revival in Capitular work, and the reports from all parts of the State indicated that 1919 would be a banner year. No new Chapters had been formed, but at least one was in process of hatching. Companion Stockwell made his report brief because, as he good-humouredly remarked, he had been accused of scolding too much in former reports. Scolding is sometimes necessary, but one ought to be sure that it reaches those for whom it is intended. We remember an excellent Divine who used to scold his Sunday congregation for not coming to church—that is, he scolded those who were present for the fault of those who were absent.
"Your Committee on Correspondence herewith presents its observations for the year ending at this Convocation." So runs the brief introduction to an excellent review written by Samuel Wright, P.H.G.P.; he follows the ordinary plan, taking up the Grand Chapters in alphabetical order; 52 are thus reviewed, and Canada (1918) is one. The reviews are short and pithy.

The following shrewd remarks are made after he has reached the end of the alphabet with "Wyoming:"—

"The interest in Capitular Masonry, evidenced by the percentage of Master Masons who become members of the Chapter, is more strikingly indicated by the retention of their Chapter membership, as shown by the number who allow themselves to be dropped for non-payment of dues.

"Wisconsin is the highest of the larger Jurisdictions in the percentage of Master Masons on its rolls, as well as lowest in its loss for non-payment of dues."

"The various 'proceedings,' brought before us in our review, have particularly impressed us as the enthusiastic records of patriotic assemblages, preparatory to some grand rush 'over there,' barely affording the time and space due the usual routine details for the year.

"The legislation thus inspired relates principally to various schemes intended to relieve, from the payment of annual dues, Companions in the service, therein displaying an ingenious variety of details and of effervescent efforts of rhetoric, equalled only by those of that other fad of long ago 'dependent membership.'

"The war has been happily terminated, and the world is to be congratulated on what we are justified in believing it to be—the last war for centuries to come.

"The war, however, by way of diversion, may have been of some service to the Royal Craft, by keeping down, if nothing else, legislation, which seldom lucidates, but usually instead bedims, the lustre of the principles without which our Order would be a failure."

George H. Keenan, Madison, Grand High Priest.
William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.
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Wyoming.

The proceedings of 1919 are made interesting by an unusually good address read by the Grand High Priest, encouraging reports of the progress of the Royal Craft in Wyoming, and an able and extensive review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, by our old friend, if we may be permitted to call him so, Past Grand High Priest Adrian J. Parshall.

The 11th Annual Convocation was held in Laramie on the 10th July, 1919—Grand High Priest Arthur C. Jones (portrait) presiding. From his address we make the following quotations:

"I would respectfully recommend that the practice of asking for dispensations by wire be discontinued as much as possible. Where questions of law are involved one should have time to think the matter over before reaching a decision."

"Then, too, the habit of rushing through certain degrees in order to take some higher degree or degrees in another body is not wise.

"What kind of a husband would the man make, who, while the marriage vows were being taken at the altar, was debating with himself what lawyer he should employ in the divorce proceedings that were to follow, or who the next bride would be?"

"As a result of my visits to the several Chapters of this Jurisdiction it has occurred to me that the time is ripe for the various Masonic bodies to write and employ a Grand Lecturer for two or three months each year to visit and instruct in the work of the several degrees and unify the methods and exemplify the way in which degrees should be conferred. If each one of the Masonic bodies would bear its proportionate share of the expense, the financial burden on any one branch of the Masonic tree would not be heavy, while the benefits to be derived should be of great value. Perhaps nothing definite can be done at this time, but the matter might be taken under consideration for future action."

"It is with pleasure I announce that it has been my good fortune to be able to visit every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, and to report that the outlook for
increased membership and prosperity was never brighter; and, if the interest now evident does not abate, we may confidently look forward to a large addition to the number of Royal Arch Masons during the ensuing Masonic year. But, while we feel exultant because of progress made and hopeful as to our future growth, we must not be blind to the fact that there are many Companions scattered throughout the Jurisdiction who are cold-hearted and careless and who seem to think they owe nothing either to themselves or to their Chapters, and that they may absent themselves with impunity. Oh! for some way by which we might arouse them from their lukewarmness and indifference and make them see something of the beauty and learn something of the high and ennobling principles of Capitular Masonry! Inability to appreciate or failure to grasp intelligently the meaning of the great truths inculcated in the several degrees or else an indifference to what they teach is, in my humble opinion, responsible for the spirit of apathy so apparent in some of the Companions."

The report of Grand Treasurer Samuel Dickey showed a cash balance on hand of $1,244.

Adrian J. Parshall is Grand Secretary, as well as reviewer. In the former capacity he reports that all the Chapters had made returns in time for this Convocation. His statistics show 13 constituent Chapters—one under dispensation was granted a charter at this Convocation; total membership, 1,278; net gain in a year, 152; and he remarks:—

"The Grand Chapter of Wyoming is to be congratulated upon what appears to be a continued renewal of interest in Capitular Masonry in the State, more especially in the younger Chapters. Notwithstanding the quarantine placed upon our Chapters, which closed many for several months, and prevented the doing of considerable work on hand, we have made a growth of about 14 per cent. in our membership, the largest in the history of the Order. A still larger growth would undoubtedly have been made had time permitted, there being a long list of names of members who have only received degrees in part."
A special committee was appointed to consider the proposed extension of the scope and authority of the General Grand Chapter as suggested at the last Triennial Convocation of that Grand Body.

Then comes the report on Correspondence, which, as we wrote above, is excellent. Fifty-one Grand Chapters are noticed and their doings described and commented upon very fully. We observe that all the proceedings reviewed are proceedings of 1918. We can hardly be wrong in supposing that the proceedings in 1919 of some of the Grand Chapters had reached Wyoming before it was time to close the review and have it printed for presentation to Grand Chapter on the 10th July, 1919; and we take it that it is regarded as convenient to make the calendar year the unit for review. This procedure is that, we believe, of many of the Correspondence Committees. But for our part we think there is no particular virtue in the calendar year. Why not, in the case of a Grand Chapter meeting in July, make the year, say, from the 1st May to the 1st May? The proceedings reviewed would not be quite so stale. Canada (1918) is admirably reviewed by Companion Parshall, and we cannot complain that Canada (1919) is not included, for our Grand Chapter did not meet till the 17th June of that year. In 1920, however, we shall meet in February, as of yore, and we hope in Companion Parshall's next review to find Canada (1920) as well as Canada (1919).

We cannot forgo the pleasure of quoting this learned reviewer's conclusion:

"It appears to the writer that there is little to say in the way of conclusion, notwithstanding the fact that these are disturbed times and that we are exerting every effort to assume normal conditions in political, industrial, and social affairs in this country. There is an unrest in every field of labour. Profiteering is everywhere in evidence, and the solution of the great questions of reconstruction and the placing of business upon a stable footing is difficult.

"Capitular Masonry, which exerted its influence to the best of its resources in bringing the war to a close, has, like other bodies, felt the strain of the times. The
spirit of opposition has aroused every faculty which lay dormant so many years, and to-day the Order is stronger than ever. From nearly every Grand Jurisdiction we read that the increase in membership and interest "has broken the records of all time."

"There is a delay in many quarters in the usual distribution of proceedings, due, we suppose, to the scarcity of expert labour. In some instances the proceedings of 1918 did not reach us until after the Convocation of 1919 was held, but we did not fare so badly. Our printers were fairly prompt in their work. It has been inconvenient, however, for us as Correspondent—we must leave some of the Jurisdictions unreviewed, which we regret."

William Pugh, Evanston, Grand High Priest.
Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary.

Conclusion.

In the foregoing pages something has been told of the doings of each of 52 Grand Bodies; in some cases two volumes of the proceedings came before us, those of 1918 and 1919.

Another word may perhaps profitably be said about the delay in issuing some of the reports. The ideal thing would be that the reports reviewed should be those issued within one period of 12 months—not necessarily the calendar year—instead of being scattered over a period of two years, and sometimes even longer. Reviewers have a well-grounded grievance in this respect. It is both awkward and annoying to have to take up stale reports, perhaps nearly two years old, and find in them references to things still older, so that in 1920 we are carried back to 1916. There is often a double fault; the Grand Secretary or Grand Scribe E. is late in issuing his volume; and the correspondence report in that same volume covers a period remote from its issue. Perhaps it is too much to expect that the volumes shall be issued within two months after the Grand Convocation, and that the reviewer shall admit to his report all records of proceedings received not later than two months before the Convocation.
We have been living for the last three months in very good company and upon an excellent diet. Needless to say, our Companions have been chiefly the citizens of the Republic to the south of us. In nearly every report which comes to us there is an address of the Grand First Principal or Grand High Priest, and, with few exceptions, the American and Canadian volumes contain also what are known as Correspondence Reports. The latter are not to be found in the volumes coming from the British Isles and Australasia. It must be confessed that our chief concern is with the Correspondence Reports; yet we doubt if this would be so were it not for their admitted excellence. To be in the company of the members of the Correspondence Corps of the United States and Canada is to be in the best of company. There are degrees of scholarship and grace, but all, or nearly all, write with practised ease, and have a good command of literary English. This is not so generally the case with the presiding officers, but there are very few who do not produce an address which is readable and, when read, instructive and thought-stirring. We have now 6 Canadian Grand Chapters—our own, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Alberta, and British Columbia; but these are few in comparison with those of the United States; and so, as we have said, we have been enjoying friendly communication chiefly with our American Brethren, and both pleasure and profit have been the result.

We began by announcing our intention of not proceeding in "topical" fashion; but now, having given our usual quota of reviews in alphabetical order, we desire to enlarge—if that may be consistent with brevity—upon a few points suggested by what we have met in our ramblings among the Grand Chapters. As these points are separate and distinct each from the other, we shall, for the nonce, give them under headings, in alphabetical order, in modified "topical" form:—

**British Columbia's Grand Chapter.**

Our bantling, of whom we are proud, the baby Grand Chapter of British Columbia, is being recognised, acknowledged, and welcomed by the Grand Chapters
of this continent, as is shown by reports of Convocations held later than last July—but alas! few of these have yet reached our table.

**Condition of Capitular Masonry.**

The Grand Chapter of Canada has a valuable asset in its Annual Report on the condition of Capitular Masonry. There is nothing quite like it in any of the volumes which come before us; and the best of the reviewers in the United States Grand Chapters commend it and quote from it.

**Correspondence Reports.**

We find different opinions as to the proper scope of a correspondence report. One reviewer says that it should be confined to drawing attention to such things as the Grand Chapter to whom the report is presented may find it proper to take action upon. The result of a strict adherence to such a rule would possibly not be enlivening; and the scribe referred to, we believe, stands alone in that opinion. Several correspondents have expressed the view that a report should include at least a statement of what is found in the reports of other Grand Chapters indicating differences in laws, rules, procedure, customs, etc.; this is said to be useful for purposes of comparison and perhaps as suggestion for amendment. This is well enough, but is surely not meant to be exhaustive. For ourselves, we can only generalise. We profess to describe, quote, and comment upon whatever strikes us as interesting, even if our own Grand Chapter has little direct concern with it.

**Delinquent Members.**

A suggestion that each subordinate Chapter should appoint a committee upon delinquent members, comes from California. It is pointed out that the fatal S.N.P.D. might be averted in many cases if careful and kindly inquiry were made into the cause of the delinquency. It may be that some members are merely careless in remitting and would welcome a visit from one who would take the dues and save, the beheadal. This may be a commoner case than it is usually supposed to be.
In the opposite case, that of a Companion who is really unable to pay dues, he may not wish to say so in a direct business communication to the official representative of his Chapter, but may explain his circumstances to the brother who approaches him sympathetically. At the very least, if the suggested plan were carried out, it would save the loss of some members of a Chapter. We are often astonished at the amount of dues in arrear. A little tact and courtesy in the treatment of delinquents might produce results equally astonishing.

Distinguished Dead.

We must not forget the historical value of the Annual Report. We may have been reading for 10 years of some man who is one of the pillars of a Grand Chapter. He brings in reports, introduces resolutions, is entrusted with the funds, negotiates a treaty with a body whose jurisdiction is disputed, is thanked for his services to the Royal Craft—and yet we are told nothing of the man himself. Then, one day, he dies; and in the next volume we find out something about him—what manner of man he was—whether doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief; married or single; Methodist or Presbyterian; perhaps even what his hobbies were, if he had any. In the obituary, or necrology, or memorial, there is usually too much verse for our taste, and too little about the deceased, but let us not despise what is told—it is almost all the history we get. Some Grand Chapters make a practice of introducing the passing or coming Chief Ruler by a portrait and biographical sketch. For this we are always grateful; but it is singular how little is sometimes told in what professes to be a biography, though of course a brief one.

Distinguished Visitors.

It seems to be the practice of American Grand Chapters, more particularly perhaps in the east, to arrange for the presence of some of the great ones of other Grand Chapters at stated Grand Convocations. The wisdom of this is apparent. Much benefit is to be derived from such visits and the interchange of courtesies. Our own Grand Chapter of Canada is quite expert
both in receiving and returning visits, and the pleasure and profit of the practice are known to us. One correspondence scribe excludes from his reviews any mention of such visits—we cannot think that he is right.

**Dry Continent.**

The drought prevailing on this continent at the present time does not seem to have (usually) the effect of lessening the attendance at the regular communications of subordinate Chapters. Both Canada and the United States have largely gone dry; but apparently the brethren take their places at the banquet-table, drink toasts in lemonade or water, and still enjoy themselves. It is not so in all cases, however. There are some Chapters where the absence of what Mr. Dick Swiveller called a "modest quencher" has had a sad effect upon the attendance. It would be putting it crudely to say that a Royal Arch Mason attended his Chapter for the sake of what he got to drink, or that he could not get through the evening without his "whack" of the "rosy." That does not truthfully describe the situation. It is rather this—taking the case of a Chapter known to us. It has had a reputation in the past for pleasant refreshment sessions. The Companions knew each other intimately, and when they gathered about the refreshment-board, after labour ended, they drank in moderation, smoked, yarnd, speecified a little, and sometimes sang. There was never an instance of excess. All was pleasant and easy-going. The Companions no longer have those evenings, and some of the jolliest Companions of former days stay away or do not linger when the work is over. It seems to that particular Chapter that it is paying a big price for a problematical advantage. A Mason should and would do much for a weaker brother. But is the weaker brother helped? Sometimes we fear not. And there may be worse things than excess in drink, though that is bad enough. Prohibition is scarcely a logical remedy for the evils of drink—it is apt to punish the moderate man without helping the drunkard. There would not be many prohibitionists if we could eliminate drunkenness by some other means. Indeed the most powerful argument
for prohibition (we are not looking at it as a political but as a moral question) is based on human pity for a drunkard's family. There are cases where it has been effective.

**English as She is Wrote.**

We have said something of the literary finish of the addresses made and the reports presented to Grand Chapters. Good English is the rule—but sometimes quaint local expressions crop up. We have given one or two in the foregoing pages. And sometimes a new word is coined, e.g., "Capitularian" as a synonym for "a Royal Arch Mason." Is the word needed?

**Finances.**

Is the financial statement of a Grand Chapter a proper subject for note and comment by the reviewer of another Grand Chapter? Personally we find finances more interesting than, for instance, decisions. Should a Grand Chapter so arrange the scale of payments made to it by the subordinate Chapters that a surplus must result and go on increasing with the years, or should it make the incominga match the outgoings as nearly as possible and leave the future to posterity? That is the really important question. Some Grand Chapters are apparently piling up riches. We are in the habit of giving the figures, and think they are at least suggestive.

**Homes.**

Masonic Homes—there is much about them in the reports of some Grand Chapters, and not enough in others. Our Texas and Indiana reviews should be looked at in this regard.

**Illiteracy.**

It is interesting to read that the Chapters of Alabama participated in the campaign against Illiteracy in that State. Light and instruction cannot easily be communicated to the illiterate. There are degrees of illiteracy of course. In the past generation we knew some very able and successful men who could scarcely write more than their own names, and to whom "all print was" not "open."
Mileage and Per Diem.

We find a good deal on this subject in American Grand Chapter proceedings. If the expenses of delegates to the Annual Convocation are paid by Grand Chapter, as seems to be usually the case in the United States, there is no reason why every Chapter should not be represented, and that is a desirable thing. So far as we can make out, the discussions relate chiefly to the basis of payment—"mileage one way or both," "rate of allowance per diem," etc. It may well be that in most cases a delegate does not receive his full expenses; but even a part payment is, from the angle of observation of the payee, better than none.

Moribund Chapters.

It is wisdom's part to give decent burial to a Chapter which is dead. Let the charter be arrested. An existing Chapter which is not working and not even meeting is doing harm; and its surviving members will be better off in some other Chapter. But a Chapter which appears to be dying may be revived, and there are some wonderful cases of resuscitation. Every effort must be made before the burial decree is pronounced.

Religion and Masonry.

There is a strong religious feeling in most Grand Chapters, if we are to accept the public utterances of the Rulers as typical. More than that, in such biographical sketches as we find scattered through the pages of these volumes—particularly the United States volumes—we find evidence of the important positions in various churches filled by the most eminent Royal Craftsmen. The Mason, of whom we have heard, whose only religion is Masonry, is by no means prominent in these reports. We are not attempting to make any distinction between true religion or piety and conventional religion. There is a good deal of what Sir Walter Besant called "religiosity" to be found everywhere—but not nearly so much as there used to be.
Revival of Capitular Masonry.

The year 1919 saw wonderful progress everywhere—or at least in all the Grand Chapters whose proceedings we have reviewed, with perhaps one exception. That progress was not confined to this continent. Both Scotland and Ireland have made wonderful strides, and such of the Australasian Grand Chapters as we have heard from have made substantial increases in membership. Masonry may be doing good work even where candidates for its mysteries are few; but unquestionably it does better work where its doors are besieged by applicants. There has been an actual and well-marked revival of interest in Capitular Masonry. In this there is a wholesome tendency which may help to counteract some of the sinister movements which are afoot.

Triumph of the Democratic Principle.

This note—"the triumph of the Democratic principle upon which our Order is founded"—is manifest everywhere in the foregoing pages, from A to Z, from Alabama to Wyoming. And yet Freemasons must qualify their Democracy. Bound by their obligations to respect constituted authority, they should be a bulwark against anarchy.

Fraternally submitted by

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To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The financial year of Constituent Chapters ends on the 31st December, and Scribes E. are requested to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E., immediately thereafter.

Write the names of Companions, in full, plainly in the returns, so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the age, occupation, and place of residence are not omitted. Where deaths are included, the date of decease should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.
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OF CANADA

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R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, M.D., Hamilton, Ont.,
Grand H
R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Trenton, Ont., Grand J.
M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, Hamilton, Ont., Grand
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R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Toronto, Ont., Grand
Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. William Croft, Toronto, Ont., Grand
Principal Squires.
R. Ex. Comp. D. W. Evans, Hamilton, Ont., Grand
Registrar.
R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, K.C., Toronto, Ont., Grand
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The Sixty-third Convocation of the Grand Chapter of
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