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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.I.), "in the year of the discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Dedicationis (A.D.), "in the year of the erection."

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."

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Rules for Masonic Dates

**Ancient Craft Masons**—
Add 4000 years to the vulgar era.

**Royal Arch**—
Add 530 years to the vulgar era.

**Royal and Select Masters**—
Add 1000 years to the vulgar era.

**Scottish Rite**—
Add 3760 years to the vulgar era.

**Knights Templars**—
From the vulgar era take 1119.

Thus: 1921 and 4020—2021

Thus: 1051 and 587—644

Thus: 1941 and 1000—2941

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HERBERT S. GRIFFIN, M.D.
Hamilton, Ont.
M. Ex. Grand Z.
Proceedings of the
GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL
ARCH MASONs of CANADA
at the Sixty-third Annual Convocation

Held in the Masonic Temple, Queen's Avenue
City of London, Ontario
Wednesday, February 23rd, A.D. 1921, A.Inv. 2451

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved

H. S. GRIFFIN, M.D., Hamilton, Ont.
HENRY T. SMITH, Toronto, Ont.
Grand Z.
Grand Scribe E.
Grand Chapter of Canada

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held in the Masonic Temple, City of London, Wednesday, February 23rd, A.D. 1921, A.Inv. 2451.

Present

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton..............Grand Z.
M. " " A. T. Freed..............as Grand H. } Grand Council
R. " " R. H. Spencer..............Grand J.
M. " " George Moore..............Grand Treasurer
R. " " Henry T. Smith..............Grand Scribe E.
R. " " H. J. Milne..............Grand Scribe X.
R. " " William Croft..............Grand Principal Sojourner
R. " " A. L. Tinker..............as Grand Registrar
R. " " E. B. Brown..............Grand Historian
R. " " J. B. Nixon..............Grand Lecturer
R. " " .J. H. Shaw..............as Grand Senior Sojourner
R. " " J. J. Shelley..............as Grand Junior Sojourner
R. " " J. B. Smith..............as Grand Sword Bearer
R. " " J. W. Rogers..............as Grand Master 1st Veil
R. " " Frank Hills..............as Grand Master 2nd Veil
V. " " Samuel Ward..............as Grand Master 3rd Veil
V. " " H. P. Reid..............as Grand Master 4th Veil
V. " " B. J. Miller..............Grand Standard Bearer
V. " " Charles Gilbert..............Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
V. " " J. H. Hobbs..............as Grand Organist
V. " " James Herriot..............as Grand Pursuivant
V. " " R. Y. Angus..............as Grand Steward
V. " " W. H. Hoare..............as Grand Steward
V. " " R. J. Gaylord..............as Grand Steward
V. " " Charles Gould..............as Grand Steward
V. " " W. J. Armstrong..............as Grand Steward
V. " " A. Evans..............as Grand Steward
V. " " S. T. Ball..............as Grand Steward
V. " " E. W. Quantz..............as Grand Steward
V. " " Ed. Lankin..............as Grand Steward
V. " " S. G. Newdick..............as Grand Steward
GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. John S. Barnard ........... London Dist. No. 2
" " G. A. Woodside ........... Brantford " 3
" " A. L. Patterson ........... Palmerston " 4
" " Andrew G. Bain ........... Hamilton " 5
" " Thomas Blackmore ........... Listowel " 6
" " George H. Smith ........... St. Catharines " 7
" " Vivian M. Hare ........... Uxbridge " 8
" " William H. Whipps ........... Collingwood " 9
" " Colin S. Hambly ........... Port Hope " 10
" " Alexander MacGregor ........... Napanee " 11
" " William W. Sheets ........... Mille Roches " 12
" " A. J. Sparling ........... Pembroke " 13
" " Archibald D. Cameron, Fort William " 14
" " J. B. Smith ........... Assiniboia " 20
" " John Henning ........... Melville " 22

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A Constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10 o'clock, a.m.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Chapters, reported that there were 163 Warranted Chapters and 2 under Dispensation on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 127 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.*  

No. 5.  
*St. George's, London.*  

No. 6.  
*St. John's, Hamilton.*  

No. 7.  
*The Moira, Belleville.*  
Ex. Comp. W. A. Harden, Z.; M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, P.Z.

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

No. 15.  
*Wawanosh, Sarnia.*  

No. 16.  
*Carleton, Ottawa.*  
Ex. Comp. John Gray, Z.

No. 18.  
*Oxford, Woodstock.*  

No. 19.  
*Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*  

No. 20.  
*Mount Horeb, Brantford.*  

No. 23.  
*Ezra, Simcoe.*  

No. 24.  
*Tecumseth, Stratford.*  
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

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

No. 27. Manitou, Collingwood.
R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Whipps (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 28. Pentalpha, Oshawa.

No. 29. McCallum, Dunnville.
R. Ex. Comp. George E. Parkes (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 30. Huron, Goderich.
Ex. Comp. J. J. McEwen, Z.

No. 31. Prince Edward, Picton.
R. Ex. Comp. Jas. H. Colden (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 32. Waterloo, Galt.
R. Ex. Comp. J. H. Cowan, P.Z.

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


No. 36. Corinthian, Peterborough.

No. 37. Victoria, Port Hope.
R. Ex. Comp. C. S. Hamly (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 40. Guelph, Guelph.

No. 41. Harris, Ingersoll.
V. Ex. Comp. W. A. Sutherland, Z.

No. 44. Mount Sinai, Napanee.

No. 45. Excelsior, Colborne.
Ex. Comp. C. D. Peebles, Z.

No. 46. St. James, St. Mary's.
Ex. Comps. A. Jackson, Z.; George Smith, P.Z.
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No. 47. Wellington, Chatham.

No. 52. Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.
Ex. Comp. H. F. Moulden, P.Z.

No. 53. Bruce, Petrolia.
Ex. Comp. H. D. Sherrin, Z.

No. 54. Palestine, St. Thomas.

No. 57. King Hiram, Port Colborne.
Ex. Comp. D. H. McCracken (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 58. Pembroke, Mattawa.
Ex. Comp. A. Ross (Proxy), R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haenschel, P.Z.'s.

No. 59. Sussex, Brockville.
Ex. Comp. W. G. Kennedy, Z.

No. 61. Granite, Almonte.

No. 62. York, Toronto.

No. 63. Havelock, Kincardine.

No. 64. Willson, Welland.
Ex. Comps. George T. Cook, Z.; F. M. Brown, J.

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

No. 67. Enterprise, Harriston.
Ex. Comp. Theodore Morris, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Patterson, P.Z.

No. 69. Grimsby, Grimsby.
No. 76. Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls.
R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Swannell (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 77. Occident, Toronto.

No. 78. Minnewawa, Parkhill.
Ex. Comps. A. S. H. Cree, Z.; Geo. Sutherland, P.Z.

No. 79. Orient, Toronto.

No. 80. Ark, Windsor.
Ex. Comp. R. M. Bright, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Edgar, P.Z.

No. 81. Aylmer, Aylmer.

No. 82. Shuniah, Port Arthur.
Ex. Comp. T. Gray, Z.

No. 83. Ionic, Orangeville.
Ex. Comp. T. S. Parkinson, Z.

No. 84. Lebanon, Wingham.

No. 86. Macpherson, Meaford.
R. Ex. Comp. George Hair (Proxy), P.Z.
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No. 88. MacNabb, Dresden.

No. 90. Golden, Kenora.

No. 91. Antiquity, Toronto.
Ex. Comps. W. J. Armstrong (Proxy), P. K. Perry, V.

No. 95. Tuscan, Sudbury.

R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer (Proxy).

No. 100. St. Lawrence, Brockville.
Ex. Comp. T. W. Cumbus, P.Z.

Ex. Comp. J. Dudley, Z.

No. 103. St. John's, North Bay.
Ex. Comps. James A. Smith, Z.; R. Y. Angus, P.Z.

No. 112. St. John's, Morrisburg.
Ex. Comp. A. H. Casselman (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 113. Covenant, Cornwall.
R. Ex. Comp. W. W. Sheets, P.Z.

No. 114. Bonnechere, Renfrew.
Ex. Comp. John D. Duncan, Z.

Ex. Comp. William Finlayson (Proxy), R. Ex. Comp.
W. J. Logie, P.Z.'s.

No. 117. Kitchener, Kitchener.
Ex. Comp. J. A. Hallman (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 121. Wascana, Regina.
Ex. Comp. J. F. Mercer (Proxy).

No. 130. Chantry, Southampton.
Ex. Comp. E. J. Mitchell, P.Z.

No. 132. Leeds, Gananoque.
No. 133. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
Ex. Comp. T. S. McDonald, Z.

No. 134. *King Darius, Cannington.*
V. Ex. Comp. J. F. Grierson (Proxy).

No. 135. *Succoth, Uxbridge.*

No. 136. *King Edward, Neepawa.*
Ex. Comp. Harry Moulden (Proxy).

No. 138. *Shekinah, Toronto.*
R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 139. *St. Andrew's, Havelock.*
Ex. Comp. H. R. Butterill (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 140. *Fort William, Fort William.*
Ex. Comp. Oliver Coles, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. A. D. Cameron, P.Z.

No. 144. *Presque' Isle, Brighton.*
Ex. Comp. E. W. Pickford, Z.

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

No. 146. *Bernard, Lislowel.*

No. 147. *Lucknow, Lucknow.*

No. 148. *St. John's, Vankleek Hill.*
Ex. Comp. M. W. Shepherd, Z.

No. 149. *Atwood, Rainy River.*
M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt (Proxy).


No. 151. *Laurentian, Pembroke.*
R. Ex. Comp. A. J. Sparling (Proxy), P.Z.
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Ex. Comp. T. M. Irwin, Z.

No. 156. Avondale, Hartney.
Ex. Comps. W. MacDonald (Proxy), R. M. Smith, P.Z.'s.

No. 160. Prince Albert, Prince Albert.
R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson (Proxy).

No. 161. Madoc, Madoc.
Ex. Comp. W. J. Hill (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 162. Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw.
Ex. Comp. W. B. Hooker, Z.

No. 163. The Beaches, Toronto.
R. Ex. Comp. G. L. Gardiner (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 164. Lorne, West Lorne.

No. 165. Saskatoon, Saskatoon.
R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood (Proxy).

No. 166. Moose Mountain, Arcola.
M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw (Proxy).

No. 169. Temiskaming, New Liskeard.
Ex. Comp. J. S. McCullough, Z.

R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Logan (Proxy).

No. 175. The Hamilton, Hamilton.
R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Bain (Proxy), P.Z.

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Smith (Proxy).

No. 184. Hugh Murray, Bridgeburg.

No. 185. Toronto, Toronto.
Ex. Comp. Charles Wheat, Z.

Ex. Comp. H. F. Moulden (Proxy).

No. 192. Trinity, Melville.
R. Ex. Comp. J. Henning (Proxy), P.Z.
No. 194. Orient, Moosomin.
   R. Ex. Comp. J. McC. Potts (Proxy).

No. 195. Peel, Brampton.

No. 198. Couchiching, Orillia.
   Ex. Comp. A. McClellan (Proxy).

No. 203. Cobalt, Cobalt.
   Ex. Comp. A. Brian, Z.

No. 205. Victoria, Thornhill.

No. 208. Assiniboia, Assiniboia.
   R. Ex. Comps. J. B. Smith, P.Z.; Edwin Smith (Proxy).

No. 209. Humboldt, Humboldt.
   Ex. Comp. W. E. Logan (Proxy).

   Ex. Comp. R. S. Page, Z.

No. 211. Shaunavon, Shaunavon.

No. 212. Mount Sinai, Toronto.
   Ex. Comp. Arthur Brookstone (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 215. Mimico, Mimico.
   Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 217. St. Alban's, Toronto.
   Ex. Comp. J. A. Cooper, H.

No. 218. Prince Edward, Shelbourne.

No. 219. Ulster, Toronto.
   R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Horwood, Z.

No. 220. Lebanon, Lambton Mills.
   Ex. Comp. J. A. Evans, H.

No. 221. Durham, Durham.
   Ex. Comp. W. E. Clark (Proxy), P.Z.
Sixty-seven Chapters were represented by regular officers, 49 were represented by proxy, 11 were represented by Past Z.'s, making the total Chapters represented 127. Thirty-eight Chapters were unrepresented. There were 295 delegates registered, making a total of 570 votes.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. W. HAENTSCHEL, Chairman.
JOSEPH J. SHELLEY,
B. CAIRNS.
Committee.

On motion of M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

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

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the Sixty-second Annual Convocation held in the City of Toronto, Wednesday, February 25th, 1920, when it was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and
Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Wednesday, February 25th, 1920, 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. Comps. Jerome L. Cheney, P.G.H.P., J. W. Prouse, P.G.H.P., R. Ex. Comps. Washington A. Russell, G.P. Soj., and Henry W. Root, a P.G. Rep., from the Grand Chapter of New York, were introduced by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt; M. Ex. Comps. Charles J. Gray, G.H.P., Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary (as well as Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States), George W. Leedle, P.G.H.P. and Grand Lecturer, from the Grand Chapter of Michigan, were introduced by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw; M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw, as Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templars, was introduced by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt. These distinguished Companions were greeted by the Grand Z., in cordial terms and accorded Grand honors. Each Companion briefly acknowledged the greetings extended.

CIVIC WELCOME

His Worship Mayor E. S. Little, of London, accompanied by Aldermen R. Ex. Comps. W. H. Wilson and F. E. Harley, was introduced by M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch. The Mayor in felicitous terms welcomed the delegates in attendance at Grand Chapter to the City of London, which he said was a City of homes, for 75 or 80 per cent of the citizens owned the homes in which they lived. The Grand Z. accepted the Civic Welcome in a pleasing manner.

LONDON CHAPTERS TENDER GREETINGS

R. Ex. Comp. J. S. Barnard, on behalf of the Chapters of London read the following address:
“Lt.-Colonel William Nisbet Ponton, K.C.,
Grand Z.,

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada.
Most Excellent Companion:

The Companions of London and District, No. 2, extend greetings and a most cordial welcome to you on this the Sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Six years ago Grand Chapter convened in London and, as that memorable visit is now repeated, we deem this Convocation a further recognition of the importance of the Capitular work done in this City and District.

London has always held a high place in the history of Capitular Masonry in Canada. St. John’s Chapter No. 3, was instituted in 1844, and was represented in the Convention held in Hamilton, in 1857, which brought into being the Grand Chapter of Canada. St. George’s Chapter No. 5, received its Charter in 1854, and joined the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1858, one of its Companions, Captain Thompson Wilson, being elected Grand Z. for that year. London Chapter No. 150 was formed in 1905. In all the years since its introduction into London, Capitular Masonry has been held in the highest esteem, and has steadily progressed in influence, and these Chapters which have such a long and honourable career, now point with pardonable pride to the fact, that last year was the most successful of all. This noteworthy achievement does not rest upon a phenomenal increase in membership alone, but in an intensifying of the fraternal spirit, and a more general understanding of the sublime principles of the Order, as well.

The Chapters of District No. 2 have enjoyed a successful year and have added largely to their membership.

We desire to congratulate you, Most Excellent Sir, upon the successful part you have had in the work of Grand Chapter, during your term of office. You have been unsparing of yourself in your efforts to promote
in every way the well-being of the Order, and you have made your inspiring influence felt throughout the entire Jurisdiction. You have interpreted our obligations in terms which show their relation to our social and national life, and have so emphasized them as to have produced a steadying influence upon our membership which has been most salutary in these unsettled times.

We express the belief that the coming of Grand Chapter to London will have the effect of arousing the interest of the community in our Order, the inspiring of the Companions with higher ideals, and a better understanding of the dignity, scope and importance of your work.

We reiterate our words of hearty welcome, and confidently indulge the hope that your sojourn here, brief though it may be, will be richly fraught with all the pleasures that the occasion offers—a sense of a Great Work well done—the making of many new acquaintances, and the renewal of many old and tried friendships.

Signed on behalf of the London Chapters by their respective First Principals, February 23rd, 1921.

Arthur J. Wilkins, St. John’s, No. 3.  
J. Birnie Smith, St. George’s, No. 5.  
Thos. Coleridge, London, No. 150."

The Grand Z., in thanking the London Chapters for the cordial welcome extended, said, he was at that moment, the interpreter of 23,500 Royal Arch Masons of the Jurisdiction, and it was most inspiring to receive such a warm welcome from the Companions of London.

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 dias. The following answered to their names:
The Representatives were accorded Grand Honors, and M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, representing Washington, made a suitable response on behalf of his colleagues.

The Grand Z. then presented the following:
M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton
ADDRESS OF GRAND Z.

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

Assembled again at our annual festival of reminiscence and refreshment, and administrative work, in this hospitable City with the historic name of London, suggesting all the old associations of that other greater London—the centre and citadel of the liberties of the world—we are reminded of the passing of the many full and fertile years that are told, and may we be able to truly appropriate to ourselves and our Grand Chapter the two old mottoes on the two Scottish sun-dials:

"Time tryeth Troth."

and

"I count only the hours that are serene."

As to the future, whose windows are full of the confident promise of achievement (to those who have the will to work and the ears to hear), may our Royal Craft be—

"The shuttle in the weaving
Of the warp and woof of Brotherhood,"

To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow, to the last syllable of recorded time. We do not hold infinity in the palm of our hand but we are called upon to work—(the watchword of life)—and to build well in the positive, productive present with living stones and working tools so that we may be able in truth to say as co-trustees of posterity—

"After me cometh a builder, tell him I too have known"

"This is our heritage
And here we do engage
Each man unto his son—
Intact to pass it on."

"Arms and the man" have given place to "Tools and the man," yet man, the only tool-user, should not become a tool. The free Mason must be greater than his Craft.
"We are all blind until we see
   That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
   It does not make the man.
Why build these cities glorious
   If man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the work unless
   The builder also grows."

Our first regretful duty is to note the absence through illness of our Grand Second Principal, Dr. Herbert S. Griffin, than whom Royal Arch Masonry possesses no more genial and generous exponent. May our good will and good wishes and prayers aid in his speedy restoration to health and vigor among us.

The year just passed has been one of unexampled and purposeful progress, an increase of nearly 3,000 members, 14 new Chapters under Dispensation, with investments of $45,000, with an income of $23,000, an expenditure of $15,000, an addition to capital during the year of $8,000. Surely we are justified in feeling a reasonable pride in this great Jurisdiction with its immense areas, its greater potentialities, and its splendid spirit, but we realize also our responsibility and the absolute necessity of hearty and efficient co-operation in the labor of loyal love to which the rulers of the Royal Craft must devote themselves in order to live up to the trusts reposed in them and the honor conferred upon them. As our Brother the Prince of Wales, from whom we received cordial New Year's greetings, said in one of his stirring rallying calls—"Let us overcome our problems, let us pull together." Let us marshal our resources and lift together! Let us unify our forces, and work together!

With such a membership, with such privileges, I do not wonder, whatever may be the result of the motion, that a movement has been set on foot to raise the minimum admission fee to our Chapters. It is the value, not the price, that we are putting upon Royal Arch Masonry. We must maintain and raise the standard. There should be nothing cheap about this great intellectual Order—"Chosen of the true." But apart from other considerations let us realize with
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humility that we have during the past year spent only 9% of our income on benevolence and philanthropy. There are and will be more and more crying needs for which added funds will have to be provided, and I strongly urge that additional and deserving objects of discriminating benevolence be aided in life's struggle as soon as our capital investments reach the sum of $50,000 as they will this coming year, under the vigilant, skilled and prudent hands of our Grand Treasurer, Most Excellent Companion George Moore, and the Finance Committee.

It is then, Most Excellent and Right Excellent Companions of New York and of Michigan and of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, a great Capitular and crowned Commonwealth of over 23,600 members, that welcomes you to-day in the most warm-hearted and cordial manner to this true North, at our Annual Convocation and we know that you will aid us in making this trysting place a clearing house of ideas and ideals and good comradeship.

In addition to a memorable visit to our sister and daughter Grand Chapter of Quebec where we received the warmest of welcomes, it was my privilege during the past year to visit officially as your accredited Representative, the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island at Providence, the Grand Chapter of Connecticut at Hartford, the Grand Chapter of New Jersey at Trenton, the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia at Washington and twice the Grand Chapter of New York at Albany, and we have pending invitations awaiting fulfillment to the Grand Chapters of Massachusetts and of Michigan, with the Representatives of whom we have been on occasions throughout the year delightfully associated. Words are almost inadequate to express due appreciation of the assiduous attention, the bountiful hospitality and the thoughtful provision made for and extended to "Canada" at all the centres named and from all with whom we were brought in such happy and companionable contact. Their Convocations were distinguished by both dignity and enthusiasm and I noted especially the fidelity of the veteran
members and also the interchange of fraternal courtesies between the concordant Masonic Orders who recognize generously the good work of the others in their respective fields of fruitful fraternity. So should it be here and so it is, especially between our Chapters and our Craft Lodges and Preceptories, both Grand Bodies being at present worthily and well presided over by Past M. Ex. Grand First Principals of this Grand Chapter. I received as your Grand Z. the signal honor of being admitted to the Order of High Priesthood in both Connecticut and New Jersey. These international visits lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes and the cable tow, enlarge our horizon and are a benediction to both those who give and those who receive. Royal Arch Masonry has no latitude and longitude and we, especially the English-speaking peoples, while loyal each to our own Flag and form of Government, can clasp hands warmly over thousands of miles of boundary line in perfect amity and understanding. If we Masons do not maintain that concord so necessary for the peace, security and co-operative unity of the world, who will? The best elements in each land respond to the best elements in the other, and we are, we trust, the centre pier of the bridge by which mutual confidence will be restored and maintained, the keystone of the Arch of abiding peace—and peace spells prosperity.

"Bless thou His name whose mercy set, The rainbow in the cloud."

"Behold I have set my bow (arcus) in the cloud as a covenant."

Space and time will not permit my emphasizing specifically one by one the receptions accorded to me as your Grand Z. by all the Chapters in Ontario, including District Chapters of Instruction and Consecrations, which I have been privileged to attend. The limitations of human endurance would not permit me to visit more than I have done. Had I accepted all the fraternal invitations received I would not now be here; indeed, in the language of one of Right Worshipful Brother Gilbert Parker's characters—"I would have been a goner before I was a comer." In each and all I found the most genuine good fellowship and also a
perfect lust for interpretative work, a willingness to learn, a desire to teach. I appreciate deeply the honor of the honorary memberships and tokens of fraternal friendship presented to me, and in a recent bereavement I came to know and was deeply touched by the warm hearts that prompted both beautiful flowers and heart-felt expressions of sympathy.

Last year I travelled hundreds of miles, this year I travelled thousands—"To meet, and to act and react on one another, move all we restless travellers thro' the pilgrimage of life."

Perhaps the out-standing feature of this my last year of office has been my well-filled month spent in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, fulfilling as best I might within the thirty-one days allotted, an itinerary of mileage and distance of which I did not believe any man capable until after it was performed. The ordinary became the extraordinary, the commonplace was woven into the texture of strenuous and colorful romance. Areas and dimensions are now to me realizable in these spacious days. Beginning at Port Arthur and Fort William—the outlets of the Golden Harvests of the West as well as the exemplars of the five points of fellowship, I passed on in succession to Portage la Prairie, Winnipeg, Boissevain, Brandon, Melville, Regina, Saskatoon, Battleford, Edmonton, Calgary, Banff, Swift Current and Moose Jaw and thence by a forced march over that wonder of human creation and management, the C.P.R., back to Hiram of Hamilton. It seems all like one great field of the cloth of gold studded with jewels. "East is East and West is West, but there is neither East nor West, border, nor breed, nor birth, when good strong men come face to face though they come from the ends of the earth." I was told at Fort William that I was going to a Country where every mound was a mountain, every rivulet a river and every man a loyal liar; but no mendacity was needed. The harvest of story was only half told—the patriotic picture only half painted. I realized the great and buoyant Country of the young man, in whose foundation and upbringing Ontario had so large a share.
Their favorite hymn or rather paean is—"Where does the West begin?" The question is answered by them in this wise—

"Out where the sky is a little bluer,
Out where friendship's a little truer,
Out where the hand clasp's a little stronger,
Out where a smile dwells a little longer:
That's where the West begins.
Where there is more of singing and less of sighing,
Where there is more of giving and less of buying,
And a man makes friends without half trying:
That's where the West begins."

I hope that I succeeded in convincing them that the same cordial, resilient spirit animated the optimistic Companions of the East, though possibly less demonstratively expressed. But we can learn much from our Western brethren in their individual and collective enthusiasm—the precision of their work and the practical public causes with which as vital organizations they identify themselves, especially in connection with education and the community welfare and social service, including the Red Cross—the "Mother of Philanthropies." I say, BRETHREN, advisedly, for there is, as here, the most happy and harmonious interchange between the Craft and the Royal Craft, between the Blue and the Purple. My receptions as Deputy Grand Master, especially in Saskatchewan and Alberta, were quite as wonderful as my receptions as Grand Z. Too much cannot be said for the filial warmth of greeting extended by our daughter Grand Chapter of Alberta. There, as in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, distance was disregarded and many Companions drove 80 miles, some few 100 miles, to attend the meetings so that each meeting was the nucleus and centre of a great District. The Universities of the Western Provinces are revelations and Masons of the West take the deepest, most active co-operative interest in their maintenance as great public assets. Could not the Ontario Masons do the same by our Ontario Provincial University and by all our Universities especially now at this Educational crisis? Let us teach and broaden and fortify the pulse of public opinion. I am thoroughly convinced that we
must at no distant date again endeavour to hold a Convocation at Winnipeg, or if we confine the place of meeting of Grand Chapter in the future, as many think we should, to the large centres of population here, then at least we who are nearer the meeting place should see to it that Western Companions are generously given a share of the chief officers of Grand Chapter. They have earned this right by their loyal devotion and have many men of out-standing ability and leadership to choose from, men of tact and power. Let us interlock and interlace. Then between East and West the Bugle will sound All Clear! All’s well! and we will be one factor in Nation building. Let us discover each other.

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:

**Maine—**G. Sterling Ryerson, M.D., Toronto, Ont.  
**Scotland—**W. H. Wardrope, K.C., Hamilton, Ont.

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

**Idaho—**Frank H. Higson, Pocatello.  
**Kentucky—**A. Gordon Sulser, Maysville.  
**Scotland—**A. J. Campbell, Dalmuir.  
**Utah—**John C. Brown, Ogden.

I cannot urge too strongly upon the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions the privilege and obligation of keeping in touch with the Grand Chapters to which they are accredited, and in this connection also let me commend to the earnest contemplation and perusal of every Companion the *Fraternal Correspondence* containing nuggets of rich ore from fertile and fraternal rather than foreign fields. There is not merely a versatile ability revealed, but also the diverse points of view from which Masonic problems are treated, make these reports a liberal education, a vivid composite photograph.
I trust also that the good work of the Grand Historian of Grand Chapter may not merely be read with interest but also that every Chapter will furnish him with material for the future chronicles of the Craft. He vivifies the past.

I have found all the officers of Grand Chapter earnest and willing workers with a pride in the prestige of our Order and the maintenance of its standards. The District Superintendents have in the main, been men of good leadership and with one or two exceptions, of decision of character. The Principals and Officers of the various Chapters have had no sinecures in their respective offices and have faced their responsibilities with courage and I trust have all endeavoured to make real Royal Arch Masons and not mere papier-mâché members. The older we grow and the more experience we get, we realize that numbers alone afford no criterion of merit. Figures can, figuratively speaking, lie. The character, and calibre, and quality alone count. Let each man not merely choose but make his mark. Do not rush the Degrees. Ours is no mushroom Order. Let them realize the ladder by which they do ascend. The steps are more than symbols. Let your candidates mark, read, learn and inwardly digest the great truths and the great conceptions of life and traditions rooted in principles, precept and practice, which the Royal Craft offers and affords. We are more than a channel of advancement. We are more than a communication trench. This is an intellectual and a devotional Degree. Mind is always the best motor. Do not allow it to be stalled. Do not let it get out of control. Let us see that it has all the equipment, not merely the self-starter, sometimes the brake, but also the cultivated and productive spirit of the proper specific gravity. In this the officers and leaders have a double responsibility. They should not merely be able to light their own fires but also kindle fires in others. There is no fear of "creeping paralysis," but is it not in Canada the listless apathy of the many, that give opportunity to the few—the disturbers of the stable—the loud-mouthed and usually highly-paid demagogues, to do their destructive work—to ply their noxious trade—sometimes masquer-
ading as labour leaders but really misrepresenting exploiting, camouflaging and disgracing true labour whether of brain or brawn.

The activities of the Grand Third Principal, whose report is appended to this address, have been manifold. The Grand Treasurer has always been ready with good counsel and advice and the Grand Scribe E. has continued to be the living link between the Chapters and Grand Chapter, indefatigable in the work of his office with his able and experienced assistant, prompt and energetic in visiting Chapters that required his specialized service and instruction. I would suggest a substantial addition to the allowance for the maintenance of his office. The Chairmen of the standing Committees have all been active and thoughtful and watchful during the year and their various reports indicate the satisfactory work they have done. A Chairman’s merits depend largely upon his ability to enlist the co-operation of those associated with him who are willing to serve.

The talented Companions who have delighted us with music, both vocal and instrumental, and intellectual entertainment throughout the year merit warmest gratitude. A Masonic choir or orchestra is an asset and factor in the grand design of being happy ourselves and communicating happiness to others. “When we argue, we are far apart, but when we sing, we’re heart to heart.” And I again emphasize the fact that we can find ample talent among Master Masons and Royal Arch Masons without going outside of the Household of the Faithful. The great majority of Degrees can be conferred at emergent meetings. A limited number only at regular meetings, so that Masons may teach and know each other by personal contact and so that midnight may see all good Royal Craftsmen homeward bound. At that hour—“East, west, hame’s best.” Punctuality at the beginning, vim and vigor in the conduct of the agenda and entertainment (with no minute unutilized), will send home a satisfied membership who will come again. Even in the gay days of Horace, enough was as good as a feast, and he wrote in a language that is not dead—
"Lusisti satis, edisti satis, atque bibisti: Tempus abire tibi est."

And thus coming to read a new Chapter in the book of Masonic life, let each one bring a Companion—a pleasant Companion is as good as a coach—for one man is no man. A lop-sided man, a crank or a selfish man is a disconnected 'phone. The most enlightened selfishness is unselfishness. The Golden Rule runs everywhere. Let us other ourselves! The Mason of old time was described as a sociable creature, a lover of good company, and a delighter in his equals among men of good will. We have not retrograded. We are not in the autumn of the excellences.

The notices of meetings, summoning the faithful to rally, have much improved. They are no longer bald and bare, but human documents, emphasizing fraternal features, keeping the touch. Life is contact.

At Christmas and New Year's the Officers of Grand Chapter sent out the following greetings:—

GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, 1920–1921.

"For thy Brethren and Companions' sake I wish thee felicity."—Psalms.

"May He who hath raised up this Britannic Empire to so glorious and enviable a height, with all her daughter lands about her, stay us in this felicity."—Milton.

To all our Companions of the Royal Craft, Christmas and New Year Greetings;
Peace, good-will and felicity.

[Seal] 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.
Edward B. Brown, Historian.

And the responses were many and warm, and genial and glowing and cheering.

With all our joy of life, we "gatherers of gladness" must not and will not forget those who have passed beyond the bourne and we will listen to the report on the Fraternal Dead with bowed heads and kindling memories.
"The kind old voices and old faces,
Our memory can quick retrace,
Around the board they take their places
And share the word—the word of grace."

When we read the several dates on the tombs of some
that died yesterday and some one hundred years ago,
we must consider that Great Day when we shall all
of us be contemporaries. This people remember their
Dead. The portraits on our walls do speak, and share
with us this hour. Let us never have to say with a
measure of self reproach "He dwelt among us and we
knew Him not."

Twelve of the following New Chapters have been
instituted under my direction during the past year:

- Victoria, Wynyard, Sask.
- Prince Edward, Shelburne, Ont.
- St. Alban's, Toronto, Ont.
- Ulster, Toronto, Ont.
- Lebanon, Lambton Mills, Ont.
- Durham, Durham, Ont.
- Ottawa, Ottawa, Ont.
- Abitibi, Iroquois Falls, Ont.
- Keystone, Hamilton, Ont.
- Beaver, Toronto, Ont.
- Prince of Wales, Perth, Ont.
- Tugaske, Tugaske, Sask.
- Quinte-Friendship, Belleville, Ont.
- Eagle Lake, Kindersley, Sask.

These 14 Chapters, so the Grand Superintendents
of the respective Districts, in which they are located
say (and some I personally know), are doing excellent
work. As the personnel of each Chapter is set forth in
the Report of the Grand Scribe E., it will not be neces-
sary for me to enlarge upon the assured future of these
Chapters. By their works and fruits ye shall know them.

It is of satisfying significance to note that Grand
Scribe E. has distributed among the Chapters and
members more than 10,000 copies of the Constitution
of Grand Chapter, the basis of our administrative fabric,
but like all constitutions, not entirely perfect and always
to be interpreted in the most liberal and reasonable
manner. I have revised and approved (with amend-
ments) the By-laws of several Chapters and would recommend that some of the older Chapters, whose By-laws have been allowed to run into disrepair, should revise and bring them up to date. Our bed-rock is freedom but not freedom from law.

Law—the sanction of society—the State's collected will—must be enforced in law-abiding Canada. We must aid in putting down sternly those Sinn Feiners, Bolshevists and Anarchists who would interfere with the freedom of loyal speech, even in patriotic Toronto. Such men neither fear God, love the brotherhood, nor honour the King. Any one can destroy. A stone can dint a golden cup or shatter a priceless crystal. Remember we are the builders (much more than patchers and tinkers), builders in the community, as in the Craft. There is such a thing of course as being too paternally governed—when almost fanatically or at least faddishly personal liberty is sought to be not controlled but abolished. Still law is in the main the tie that binds—the safeguard of freedom, honest in its aim, effective in its aid. And supporting the law, that is just law, wisely administered, we Masons who are not "stupid atheists or irreligious libertines," who value the sacredness of human life, the rights of property and home, must support true religion and the Church of the Great Law Giver. Worship to us Masons should include the putting our creed into our deed. "Remember my Commandments—to do them." Keep the altar fires burning and keep the anvils ringing.

Among the Rulings or Decisions given by me during the year, a few may be cited—

1. A Chapter in the West desired to issue a Card to its members for the purpose of a "Visiting Card," as it was termed, and upon this card the request was made to have the signature of the Grand Scribe E., as well as an impression of the Seal of Grand Chapter, thus vouching for both Chapter and Member.

I decided that the seal of Grand Chapter, as well as the signature of the Grand Scribe E. had reference rather to the Chapters themselves, than to the Members individually, at least, for purpose of identification. One of the reasons I had in view in deciding as I did
was that in issuing cards of good standing, there is no effective means of recalling them, should the Companions to whom they are issued cease to be of good standing while the cards are current. I recognized that no doubt the Chapter Officers would be careful, that they would limit the cards to the current year and I could see no objection to the Chapter itself giving any voucher of the kind for the payment of the Annual Fee, but the Chapter as such, did not require such a certificate as was asked for from Grand Chapter, especially as the Annual Proceedings of Grand Chapter could be easily consulted by any Chapter in good standing. Then the Constitution limits the use of the seal of Grand Chapter and it could not be used as requested even if the Grand Scribe E. were so disposed.

2. A letter was received from a First Principal, in which he acknowledged the passing of a ballot on a Brother, and conferring a degree upon him, before he had been a Master Mason for three months.

I did not see my way clear to depart from what the Constitution lays down, and I directed that the work should be done over again, with an admonition for care for the future.

3. A Grand Superintendent wrote, saying: "A Sojourner of one of the local Chapters has failed to get up his work, has shown indifference to the welfare of the Chapter and has been warned by his First Principal that his lack of interest is interfering with the successful carrying on of the work. He has shown no improvement and the First Principal desires to relieve him of the office. He refuses to resign and his fellow-officers think it would do less harm to remove him now than to let the matter go to the end of the year and then drop him from the list."

I replied that I did not like any summary action in dealing with a duly appointed Officer, and one who has been recorded and has acted as such. If his conduct deserves a reprimand and he has received a reprimand, then he should receive a definite formal notice that his case would be referred to the proper Officials of Grand Chapter for action or trial unless he made amends and attended to his duties. His refusal to resign is either
unmasonic conduct, or it shows that there are probably two sides to the question, and that he claims some rights. If he does not on notice (properly proved) put in any defence or excuse, then I would be prepared to act, but not otherwise. Surely the Chapter itself can deal effectively with this man if he defies them.

4. A Canadian Chapter received an application for Exaltation from a Brother, who at the time was living and working in the United States. It was stated that he was a Life Member of the local Lodge, that he had left Canada owing to the cessation of work in which he was engaged, but he expected to return to Canada.

I ruled that this man is domiciled and actually a resident as well as doing work in the United States, then how can we say, though born in a town located in Canada, that the town has jurisdiction? Membership in the Blue Lodge will not give it to him. If the absence was purely temporary—but on that the correspondence is very vague—then of course it would need no Dispensation or even enquiry to justify his being received into the Chapter, but where he has both foreign work and foreign residence, it is too doubtful a case for us to approve.

5. The question of payment of dues in advance, was submitted to me for consideration. It appears that a Chapter elects its Officers for the following year at the February Convocation and the financial year closes the same time in the Chapter, the Auditors’ report is presented at the March Convocation. However, while this Chapter was organized in March the dues have been collected as payable in advance on January 1st, following the procedure of Grand Chapter. The question has arisen as to whether the Chapter can do this or if the dues should be payable in advance from March 1st.

I decided if the By-laws of the Chapter to which all members have assented and which they have signed, provide definitely for payment in advance as indicated, then there can be no question about the right to collect dues, this being a matter of internal economy regulated from within, but I think we should point out the un-wisdom of having dates not corresponding in this
matter—sure to cause misunderstanding. Why should they not do like ordinary Chapters and amend their By-laws in this respect and things will move smoothly and their rights will not be questioned, besides adjusting themselves to Grand Chapter statistics and Grand Chapter procedure and chronology.

6. A Chapter asks permission to put seal of Chapter on Members’ Certificates of good standing—pointing out that other Chapters do this, but doubting authority.

With regard to Section 211, it is apparent that as written (though personally I may think it too limited), the use to which it is proposed to put the seal on the certificate of the individual member’s good standing is not included in the list of enumerated objects, and would require in any event, a resolution of the Chapter in each specific case authorizing the same, but I do not think it was contemplated that cards of this kind should be so sealed, and would like to be informed of any Chapters using sealed tickets (easily lost and easily transferable and not intended to be permanent).

7. A Companion already a Member of two Chapters took his demit from one and applied for affiliation to a third. He was rejected, but on looking up the matter the Chapter asked if the balloting could be treated as a nullity.

I do not think there is any provision against dual membership in this Jurisdiction. A Companion may be in good standing in many Chapters. I do not think that the fact that A and B Chapters are in different Districts has anything to do with the matter, nor was it necessary for the Companion to obtain a demit from A Chapter. His rejection in C Chapter would not, I think, affect his standing in B Chapter. The only difficulty that I see is that apparently he has ceased to be a Member of A, having not merely taken his demit but I suppose filed it with C who acted upon it. I doubt if that can be disregarded and when once the application has been acted upon favorably or unfavorably, it would not at any rate do for Grand Chapter to say that it is a nullity and is to be treated as if the application had never been filed at all. Both the Chapter and the
applicant would be estopped from denying that a positive action had been taken in good faith. It is too bad if the applicant's position as a Royal Arch Mason in good standing has been through no fault of his own, put in jeopardy or at least narrowed in the manner indicated, but I see no direct way of rescuing him from the difficulty, if any there be.

8. On a complaint stated I ruled, as in a somewhat similar case last year, that I dislike interfering with the rights of Officers who have been duly elected but surely the Officer will himself waive any technical rights he may have. If he does not do the work he certainly cannot get the rank so he has nothing to gain and I have no doubt if it is put before him by someone diplomatically he will clear the way. If he obstinately and unreasonably refuses then we can take steps to discipline him. Pending this I will not interfere.

9. On application I ruled—I will not approve of the Chapter balloting at an emergent convocation. I have refused to confirm By-laws containing this provision. If the Constitution as it stands is elastic enough to permit of this, then of course it is out of my power to prevent it, but I think that more and more we should approach to the well-tried and proved practice of Grand Lodge. The framers of the Constitution did not contemplate emergent balloting.

10. In reply to enquiry of Scribe E.—

(a) I would think that a Companion paid up to December 1920 would be in good standing during 1921 sufficiently to permit him to visit unless the By-laws of his Chapter make the fees strictly payable in advance and clearly show by their provision that he is to be considered in arrear. Query: Is he not in good standing until suspended?

(b) No Chapter has the legal right to ask for 1921 dues before the expiry of 1920. I think it very good policy to have fees paid in advance, and naturally all Scribes E. will agree with us in this, but the inquiry is based on a matter of right and not a matter of policy.

(c) No Chapter can drop a year of their finances without paying up some time or other and the dues of
Grand Chapter have to be considered, but the right to visit another Chapter surely does not depend upon the Rules of the Chapter which they propose to visit. The suggestion of creating a gap and then jumping over it does not appeal to me and I do not think any Companions would ask for a compromise of two years' fees in one.

11. On application of Grand Superintendent for opinion. I can only say that as it would appear that the Mark Degree in Scotland was conferred in connection with a Lodge and not a Chapter, it will be necessary for applicant to take the Mark Degree in the regular way in connection with our Chapter. Even if he had received the Mark Degree under Chapter auspices in Scotland would it not be advisable for him to have it re-conferred under our Jurisdiction, this not adding to the expense nor causing any delay. I do not think that there is any question involved of showing any indignity either to the candidate or to the Mark Lodge in Scotland in asking this, though I do not desire to be taken as disagreeing with the decision cited in the address of M. E. Companion Gorrell, as printed on pages 24 and 25 of the Annual Convocation of 1918, ruling No. 11. The candidate must be of course balloted for in the regular way and it will make assurance doubly sure to have all the usual ceremonies, and to this I am sure the applicant will not object. The fees are not to be lessened in any event.

12. I certainly do not approve of splitting up a year for the benefit of candidates. We pay too much attention to the comfort and pocket of candidates who themselves personally would not grudge a dollar. This looks like drawing it pretty fine and making Masonry Membership depend on mere time, but after all I suppose each Chapter is its own best Judge, and of course I know what splendid Royal Arch Masons there are in . They like frankness and I therefore express myself frankly to men than whom there are none finer on the face of the earth. Meanwhile the year is the unit, but like everything else in Masonry, a unit in an orbit.

My Companions you would not desire that we should ever forget to recall and record the gallantry,
tenacity, chivalry and fidelity of those men to whom we entrusted the defence of the British Empire Frontier Line and the winning of the war. It is for us and for the soldier survivors, in a campaign of true citizenship, to devote ourselves to the problems of a worthy winning of the peace; and our national destiny must with firmness and stability be thought out, wrought out and perhaps even fought out. We have the legacy of war—the policy of peace. Let us have and hold to a great purpose, specializing as well as generalizing in practical service. Our Brother Kipling has nobly said of the University men who were good types of citizenship and patriotism: "They willingly left the purpose of their lives unachieved in order that all life might not be wrested from its purpose, and, without fear, they turned from these gates of learning to those of the grave"—and with them went the Canadian Brigade—and now they belong to the ages. They have played the immortal game. Bow the head and bend the knee—God has given us victory.

Surely this year more than any other has expressed national life, national honor and national gratitude in that great symbolic language which appeals especially to Royal Arch Masons. Westminster Abbey, the great Temple of silence and reconciliation, has again caught the glowing imagination and glorious sentiment of the world. As the names of the creative architects of our great Cathedrals—

"Unity, mystery, majesty, grace,
Stone upon stone and each stone in its place,"

are for the most part unknown, so there came home again to the greatest of Cathedrals, and answered to Roll Call and Last Post, an Unknown Warrior. "Who goes there?" "A friend." "Where farest thou?" "To lay my heart at our Mother's feet." And to that grave in the homeland, the shrine of each patriot's devotion, the symbol of anonymous service, heroism and sacrifice, have come thousands of children asking in hushed, hopeful and trustful voices: "Mother, is it Daddy?" So in the every day life of our Quarries of Toil there may be unknown and heroic workers, burden-bearers and blessing-sharers, whose work will come up for
inspection hereafter before the Great Overseer, when will be remembered and rewarded the little gentle acts of kindness and of love.

"There is nothing more kingly than kindness, Nothing more royal than truth."

Let each one of us ask not—"What say men that I am?" but "Whom say men that I am?" And it is my prayer and trust as I pass the sceptre of this Royal Craft to my in every way worthy successor, that you each and all may be able to answer truly that great question with the help of the Most High—"Men say that we are loyal comrades and generous friends." The countersign of Masonry is still Manhood. The Brotherhood of man begins with the Manhood of the Brother. True virile Masonry should add a zeal to work, a zest to play—

"May the Giver of gifts give unto you
That which is good—that which is true,
The will to help and the courage to do,
A heart that can sing the whole day through,
Whether the sky be grey or blue,
May the Giver of gifts give these to you."

Belleville,
February 22, 1921.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and—

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

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

The Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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:

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District No. 1 for the year 1920.

Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor.—On March 26th I visited Ark Chapter of Windsor and had the pleasure of witnessing the Royal Arch degree conferred by my home Chapter, after which we partook of a hearty repast. I paid my Official visit to the Chapter on May 10th and witnessed the Royal Arch Degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Waddington and his regular Staff of officers and, with the exception of a few technical criticisms, the degree was conferred almost faultlessly. At this meeting I was accompanied by some thirty Companions of Prince of Wales Chapter. After the degree work we were entertained at a banquet given by our generous hosts. Several of our Past Grand Superintendents, with speeches, enlivened the proceedings. Ark Chapter is the largest in St. Clair District, has an efficient staff of officers, and the books are efficiently kept by R. Ex. Comp. Edgar.

On January 10th I had the extreme pleasure of installing the officers of this Chapter. I was ably assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Dixon. After the Installation Ceremonies we were entertained at the noted Annual Moose Supper given by R. Ex. Comp. Squires. At this meeting I was pleased to present R. Ex. Comp., Laird of Dresden, R. Ex.Comp. Fleury, of Windsor, and R. Ex. Comp. Edgar, of Windsor with their Past Grand Superintendent's Regalia. Some five hundred Companions were present at this meeting and it was one of the best social events held in connection with Ark Chapter.
MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden.—I visited this Chapter on May 13th, where I had the pleasure of witnessing the Mark Master Mason degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Jeffs, and his regular staff of officers, in a manner that would do credit to any Chapter in the Province. I also had the pleasure of meeting my good old friend R. Ex. Comp. Laird. On this visit I was accompanied by several Companions of my home Chapter, including my good friend Ex. Comp. Courtney, the present First Principal of Prince of Wales Chapter. After the degree work, we were entertained with a sumptuous banquet, at the end of which several speeches were made by the different officers of the Chapter. This Chapter is in a prosperous condition, the books are well kept by Comp. French and the Chapter room is a credit to the District.

Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown. On June 7th I visited Erie Chapter, and witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Clark and the regular staff of officers. The degree was conferred in a faultless manner. On this visit I had no occasion to make any criticism. I also had the pleasure of meeting R. Ex. Comp. McDiarmid, who was the Grand Superintendent of this District in 1917. This Chapter is in a prosperous condition, the books are well kept by Ex. Comp. Campbell. Considering the number of members the surroundings of this Chapter room compare most favourably with any Chapter I have ever visited. On this visit I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Marsh and Comp. Maloney.

Lorne Chapter, No. 164, West Lorne.—On October 13th I visited this Chapter, there being no work. They opened in the Royal Arch degree in a very efficient manner. The First Principal, Dr. Jordan, a man of over seventy years of age, deserved special credit for the splendid manner in which he conducts the degree work, but is handicapped by the conditions under which they work, the Chapter room being far too small to do efficient work. The impressions were given that larger rooms would be procured early in the future. The prospects of this Chapter are bright. On this visit I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. Patton.
WELLINGTON CHAPTER, No. 47, CHATHAM.—I visited this Chapter on November 11th and was accompanied by several Companions of my home Chapter, also R. Ex. Comp. Edgar and R. Ex. Comp. Fleury of Windsor. On this occasion I had the pleasure of witnessing the Royal Arch Degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Sullivan and his regular staff of officers in a manner that would give no opportunity whatever for any criticism from a Grand Superintendent. This Chapter is the second largest in the District, but there were present more Companions than their total membership. The future prospects of this Chapter are very bright. The books are well kept by V. Ex. Comp. Martin. At this meeting I was called upon to present a Past First Principal’s regalia to Ex. Comp. Birch. After the degree work we were sumptuously entertained with an excellent banquet, after-dinner speeches and exceedingly fine music rendered by capable members of the Chapter.

KING CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 119, LEAMINGTON.—On November 16th I paid my official visit and was accompanied by some thirty Companions of my home Chapter. I witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree conferred by Ex. Comp. Awrey and his regular staff of officers. The work was absolutely beyond criticism. The books are well kept by Comp. Bristow, S.E. The surroundings of the Chapter room would compare favourably with any Chapter in the District. At the conclusion of the degree an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall, where an enjoyable time was spent.

PRICE OF WALES CHAPTER, No. 71, AMHERSTBURG.—On November 26th I paid my official visit to this, my home Chapter, and was received with a very hearty welcome. Ex. Comp. Taylor and his efficient staff of officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a very satisfactory manner. This Chapter is progressing most favourably and its future prospects look exceptionally bright. The books are kept in a business-like manner by Ex. Comp. Overholt. The financial conditions of this Chapter compare favourably with any Chapter in the District.
In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesy and hospitality extended to me by the Officers and Companions of every Chapter, not only on my official visits, but on all other occasions.

My year as Grand Superintendent of this District will always be one of the bright spots of my life to look back to with recollections of the hospitable manner in which I was received by each and every, Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM STEWARD FRENCH,
Grand Supt., St. Clair District No. 1.
Amherstburg, Ont.
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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:

The following report upon the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District is respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval.

Let me at the outset attempt to express my appreciation of the honor done me, by my Companions, when they recommended me for appointment to this distinguished position. The duties of the office were taken up with a due feeling of humility, and a wholehearted desire to fitly represent the Grand Z. to the best of my ability in this District.

Official visits were made to all the Chapters, and as these visits proved alike in the loyal and cordial welcome extended to me by the officers and Companions, it seems unnecessary to repeat the pleasant details which were common to all. The ordinary form of report will therefore be departed from, and certain outstanding events and special features of the work will be drawn to your attention.

The utmost harmony prevails throughout the District. Three of the smaller Chapters have overcome certain conditions which interfered with their success in past years. They have taken on fresh courage and inspiration, and are already experiencing a marked revival of interest on the part of the membership and an increase in the applications for advancement.

Vimy Chapter, No. 214, Inwood.—Having received its Warrant this year, accompanied by R. Ex. Companions O. Ellwood U. Buchner, A. M. Trick, and John Nunn, I proceeded to Inwood on Friday, September 17th, and Consecrated and Dedicated the Chapter and Installed the Officers. This Chapter has a comfortable place of meeting, an adequate and suitable equipment, and the officers are expert and devoted to their work.
The Chapter has already had a considerable addition to its membership. We are persuaded the Vimy Chapter has entered upon a bright and successful career which will bring honor to the Craft and to the community in which it is placed.

The Craft has been called upon to raise at least four thousand dollars to assist in erecting a Children's Memorial Hospital in London. This undertaking has been vigorously promoted by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, who has brought the merits of the scheme to the attention of the various Chapters. The response to this appeal has been generous and warrants the confident expectation that the amount asked for will be raised.

**Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy,** paid a fraternal visit to St. John's Chapter, London, during the year, and conferred the Holy Royal Arch degree in a faultless manner. This visit was much appreciated by the London Companions. The three London Chapters have experienced a phenomenal year. The repeated interchange of visits, in a measure, accounts for the cordial relations which subsist between these flourishing bodies.

St. George's Chapter, No. 6, London, was honored by an invitation to exemplify the Holy Royal Arch degree at a Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto, on Friday, October 15th. The Officers and a number of the Companions responded to this request and experienced a most hospitable and delightful entertainment at the hands of the oldest Chapter in Toronto. Advantage was taken on this occasion to present the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John with a Judean Staff as a reminder of this visit. R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith was also presented with a certificate of Honorary membership in St. George's Chapter.

The Joint Installation of the Officers of London Chapters on December 29th was eminently successful. R. Ex. Comp. John Nunn, of Strathroy, was Installing Officer, and his impressive manner and complete familiarity with the work was much praised. The banquet
which followed was most enjoyable and proved a power-
ful stimulus to good fellowship and mutual esteem.

The Chapters in this District naturally fall into two
classes: the five City Chapters situated in London, St.
Thomas and Sarnia, and the six Chapters in the smaller
towns and villages. The City Chapters have the ad-
vantage of larger populations in which to find material,
more spacious places of meeting, and a greater en-
thusiasm which comes from larger numbers. The
smaller Chapters have a more severe struggle for exis-
tence, more widely extended Districts in which to find
new Candidates, and at the same time fewer distractions
in the way of amusements and social events to compete
with. The returns show one condition which is common
to all, that the average attendance at Chapter meetings
is only about twelve per cent. of the entire membership.
The Chapters have been urged to correct this state of
things by making greater efforts to interest the older
members, by putting out more interesting summonses,
by placing more emphasis on the social side of the work,
and by cultivating a higher enthusiasm for the work
resulting from a more complete knowledge of our relation
to Symbolic Masonry and the teaching of our Ritual.

The Chapters are fortunate in the personality and
devotion of the Scribes E. Their books and records are
all properly kept. It is obvious that the success of the
work is largely due to the efficiency of these officers,
some of whom, notably V. Ex. Comp. W. E. Idsardi,
Palestine Chapter, and R. Ex. Comp. John Sinclair,
Bruce Chapter, have devoted long lives to the unselfish
and efficient promotion of the interests of their respective
Chapters.

The selection of a Mark and the proper recording of
same in the Mark Book is not observed as much as it
should be. The Companions do not to any great extent
realize that this is imperative.

The District has lost fewer Companions by death
than it did last year. Capitular Masonry has suffered
a severe loss by the recent death of Ex. Comp. C. W.
McGuire, of London Chapter. He was great in his
devotion to the practical details of the work, and great in the exemplification in his aimable life of the principles and teachings of our Order.

In conclusion, let me assure you of the success of the Chapters in this District during the past year and the bright promise of still greater expansion and a constant, deep-felt loyalty to the person of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Grand Chapter in the years to come.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN S. BARNARD,
Grand Supt., London District, No. 2

London, Ont.
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| St. George's  | 5      | London   | 9               | 5                | 14            | 39                       | 7                         | 3.00                   | 300                 | 366              | 71                | 76          | 2               | 2           | 2            | 2       | 2442             | 77            | 76      | 76              | 23      | 400.00          | 3400.00       | 2107.50                   | 1200.00             | 700.00            | 300.00          | 300.00            | 100.00 | Yes             |
| Wawanosh     | 15     | Sarnia   | 8               | 8.31             | 12             | 20274                    | 12                        | 2.00                   | 274                 | 6426             | 52                | 4           | 4               | 2           | 2            | 2       | 3285             | 12            | 7       | 7               | 8       | 460.44          | 350.00        | 350.00                   | 350.00             | 206.00            | 350.00          | 30.00           | Yes              | Yes            |
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| Palestine     | 54     | St. Thomas | 10             | 6.16             | 137            | 2955                    | 35                        | 3.00                   | 9                   | 81                | 9                 | 7           | 9               | 5           | 4            | 3       | 813              | 35            | 33      | 36              | 13      | 2300.00         | 1276.00       | 624.00                    | 1200.00            | 34.00             | 400.00          | 85.00           | Yes              | Yes            |
| Beaver        | 74     | Strathroy | 9               | 1.10             | 14             | 4200                    | 70                        | 4.00                   | 70                  | 91                | 9                 | 7           | 9               | 9           | 5            | 5       | 50.00            | 600.00        | 300.00          | 600.00          | 175.00          | 300.00          | 300.00        | 82.00           | No               |
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| Sombra        | 153    | Wallaceburg | 8              | 7.15             | 15              | 300                    | 27                        | 3.00                   | 82                  | 27                | 5                 | 3           | 3              | 1           | 1            | 1       | 3108             | 27            | 17      | 17              | 86      | 800.00          | 600.00        | 600.00                    | 600.00             | 92.00             | 500.00          | 500.00          | Yes              | Yes            |
| Vimy          | 214    | Inwood   | 16              | 1.17             | 17              | 300                    | 17                        | 1.00                   | 17                  | 34                | 23                | 2           | 2               | 2           | 2            | 2       | 40              | 23            | 23      | 21              | 21      | 76.00           | 674.00        | 74.42                     | 600.00             | 92.00             | 500.00          | 500.00          | Yes              | Yes            |
WILSON DISTRICT No. 3.

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

For your consideration and approval I beg to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry throughout Wilson District No. 3 for the year 1920.

I take the first opportunity to thank the Companions of the District for their kindness and readiness, on all occasions, in suiting my convenience, and the great pleasure I enjoyed in coming into contact with the high ideals they held for "Capitular Masonry." Familiar as I was with the District, and the Companions throughout, I anticipated my official itinerary with both interest and delight. Nor was I disappointed, for everywhere I found the Companions enthusiastic and my own interest in the work deepening with every visit. To my "District Secretary," Comp. T. J. Kirkby, I am greatly indebted for the careful arrangements which he made throughout.

Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris.—To this Chapter, accompanied by a number of Companions from Mount Horeb, I made my first visit. A royal welcome awaited us from a large and whole-hearted group of Companions in attendance. The work was well done and carried out with an impressiveness which only men of appreciation and experience in "The Work" could do. Some of the past Officers filled the chairs and were a guarantee of good service. It encourages our younger Companions to find the older ones placing themselves sympathetically behind the Chapter.

Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.—The night of my official visit to Simcoe was anything but a guarantee of good attendance. A severe storm of wind and rain prevailed throughout the afternoon and far into the night, and ended with a heavy snow fall. Notwithstanding the severe storm, which prevented many turning out, there was a good attendance, and the Officers did themselves credit in conferring the Mark Master Mason degree.
Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford.—To the official visit in my home Chapter I looked forward with pleasant anticipation, nor was I in any way disappointed. The Officers were all in their places and supported by a large attendance of Companions. The business was conducted with dispatch and the work, which was conferred by the officers themselves, was highly creditable and a great pleasure to all present to witness.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.—Here we found a group of well skilled and zealous Companions. The attendance was not as large as we expected, but the interest and enthusiasm made up for numbers. We were received with great cordiality and enjoyed a fine exemplification of the Mark Master Mason degree.

Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll.—My last visit, which was to Ingersoll, was in some respects the most pleasant of all. Rumour had stated that Harris Chapter were braving great difficulties. If so, we never detected any; perhaps because difficulties usually make for strength and efficiency. This was the only Chapter in the District conferring the Royal Arch degree, and, be it said to their credit, was exceedingly well worked. There was a splendid attendance, and all were enthusiastic. I took pleasure in stating to the First Principal that I would give the work honorable mention in my report to Grand Chapter.

In closing my report there are two or three observations I would like to make. The increase in membership has been fairly large and general throughout the District. The Officers on the whole were men of parts and, generally speaking, equal to their task. Capitular Masonry is being studied and exemplified with a good degree of fidelity. More emphasis requires to be placed on the routine of the degree work, which has the power to make or mar the whole ritual. I found the membership attentive to anything I had to say and, generally speaking, anxious to be better informed on both our ideals and our history. There is too great a diversity of practice in "ordering" the Chapter room, and in certain detail of
work. Their authority is usually some former Superintendent and when your visit is over they scarce know whom to believe and follow. In each Chapter a banquet followed "The work" and your Superintendent took occasion at these functions to speak on more general and educative themes, leaving the Chapter room for criticism, interpretation of the more technical side of Masonry and general approbation. Some of the subjects discussed at these functions were "Our Banners and Their Meaning," "The Altar, the Key to our System," "Ancient Covenants," and "The Social Instinct and Masonry." I was delighted with the readiness on the part of all to remain till a late hour with the idea of furnishing themselves with a more extensive knowledge and believe that as the banquet hall has become a part of our institution, it should be much more extensively used for the information or educative purpose of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

G. A. WOODSIDE,  
Grand Supt., Wilson District, No. 3.  
Brantford, Ont.
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GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 4

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

I have the honor to submit for your approval my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District No. 4 for the year 1920.

I wish to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me Grand Superintendent, and also to express my thanks to the officers and Companions of the various Chapters for the kindness and cordiality with which they received me.

During the year two new Chapters were instituted in this District, viz., Prince Edward, at Shelburne, and Durham Chapter, at Durham. This shows that the Royal Craft is alive and progressive with us.

I visited Shelburne June 16th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. A. Fisher and, with his assistance, instituted Prince Edward Chapter, and again in September I visited this Chapter on the occasion of the visit of the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, and other Toronto Companions, who conferred the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees on a number of Companions. This Chapter commenced with a good membership and has a good field to work in, and I believe will fill a long felt want.

On July 16th Durham Chapter was instituted, but, owing to a misunderstanding as to the date, I failed to be present. However, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., who was accompanied from Toronto by a number of Grand Chapter officers, took charge of the institution ceremony. In this they were ably assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Sir Wm. Hearst, who was visiting in Durham and who represented the Most Excellent the Grand Z. on the occasion.
Following the ceremony of Institution, the degrees of Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch were conferred upon a large class of candidates in a very effective and impressive manner.

I visited this Chapter on December 20th in my official capacity and found them making most creditable progress, the Royal Arch degree being conferred on four candidates in a most efficient manner. Ex. Comp. S. E. Croft, assisted by Ex. Comp. W. E. Clark, has accomplished good work in training his officers, most of whom had never filled positions in any other Chapter, the work of Comp. McClocklin, Principal Sojourner, being worthy of special mention. I look for splendid results from this Chapter.

**Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston.**—On November 1st I visited this, my home Chapter, and witnessed the Most Excellent Master degree conferred on a Candidate by Ex. Comp. R. Barton in a creditable manner. As has been remarked by previous Grand Superintendents, the officers of this Chapter are hindered somewhat in effective team work owing to the distance that some of them live from Harriston, yet they must be commended for their attendance at Chapter meetings, often under most unfavorable weather conditions. Sixteen members have been initiated during the past year and the prospects are bright for the present year.

**Ionic Chapter, No. 83, Orangeville.**—I visited this Chapter on November 2nd, but owing to it being a wet night the attendance was much smaller than usual. I was, however, received in a most cordial manner, and although the Candidate did not present himself the officers exemplified the work of the Mark Master Mason degree on a substitute in a very fair manner. The books of the Chapter are well kept under the care of the efficient Scribe E., Comp. Macpherson. At the close the Companions adjourned to the banquet hall where a very enjoyable hour was spent.
Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph.—On November 12th I paid my official visit to Guelph Chapter, and had the pleasure of seeing the Mark Master Mason degree conferred by First Principal Ex. Comp. H. M. Black, and his officers, in a correct and impressive manner. This Chapter has just passed its Fiftieth Anniversary, which was fittingly celebrated by a banquet at which the several Chapters of the District were well represented. They were also honored on the occasion by the attendance of M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, Grand Z., and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. The Grand Z. delivered an impressive and instructive address after the banquet which was listened to with rapt attention by the Companions. This Chapter would appear to be in a most flourishing condition, judging from the large number of applications being received at every meeting and the officers take a very lively interest in the work.

Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener.—I made my official visit to Kitchener Chapter on Friday evening, November 19th, and was most hospitably received by the companions and accorded Grand Honors. The work of the evening consisted of conferring the Most Excellent Master degree, which, after the Candidate had been obligated by the First Principal, was taken by the Second Principal. This I consider a most commendable practice and must greatly assist in the proficiency of the Companion when he attains the First Principal's chair. The work done in this Chapter is exceptionally good. The banquet held in the dining room, at the close, was indeed very enjoyable and made my visit a most pleasant one.

Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt.—I made my last official visit in the District to Waterloo Chapter on December 13th. This being their installation night, no degree work was done, but judging from the manner in which the installation ceremony was performed and from the class of officers that were installed, I would consider the prospects of Waterloo Chapter to be very bright for the coming year. They have very comfortable and commodious quarters and are possessed of unbounded hospitality.
In conclusion I wish again to express my great appreciation of the courteous reception I received on every occasion in which I visited a Chapter, and I hope to have the pleasure of again meeting them.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. Patterson,
Grand Supt., Wellington District, No. 4.

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

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Hamilton District, No. 5, for the year 1920.

Officially I visited all the Chapters in the District, and wish to express my appreciation to the officers and Companions of the Chapters for the royal reception and many personal kindnesses shown me, as well as to the Companions who accompanied me.

St. Clair Chapter, No. 75, Milton.—I visited this Chapter, accompanied by a number of Hamilton Companions, on October 14th, and was greatly pleased with the way in which the Most Excellent Master degree was conferred. This Chapter is getting along very nicely, is splendidly officered, and they are looking forward to a prosperous year.

White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville.—Accompanied by a number of Companions from Ancaster and Hamilton, I visited White Oak Chapter October 19th. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred on a number of candidates. This was very well done. I am pleased that more interest is being taken in the work, that the Past Z.’s of this Chapter are active in its welfare, and that its future prospects are bright.

Hamilton Chapter, No. 175.—I visited this Chapter on its Regular Convocation in December, presided at the election of its officers for the ensuing year. I also visited this Chapter several times during the year, and take pleasure in congratulating the officers on the efficient manner in which the work is at all times rendered, and regret very much not being able to be present at their “Past Principal’s Night,” as I had previously promised to visit White Oak Chapter at Oakville on the same evening.

The Hiram Chapter, No. 2.—This Grand Old Chapter celebrated its one hundredth anniversary on October 29th in a most befitting manner. There was an immense gathering of prominent Royal Arch Masons from all

R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., delivered the Historical address. He said, among other things, in covering a period of one hundred years, that when the Chapter came into existence, in the year 1820, its membership was about thirty-three. To-day it had an active membership of over five hundred, with a total enrollment, since the Chapter came under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, of one thousand and ninety.

Gold, silver and bronze Chapter pennies were presented to the visitors as a memento of the occasion. Ex. Comp. W. F. Montague, the First Principal of The Hiram Chapter, presided both in the Chapter room and at the banquet. Much more might be said relative to this, but space will not permit.

I visited this, my mother Chapter, several times during the year. The officers are to be congratulated on the splendid progress, the efficiency of the work, and the harmony and good will that at all times prevails. On December 30th I paid my official visit and conducted the election of officers, after which a social hour was spent in the banquet room. This Chapter has made wonderful progress during the year.

St. John's Chapter, No. 6.—I visited this Chapter in December and received the same kind reception that has been tendered to me by the other Chapters that I have visited. I conducted the election of officers, and I have no hesitancy in vouching for the efficient way in which the officers do the work, as I have on previous
occasions witnessed, with delight, the splendid manner in which the several degrees were exemplified. This Chapter is also flourishing.

Keystone Chapter (under Dispensation) was instituted December 15th by R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Logan, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. W. H. Davis, D. W. Evans, V. Ex. Comp. G. H. Lannigan, and Ex. Comps. J. Mercer, Geo. H. Britton, R. Buchanan, L. Stephens, H. R. Clark, and a number of other Companions. The following are the officers: Ex. Comps. Fred R. Martin, Z.; Donald Munro, H.; H. Warner, J.; Comps. E. J. McMartin, S.E.; Jas. Will, S.N.; W. H. Whatley, P.S.; R. Clark, S.S.; W. J. Whitfield, J.S.; Wm. Mountjoy, 4th V.; R. W. Munro, 3rd V.; J. Drysdale, 2nd V.; R. Turner, 1st V.; Ex. Comps. Jas. Leach, D. of C.; Paul E. Lumsden, Treasurer; Comps. J. Dixon, R. Askew, L. Anderson, P. E. Plummer, Stewards; Jas. Montgomery, Janitor. Fifteen applications were received. Many of the officers of this Chapter are experienced workers, capable of doing good work, are energetic, and I feel sure that Keystone Chapter will be one of the leading Chapters in the very near future.

Ancaster Chapter, No. 155.—I visited Ancaster Chapter during the summer, and witnessed the Royal Arch Degree conferred on a number of candidates. I want to congratulate the officers on the splendid way in which the degree was exemplified, also the success of the Chapter. The officers and members are all "live wires," and have added to their number thirty-eight. There are not many rural Chapters that can show a better record. On December 22nd, I again visited this Chapter, and presided at the election of officers.

In conclusion, I want to thank the representatives of the Chapters of Hamilton District, No. 5, for the high honor they conferred on me in electing me their Grand Superintendent, also to thank Ex. Comp. G. R. Lloyd, my District Secretary, for his able assistance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. G. Bain,
Grand Supt., Hamilton District, No. 5.
Hamilton, 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:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Huron District, No. 6, for the year 1920.

Permit me to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me Grand Superintendent of this District. The duties of the office, while more or less exacting, have nevertheless been a great pleasure to me, and I shall always look back with happy remembrances on the enjoyable visits I had to the different Chapters. I have visited every Chapter in the District, and wish to express my thanks to the officers and Companions of the various Chapters for the kindness with which they have received me. Harmony prevails throughout the District.

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford.—On April 23rd I visited this Chapter and was warmly received. Tecumseh Chapter is the largest in the District, and is in a very prosperous condition. Four candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in almost perfect manner. This Chapter is surely to be congratulated in its splendid array of past and present officers. Indeed, no one would expect to see anything else than almost faultless work here, for the Chapter has one of the most beautifully finished homes it has been my pleasure to visit. At the conclusion of the degree, we repaired to the banquet hall, where a choice luncheon was enjoyed, followed by a short toast list, presided over by Ex. Comp. Semple.

The Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth.—This Chapter I visited June 21st and was courteously received by the Companions. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a very efficient manner. The books are well kept and the Chapter is in a prosperous condition. Ex. Comp. Ross is the man in the right place. The work of the Chapter being ended, the Companions repaired to a nearby restaurant, where a very dainty and substantial repast brought the evening to a close.
Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel.—I visited this, my home Chapter, October 29th and was warmly received by the Companions. The Mark Master degree was conferred on five Brothers in a most excellent manner by Ex. Comp. Ainley and his officers. The books are well kept by Ex. Comp. Scribe E. N. Blackmore. At the conclusion of the degree we repaired to the banquet hall, where a choice lunch was enjoyed.

Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham.—On November 16th I visited this Chapter and was courteously received by the Companions. Two candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a most excellent manner by Ex. Comp. Coutts and his officers. The work of the Chapter being ended, the Companions repaired to a nearby restaurant, where a very dainty and substantial repast was partaken of.

Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine.—On November 19th I visited this Chapter, being met at the depot by Ex. Comp. Clements, Macpherson and Comp. MacKenzie, Scribe E., and made to feel at home at once. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred in an excellent manner. After the closing of the Chapter the Companions repaired to the banqueting hall, where an excellent repast was enjoyed, followed by speaking and songs by R. Ex. Comp. Miller and other Companions.

Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton.—I visited this Chapter November 25th and was courteously received by the Companions. Two candidates were advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason in a very satisfactory manner by R. Ex. Comp. Scott and his officers. I was much pleased to see nine Past First Principals present. After the Chapter was closed the Companions repaired to the banqueting hall, where an excellent toast list, which brought the proceedings to a close.

Elliot Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell.—I visited this Chapter December 7th, being met at the station by Ex. Comp. Stuart, and made to feel at home. Two candidates were exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a very able manner by Ex. Comp. Stuart and his officers. The books are well kept by
Comp. Babb, Scribe E., and Ex. Comp. Porterfield is to be congratulated on his work as Principle Sojourner. After the Chapter was closed a very dainty lunch was prepared and enjoyed.

**Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow.**—On December the 9th I visited this Chapter, being met at the depot by Ex. Comp. Armstrong and introduced to most of the Companions around town. A candidate was advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason in a most excellent manner by Ex. Comp. Armstrong, First Principal, and his officers. The work of the Chapter being over, the Companions repaired to a restaurant, where a very dainty lunch brought to a close the proceedings.

**St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Marys.**—I visited this Chapter December 16th and was met at the depot by R. Ex. Comp. Constable, and at once was made to feel at home. Two candidates being exalted to the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a most excellent manner by Ex. Comp. Smith and his officers. After the Chapter was closed we repaired to the banqueting hall, where a choice repast was enjoyed, followed by a short toast list, presided over by R. Ex. Companion Constable.

**Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich.**—I visited this Chapter December 21st and saw the Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch conferred by Ex. Comp. McEwing and his officers in a very creditable manner. The books are well kept by Comp. Straiton. After the Chapter was closed we repaired to the banquet hall, where all enjoyed a fine supper, followed by a splendid toast list, presided over by Ex. Comp. McEwing.

Fraternally submitted,

**Thomas Blackmore,**
*Grand Supt., Huron District, No. 6.*

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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:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Niagara District, No. 7, for the year 1920.

The Companions from my mother Chapter, Mount Moriah, I have to thank, who so willingly accompanied me in my visits. My receptions were most cordial. The progress of the Chapters is very gratifying. The work everywhere showed real enthusiasm and a desire for accuracy. I am pleased to report on the flourishing condition of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the District.

A Chapter of Instruction was held November 5th at St. Catharines, at which we were honored by a visit from the M. Ex. the Grand Z. Wilson Chapter exemplified the Mark Master Mason degree, Mount Nebo Chapter the Most Excellent Master, and McCallum Chapter the Royal Arch degree. The work was impressively performed. Fully one hundred and fifty attended. On this occasion Mount Moriah Chapter presented me with the regalia of a Grand Superintendent.

Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines. —I paid my official visit to this Chapter December 10th. There were 51 present. Their candidates received the Mark Master Mason degree. The Third Principal presided, as is the custom here, and the work was well done. I presented the usual jewel to I.P.Z., Ex. Comp. A. L. Jackson. At the banquet following, I lectured on "Masonic Marks." A visiting Companion, Rev.—Bailey, was present from Washington, who gave an interesting address on his travels in the Orient, and what he had found of Masonry there.

McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.—I visited this Chapter October 15th. There were 30 present. The Book of Marks is carefully kept. A Past
Z. worked the Mark Master Mason degree. There were two candidates, and the work was very well done. This is a strong Chapter. R. E. Comp. Parks and an efficient body of officers maintain the high reputation for which this Chapter has long been noted. Around the refreshment table I spoke on "How we may make our Chapter Meetings more attractive."

**Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake.**—This was my first official visit, April 8th. There were 25 present. Two candidates were exalted to the Royal Arch degree, and the work was very well done. This Chapter deserves great credit for the good work it does from the limited resources it has to draw from. At the banquet I gave an address on "Masonry's Opportunity in the present World's Crisis."

**King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne.—**I paid my visit here May 6th. About 20 Companions present. One candidate received the Mark Master Mason degree. With young and enthusiastic officers recently installed, and with the large number of candidates coming in, this Chapter has the best prospect it has had for a long time. The work was very creditably performed. At the close I gave a short lecture on "The Meaning of the Mark Master Mason degree."

**Wilson Chapter, No. 64, Welland.—**There were about 50 present when I made my official visit May 26th. The books are well kept, they could not be otherwise with such an efficient Scribe E. as Comp. George Wells. The summonses of this Chapter are worthy of note. The Royal Arch degree was worked in an efficient manner. This Chapter is in a vigorous condition and up to date had taken in 30 members. After the meeting all repaired to Temple Building, where the ladies of the Eastern Star provided a sumptuous supper. I gave an address on the "Historic Foundation of Royal Arch degree."

**Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby.—**On December 6th I made my official visit to this flourishing Chapter, in their handsome and commodious new quarters.
R. E. Comp. Wray is a great inspiration to this Chapter. There were about 60 present. Five candidates were exalted. The work was well done, and this Chapter is in a flourishing condition. After labour, a sumptuous supper was served in the new Hall. I gave a short lecture on "The History and Tradition of the Royal Arch degree."

Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls.—I visited here December 17th. There were members present from Mount Moriah Chapter, and from Niagara Chapter, No. 200, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Altogether about 125 present. It was Installation night, the work being performed by R. E. Comps. George Burch and A. N. Lindsay of Mount Moriah Chapter, by special request. This Chapter received 60 candidates during the year. This speaks for its popularity and prosperity. With its enthusiastic officers Mount Nebo Chapter has a splendid outlook. At the banquet I lectured on "The Foundations of Royal Arch degree, Biblical, Historical, Traditional."

Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Bridgeburg.—This Chapter began the year with the resignation of its Z. The work, however, was ably carried on by a venerable P.Z., Ex. Comp. J. G. Watts, who deserved great credit for the manner in which he has guided the Chapter. I paid my official visit October 12th. There were about 20 present. The Most Excellent Master degree was very well exemplified. This Chapter has a hopeful future. At the close I lectured on the "Meaning of the Most Excellent Master Degree."

In summing up, I would like to suggest:

1. That punctuality be observed in the opening of Chapters, and thus avoid late sessions.

2. That the Books of Marks receive better attention, and that the "Mark" be well explained to new Companions.

3. That more time and attention be given to the cultivation of the social side of the work, and that
addresses and lectures be given of an instructional as well as entertaining character. In many cases the musical part of the work might easily be improved.

I wish to thank the Chapters for their kindly reception accorded me at every place. I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits. It has been a rare pleasure to participate in the Companionship of the splendid men I found everywhere, and I trust my visits may have brought some encouragement to the Chapters.

Yours fraternally,

George H. Smith,
Grand Supt., Niagara District, No. 7.
St. Catharines, Ont.
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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:

It is to me an honor and a pleasure to submit here-with my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District, and the work carried on by the different Chapters connected therewith.

Let me again express my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred on me by the Companions of the District in recommending me to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal as your representative for him in Toronto District.

It has been my good fortune to be able to visit every Chapter in the District, at least, once during my term, and I am sure that no man can visit with the Companions of this District without feeling that it has made him a bigger man and given him a wider outlook upon life.

The very best Harmony and Companionship exists among the Companions, and I cannot but express my pleasure at the manner in which the different Chapters are making the true Companionship of Royal Arch Masons more effective and productive by Past Principals' nights, Ruling Principals' nights and the general fraternal visits in and out of the District.

It has been my aim to encourage harmony to the fullest, and to establish uniformity in the working of the different degrees, laying particular stress on the impressions to be imparted to the candidates.

At the commencement of my visits I felt my duty was more in the nature of a helper, than an entertainer, and while I am a supporter of the so-called "Fourth Degree," on account of the many benefits arising from such, I cannot but think, there are many opportunities of interesting the Companions within the portals of the Chapter. No doubt the Royal Craft is increasing in
large numbers, and with great rapidity, still at the same
time I would not like to say that the accumulation of
members is all that is required for the success of Capitular
Masonry. May I suggest one idea, that appeals to me,
that is, that at intervals the First Principal set apart an
evening for rehearsal of the Examinations and Obliga-
tions, in each of the three degrees, in order that the
Companions may be ever ready when called upon for
"Board of Trial," or otherwise. Many receive their
degrees and let it go at that, instead of making them-
selves familiar with the work of the Royal Craft, which
I believe meetings like those above suggested would
rectify. And just here let me say, that I feel it would
be in the best interests of the Chapters in general, if the
same rule applied, as in Symbolic Masonry, that a full
month should elapse between the conferring of degrees.

Finding the different Chapters, in the early part of
my term, doing efficient work, I did not consider it
necessary to hold a Chapter of Instruction, and I believe
the object of such, in a great measure, has been obtained
in the Ruling and Past Principals nights throughout the
District.

The District is in a flourishing condition and the
work of the different Chapters good, and in some in-
stances excellent, and I have no regrets in handing over
to my successor the trust I have endeavored to carry on,
and hope that he will continue to keep burning the spirit
of good Companionship already kindled in the hearts
and lives of the Companions in this District.

During the year four new Chapters have been in-
stituted in this District and, with the large number of
Master Masons in our midst, I cannot but hope that
my successor in office will have the same pleasure in
instituting more during his term.

As my Secretary for the year I appointed Ex. Comp.
David A. Turner, a Past Z., of Succoth Chapter, No.
135, G.R.C., Uxbridge, who, on account of circumstances
not under his control, was not able to accompany me
on many of my visits, but was nevertheless at all times
laboring in the interests of the District.
Official Visits

St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto.—This old Chapter I visited officially on the 16th April, and I was received in a most friendly manner and as representative of M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, accorded Grand Honors. There were present with me, on this occasion: R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.; R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker, P.G.S.; R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Clewlo, P.G.S.; R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price; V. Ex. Comps. Miller, Boyce, King, Grant; Ex. Comps. G. G. Elliott, Z., Shekinah Chapter, No. 138; D. S. L. MacDougall, Z., Orient Chapter, No. 79; J. F. Curl, Z., Succoth Chapter, No. 135; and H. S. McKendry, Past Z., Antiquity, No. 91, and others.

R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Lankin and his officers presented the Holy Royal Arch degree for inspection. The degree was well and impressively presented, especially in the work of the Principal Sojourner. The books are well kept, finances in good condition and the prospects of the Chapter bright.

I also had the pleasure of being present with this Chapter on the 15th October, on the occasion of the visit of St. George’s Chapter, No. 5, London, when they conferred the Royal Arch degree in a most impressive manner. The hospitality of the Chapter is well-known and needs no comment.

King Solomon’s Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.—It was my pleasure to visit this Chapter, officially, on the 29th September. My reception was most kind and I received a right warm welcome from Ex. Comp. W. H. Hoare, the First Principal of the Chapter, and his officers. There were few visitors present, but a good turn-out of the members themselves. The Royal Arch degree was presented as the work of the evening, and was well and impressively done. I could not but remark on the perfect order in the Chapter while at work. The books of the Chapter are well kept, and the prospects of the Chapter bright. I was made to feel as one of the family—at the so-called “Fourth Degree,” and enjoyed the whole evening.
Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket.—This is my mother Chapter, and I visited it on two occasions during the year, my official visit being on the 3rd of November. I was accompanied by the Second Principal, and several Companions of Succoth Chapter, the daughter Chapter. Ex. Companion W. R. McQuade welcomed me on behalf of the Chapter and, on resuming the Sceptre, assisted by the officers, presented the Mark Master.Mason degree. The work was fairly well done considering that not one-third of the regular officers were in their places.

This Chapter has increased in numbers during the year, and now has a membership of 75, but there seems to be a lack of interest taken in the Chapter, that should under general circumstances be stirred and wakened up. Of the members present on the occasion of my official visit very few of the Companions resided in the immediate vicinity of the Chapter, and the majority of the candidates, taken in during the year, hail from outlying Districts, and not from the real home of the Chapter. The finances are not in a strong state, but they are in a healthy state. The First Principal can work all the degrees and has been a hard worker for the Chapter, and to his hard work may be accounted the progress of the Chapter during the year.

York Chapter, No. 62, Toronto.—This visit was looked forward to, as it was the home of an old friend and schoolmate, in the person of R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson, P.G. Supt., now First Principal of St. Alban's Chapter. I visited this Chapter on the 4th of June, and was most heartily welcomed by Ex. Comp. Fred Markham, Z., on behalf of the Chapter. Among the visitors present with me on this occasion were: Ex. Comps. D. S. L. MacDougall, Z., Orient Chapter, No. 79; Dr. W. H. Wright, Z., Toronto Chapter, No. 185; A. W. Laughlen, Z., St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65; R. J. Gaylord, P.Z., Orient, No. 79; and Charles Wheat, H., Toronto, No. 185. The work of the evening was particularly well done in the Royal Arch degree. The work of the Principal Sojourner is to be especially noted.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto.—My last official visit was to this Chapter, on the 10th November,
and I found an excellent turn-out of the Companions to welcome the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal. There were present, among others, in the East: R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E.; R. Ex. Comps. W. S. Milne, Dr. R. J. Reade, George McLeish, K. J. Dunstan, Dr. A. F. Webster, V. Ex. Comp. B. J. Miller, Ex. Comps. W. G. Varty, A. Brookstone, J. J. Shelley, D. S. L. MacDougall, T. C. Harrison, W. H. Cunningham, and Ed. Lankin. Ex. Companion Laughlen and his officers presented for inspection the Royal Arch degree. The work on the whole was very impressive, and I was pleased to see the awakened interest in the work of the Royal Craft in this Chapter, and I feel assured that the new interest now apparent in this old Chapter will assure success. The hospitality of the Chapter requires no comment. Agreeably satisfactory in all respects.

Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto.—Recollections of the many visits to this Chapter some years ago, and of the hospitality in those days, made me anxious to have the official visit early, so that perhaps I might venture other visits in the future. I officially visited the Chapter on the 14th May, and was most enthusiastically received by Ex. Comp. Varty on behalf of the Chapter. I was pleased to have with me on this occasion R. Ex. Comps. A. G. Horwood and Ed. Repath and Ex. Comps. Dr. W. H. Wright, D. S. L. MacDougall and C. Wheat. The Royal Arch degree was presented in a most admirable manner by Ex. Comp. Varty and his officers. This is one of the most progressive Chapters in the District and working in perfect harmony, with the brightest prospects for the coming year. The books are well kept in the hands of Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick.

This Chapter visited my home Chapter at Uxbridge on 14th October, marking their visit by the presentation of a beautiful set of silk markers for use in V.S.L.

Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto.—My first official visit was to this Chapter. On April 8th I presented myself at the door seeking admission on my official visit, and was admitted, received and wel-
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comed most heartily by Ex. Comp. MacDougall, the First Principal of the Chapter, and was made to feel at home immediately. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. Ex. Comps. Dr. G. B. Foster, George McLeish, W. S. Ormiston, and Ex. Comps. A. W. Laughlen, Dr. W. H. Wright and F. Markham. Every officer was present, and in his proper chair, and the work in the Royal Arch degree was presented in an excellent and impressive manner. This is another of the most progressive Chapters in the District, with bright prospects for the following years. The books of the Chapter are in the hands of V. Ex. Comp. J. M. Malcolm, who has the best interests of the Chapter at heart.

ANTIQUITY CHAPTER, No. 91, TORONTO.—I was pleased to visit this Chapter on 27th October, and found a fair and enthusiastic attendance of the Companions and a hearty welcome at the hands of Ex. Companion W. J. Armstrong, on behalf of the Chapter. Present with me were Ex. Comps. W. E. Logan, R. E. Port, R. J. Gaylord and Charles Wheat. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most able and impressive manner by Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong and his officers, and from the perfect order while the work was being put on it was very evident that there is a deep interest taken in the work in this Chapter. The Chapter is progressing and prospects for the future seem bright.

On Christmas Eve this Chapter entertained one hundred and fifty children of the West End Creche and a number of the mothers in the banqueting hall of Freemasons' Hall, College Street. After a bountiful dinner, each girl was presented with stockings, mitts, scarf, toys, fruit and candies, and each boy with muffler and cap, toys, fruit and candies. The mothers were also remembered, fifty large woollen scarfs being distributed among those present. This is the second year of this entertainment and I am informed that this good work is to be continued. The money to carry this on is subscribed by the Companions, and this year about $400 was spent. Among those taking a prominent part in this work are V. Ex. Comp. James Herriot, Ex. Comp. S. McHenry, W. J. Armstrong, Sr., E. J. Luttrell, G. L.
McHenry and others. The Chapter is to be congratulated on this particular work, and I trust the same may be continued by them from year to year.

Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge.—Having been an officer in this Chapter since its inception December 18th, 1903, and being present at every Convocation of the Chapter, Regular and Emergent, since that time, I did not request this Chapter to place any work before me for inspection, but visited them at an Emergent Convocation on 22nd October, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E. We were received in due and prescribed order and form, and welcomed by Ex. Comp. J. F. Curl, Z. of the Chapter. After the close of the Chapter the hall was thrown open for the Annual Ladies' Night, which had been suspended during the war. R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith addressed the gathering on Capitular Masonry, after which a banquet and programme was given in the banquet rooms of the Chapter. This Chapter has made a fair increase in membership this year and the prospects of a successful 1921 are bright. It is now located in their handsome new quarters.

On November 12th this Chapter paid their return visit to Occident Chapter, and I had the pleasure, on their behalf, of presenting to Occident Chapter, through Ex. Comp. Varty, a Judean Staff.

Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, West Toronto.—On my official visit to this Chapter on October 12th I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., Ex. Comps. D. A. Turner, Dist. Sec'y, S. G. Newdick, W. E. Holwell, together with the officers and Companions of Succoth Chapter and Peel Chapter. There was a large turn-out of the Companions. Owing to the rebuilding of the hall, the Chapter was opened somewhat after the time fixed, but immediately the Chapter was opened it was working in good order.

After having been received, Ex. Comp. G. G. Elliott and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree. The work was not as well presented as I had expected, but on the whole it would compare very favorably with others in the District. No doubt, when settled in their new
hall, matters in this respect will improve. The appointments of the Chapter are excellent. With R. Ex. Comp. Wadsworth, Scribe E. of the Chapter, the books and interests of the Chapter are fully looked after.

The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto.—In 1904 I was present at the institution of the Chapter, and have been watching its career through the years following, up to the present time. I paid my official visit on 15th September, and received a most hearty welcome. There were present with me on this visit Most Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, P.G.Z., R. Ex. Comps. J. Dickens, A. C. Powell and C. S. Musgrave of the Grand Chapter of England, Ex. Comps. J. J. Shelley and Ex. Comp. D. A. Turner, Dist. Sec’y. The work of the evening was the Mark Master Mason degree, and it was but fairly presented owing to several of the regular officers being absent.

I was again present at Regular Convocation, October 16th, on the occasion of the Fraternal visit of Carnarvon Chapter, Montreal, and had the pleasure of witnessing the Holy Royal Arch degree conferred according to the Quebec Ritual. The hospitality of this Chapter is unbounded. The Chapter is progressive in all respects, and has still a wonderful future.

The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto.—This was another Chapter I was enabled to visit officially before vacation, and on 3rd May I visited them in their new home, of which they have every reason to be proud. I received a most courteous and hearty welcome from Ex. Comp. W. H. Cunningham, on behalf of the Chapter.

Present among others this evening were R. Ex. Comps. W. J. Wadsworth, G. L. Gardiner, V. Ex. Comp. Hardy, Ex. Comps. W. H. Hoare, D. S. L. MacDougall, Dr. G. G. Elliott, and others. The work presented was the Royal Arch degree, and most ably and impressively rendered.

This Chapter is energetic in its work and the best of harmony prevails. Notwithstanding the fact that this
was the first opportunity of visiting this Chapter since its inception, I felt as one of them and perfectly at home. The books of the Chapter are well kept, and the interests of the Chapter well looked after by Ex. Comp. Miller, S.E. The future prospects are bright. The hospitality of the Chapter was highly enjoyable.

**Toronto Chapter No. 185, Toronto.—**It was my pleasure to visit this Chapter three times. First, on the 15th March at the reception of the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter and other Grand Chapter Officers. Among those present were M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, Grand First Principal, Most Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Past Grand First Principal, R. Ex. Comps. J. B. Nixon, E. B. Brown, A. L. Tinker, V. Ex. Comps, J. M. Malcolm and S. Ward, Ex. Comps. D. S. L. MacDougall, W. G. Varty. The Ex. "Z" and officers presented on this occasion the Royal Arch degree.

Secondly, on the 21st June at a Past Principal's night, when the same degree was presented; and thirdly, on the 20th October I officially visited this Chapter and was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., R. J. Reade, W. S. Milne, V. Ex. Comps. C. B. Johnson, J. M. Malcolm, Ex. Principals W. H. Cunningham, D. S. L. MacDougall, W. G. Varty and R. J. Gaylord. Ex. C. Dr. W. H. Wright and officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a very able and impressive manner. The interest in the Work of this Chapter is shown by the almost perfect order kept while the Chapter is at work. Their future is promising and bright, and their hospitality unquestionable.

**Peel Chapter No. 195, Brampton.—**On May 4th I officially visited this Chapter, taking the train from Toronto. I found a fair attendance of the Companions, and was particularly pleased with the comfortable home and appointments of the Chapter. I was received most heartily by Ex. Comp. Holwell on behalf of the Chapter. V. Ex. Comp. Bewes, Ex. Comps. Galbraith and G. H. Robinson, and several Companions of St. Clair Chapter
No. 75, Milton, were present. The Royal Arch degree was well and beautifully exemplified by the Ex. First Principal and his officers.

This Chapter is progressing slowly, but I believe surely. Perfect harmony reigns and the Companions appear greatly interested in the Royal Craft.

Victoria Chapter No. 208, Thornhill.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on 13th October, and found it presided over by an old time friend in the person of Ex. Comp. W. H. Legge. I was accompanied by E. Comps. D. C. L. MacDougall, R. J. Gaylord, and other members of Orient Chapter, and Ex. Comp. M. E. Rodman, and others of Succoth Chapter. The First Principal received me with the usual good welcome and then conferred the Royal Arch degree in a fairly competent manner, taking into consideration the appointments and absence of officers in the minor positions. The membership does not increase rapidly but I am led to believe that the material being taken in is good and the prospects look well to a successful future.

Mount Sinai Chapter No. 212, Toronto.—This is the second year of this Chapter's existence and I officially visited it on June 1st. As representative of the Grand First Principal I received a most hearty welcome from Ex. Comp. Brookstone, Z. of the Chapter. The First Principal and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a most capable and impressive ceremony and the order in the Chapter while at work was all that could be desired. With me in the East were R. Ex. Comps. H. T. Smith, G.S.E., W. S. Milne, A. L. Tinker and Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley. This Chapter is rapidly going ahead and the prospects for the future bright. The hospitality and the entertainment of this Chapter cannot be excelled.

Mimico Chapter No. 215, Mimico.—The kindness of a good friend enabled me to reach this Chapter on June 2nd on my official visit. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., Dr. W. G.
Price, and Ex. Comp. Ed. Lankin, Z., St. Andrew and St. John Chapter No. 4. An old friend, Brother and Companion in the person of Ex. Comp. Joseph Shelley, Z. of the Chapter, received and welcomed me. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in an excellent and impressive manner by Ex. Comp. Shelley and his officers. In Comp. E. F. Stoll I find that the books are well looked after and the interests of the Chapter well guarded. The prospects look bright and I predict a prosperous future for this young Chapter. The “Fourth Degree” was most pleasing and acceptable

St. Alban’s Chapter U. D., Toronto.—It was indeed a pleasure for me under the Direction of the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal, to attend the Masonic Temple, Yonge Street, Toronto, on the 30th day of April, for the purpose of instituting this Chapter. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., R. Ex. Comps. A. G. Horwood, G. L. Gardiner, J. B. Nixon, V. Ex. Comps. B. J. Miller and Caspar Clark and the Ruling Principals of several Chapters. R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson being in readiness and the Dispensation having been read by the Grand Scribe E, I proceeded with the Institution of the Chapter, under the name of St. Alban’s Chapter, with R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson as Z., Comp. J. A. Cooper as H., and A. E. Covell as J. I officially visited this Chapter on November 8th. I was right royally received as Grand Superintendent of Toronto District by R. Ex. Comp. Gibson on behalf of the Chapter. On this occasion I was pleased to have with me R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., R. J. Reade, P.G.S., V. Ex. Comp. J. Herriot and Ex. Comps. F. Markham, W. J. Armstrong, C. Murphy and S. McHenry. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree and was excellently and impressively rendered by R. Ex. Comp. Gibson and his officers. The books and requirements of the Chapter are in good hands, the finances good and prospects of success very bright. The after hour at the festive board was very pleasant.

Ulster Chapter U. D., Toronto.—This Chapter was instituted in College Street Masonic Hall, Toronto,
on Thursday, 24th June, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E, and other Grand Chapter Officers, and it was my pleasure to inspect the Chapter and its work on November 9th. The welcome extended to me by R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Horwood, First Principal of the Chapter was most hearty. I must compliment the Officers on the able rendition of the Holy Royal Arch degree and also the Companions for the splendid order while the Chapter was at work. All the officers were in their respective chairs. The books are well kept and from all indications this Chapter has a bright future. R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Horwood is the right man in the right place, and his untiring efforts to produce a representative Chapter in this District are certainly meeting his anticipations. At the festive hour I was indeed pleased to meet many old brethren of some years gone by, and I thoroughly enjoyed the whole evening with the Companions of Ulster Chapter.

Lebanon Chapter U. D., Lambton Mills.—The evening of 25th June was set apart for the Institution of this Chapter and through kindness of some Companions, I motored out from Toronto to Lambton Mills for that purpose. R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E. A. G. Horwood, Dr. W. G. Price, Wm. Croft, V. Ex. Comp. B. J. Miller, Ex. Comps. J. J. Shelley, G. G. Elliott, and W. J. Armstrong, were present with me. The Chapter was instituted under very favorable auspices with Ex. Comp. R. E. Port as Z., A. Evans as H., and T. H. L. McGuire as J. I officially visited this Chapter on the 28th October and inspected their appointments, books, prospects and work. Ex. Comp. Port and his officers presented the Mark Master Mason degree for inspection, and for the short time of the life of the Chapter the work was well and most favorably presented. The books are well looked after by Comp. Phillips, and after some more experience will be as capable as others in the District. Judging from the class of Master Masons seeking admission to this Chapter, it cannot be but sound and progressive.
The hospitality and good fellowship of the Companions made me feel that I was at home and pleased to be there.

Beaver Chapter U. D., Toronto.—It was my pleasure to preside over the Institution of this Chapter in the Masonic Temple, Gerrard St. East, Toronto, on Wednesday evening, the 12th January. I was assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., V. Ex. Comp. S. Ward, Ex. Comps. J. Poulton, J. F. Scuse, D. S. L MacDougall, J. J. Shelley, H. P. Reid, F. D. Hunt, R. J. Gaylord, T. Graham and other representatives of the Chapters in Toronto. The Chapter was instituted under the most favorable circumstances and with about 80 applications for advancement. R. Ex. Comp. Bernard Cairns, the First Principal, no doubt will with the assistance of his two principals, Ex. Comps. J. E. Baker and Cal. F. Bolton, make Beaver Chapter one of the live Chapters of the city. At the close of the Chapter a banquet was held in the supper rooms at which many were present, including the lady friends of the Chapter. An excellent musical programme was also provided.

I visited this Chapter for official inspection on the 27th day of January, 1921, and was received with Grand Honors by R. Ex. Comp. Bernard Cairns, the First Principal of the Chapter and a full turn out of the members.

The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree, and I was very well pleased with the work of R. Ex. Comp. Cairns and his officers, considering that it was rendered in a very fair and efficient manner, leaving no doubt in my mind that as the Chapter progressed the work will be all that may be desired. The prospects of the Chapter are very bright. With me in the East were Ex. Comps. T. H. Graham, P.Z. The St. Patrick Chapter, Ex. Comp. J. F. Scuse, Z. of Orient Chapter, and others.

The hospitality and good fellowship of the Companions were very pleasing.

All the Chapters are provided with Books for registering Marks.
Practically all the summonses from the different Chapters give notice of one or more petitions for Ballot which intimates the progress of the Royal Craft in this District.

Without, I may say, exception, the Scribes E. are capable and efficient officers and have the best interests of their respective Chapters ever before them.

I am more than pleased at the strides made in this District during my term, showing a net gain in membership of 869, which to me foretells the continued success of Capitular Masonry among us.

I cannot conclude my report without expressing my sincerest thanks to R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E., for his kindness, and his willing assistance at any and all times, during my term of office, nor can I forget the many Companions who have accompanied me on my official visits throughout the District, but not having space at my command to name them I must ask all to accept my best thanks for their kindness and support during my term and wish to express my heart-felt appreciation of their kindnesses.

Lastly, I desire to say that I undertook my duties fully realizing my responsibilities and short comings, and have endeavored to fulfil the duties as Grand Superintendent to the best of my ability. If my services have been of any help to the Chapters I shall feel fully repaid and ask you to forgive and forget any short comings.

The courteous treatment and the spirit of Companionship which has always been in evidence on the occasion of my visits I shall always remember.

This Sceptre now passes to another, and it is with a deep feeling of pleasure and regret, I have officially completed my duties as Grand Superintendent.

The pleasant evenings I have spent with you and the number of Companions and friends it has been my privilege to enjoy will afford me many happy recollections.

Fraternally submitted,

Uxbridge, Ont. V. M. HARE, 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:

I have much pleasure in submitting herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District Number Nine.

May I, at the outset, again express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the various Chapters for the honor conferred in electing me the representative of The Most Excellent, the Grand Z., in this District.

During the year I personally visited each of the eight Chapters in the District, and am pleased to report that the utmost harmony and enthusiasm prevail.

Manitou Chapter No. 27, Collingwood.—I paid my official visit to this, my mother Chapter, at a regular Convocation, Friday, November 26th, and was received by the largest gathering of the Companions of this Chapter it has been my privilege to sit with. At this Convocation the annual election of officers took place and as usual merit received its reward. Excellent Companion Lennox and his officers conferred the Mark degree on two Candidates in a very creditable manner. This Chapter is loyally supported by its Past Z's and its future prospects are excellent.

Signet Chapter No. 34, Barrie.—My first official visit was paid Tuesday, November 9th, to this Chapter, at a regular Convocation. R. Ex. Comp. A. Cowan and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree on five Candidates. I was very much pleased with the impressive manner in which the work was conferred. This Chapter has one of the finest equipped Chapter rooms in the District. It has a large territory to draw from, and its future is fully assured.

Georgian Chapter No. 56, Owen Sound.—To this Chapter I paid my official visit at a regular Con-
vocation, Tuesday, November 16th, and was greeted
by a good turnout of the Companions. Ex.Comp. I.
Sutherland, assisted by the Past Z's and officers of the
Chapter, conferred the Royal Arch degree on two
candidates in a very efficient and impressive manner.
This Chapter has had a splendid year and its future
prospects are very bright.

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER NO. 70, BRACEBRIDGE.—
I paid my official visit to this Chapter at a regular Con-
vocation, Thursday, December 16th. Ex. Comp. Reid,
and the officers of the Chapter, conferred the
Royal Arch degree on three candidates in a very
creditable manner. This Chapter has had a good year
and its prospects for the future are good. The officers
for the ensuing year were elected and I feel assured
that the affairs of this Chapter will be in capable hands
in 1921.

MACPHERSON CHAPTER NO. 86, MEAFORD.—I was
very much grieved to learn on my arrival in Meaford
on Wednesday, December 8th, of the death of R. Ex.
Comp. Sparling, which occurred quite suddenly that
morning. He was one of the "Standbys" of Macpherson
Chapter and his loss will be keenly felt. The annual
election of officers took place and merit received its
reward. There was no degree work, but a spirited
discussion arose over increasing the membership of the
Chapter, and the coming year should be a good one in
this respect.

AMABEL CHAPTER NO. 131, WIARTON.—I had the
pleasure of visiting this Chapter officially at an Emer-
gent Convocation, Wednesday, November 17th. R.
Ex. Comp. Cameron and the officers of the Chapter
conferred the Mark Degree on one candidate and the
work was uniformly done and compared very favorably
with that of the other Chapters in the District. This
Chapter has been revived by the untiring efforts of R
Ex. Comps. Foster and Cameron. I found the former
very optimistic and he assured me of the future of the
Chapter was very promising indeed. I sincerely trust
that my Successor in office will personally visit this Chapter and render it every assistance possible.

**Kichikewana Chapter No. 167, Midland.**—This Chapter I officially visited at an Emergent Convocation, Friday, December 17th. R. Ex. Comp. Raikes and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree on two candidates in a very efficient manner. This Chapter has made a very substantial advance in the past year. It is governed by competent and enthusiastic officers and its future is very bright. This Chapter is fortunate in having a large and splendidly equipped Chapter room.

**Couchiching Chapter No. 198, Orillia.**—I had very much pleasure in officially visiting this Chapter at a Regular Convocation, Friday, December 10th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred very efficiently by the Immediate Past Z, Ex. Comp, McGill, assisted by the Past Z's and officers of the Chapter. Owing to the active interest taken by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Tudhope in the affairs of this Chapter, I anticipated seeing good work. In this respect I was not disappointed. This Chapter has made a splendid advance this year. It is governed by enthusiastic officers and its future prospects are splendid.

I was very much pleased in making my visits with the high order of the work conferred by the various Chapters. The work throughout the District is very uniform, and compares very favorably with that of City Chapters it has been my privilege to visit. The several Scribes E. are very efficient and have complete records of the workings of their Chapters.

On the occasion of every visit there was a “Fourth Degree” and I thoroughly enjoyed all of them. Several of the Companions went to considerable trouble to make my visit to their town enjoyable. I take this opportunity of expressing to them my sincere thanks and appreciation, also to the Scribes E. for their courtesy and assistance, and to the several Chapters for the cordial welcome I received on every visit.
My term of office has been a source of very much pleasure to me. I have been privileged to renew many valued friendships and have been enabled to form many new ones which I will treasure among the most pleasant memories of my year as Grand Superintendent.

Fraternally submitted,

WILL H. WHIPPS,
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:

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District No. 10 for the year 1920.

During the year I visited ten of the twelve Chapters and was unable to make the necessary arrangements for the remaining two.

IONIC CHAPTER No. 168, CAMPBELLFORD.—My first official visit was to this Chapter March 17th, it being their eleventh Anniversary, and was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Sanders, whom, I might say, was the first Grand Superintendent to visit Ionic Chapter after its institution, and was given a hearty and warm reception. The Royal Arch degree was conferred with musical ritial in a most impressive manner. The "Fourth Degree" was then enjoyed to the King's taste, and a most pleasant hour was spent listening to songs and speeches. This Chapter is very prosperous and their Register speaks well for attendance.

I again visited this Chapter June 16th, when about thirty Companions from Keystone Chapter, Whitby, motored down, and picking me up by the wayside, having dinner at Cobourg, we continued on, and when about five miles from Campbellford, a Committee headed by R. Ex. Comp. Robertson stopped us, and took charge of the party, taking us through the different manufacturing concerns, and a boat trip up the Canal to Heally Falls for the inspection of that great water power, and all expressed themselves of this delightful trip. We were then escorted to the Banquet Hall when lunch was served. Chapter was opened at 8 o'clock p.m., and the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Keystone Chapter in a very efficient manner. After this work was completed we again made our way to
the Banquet Hall, when the Companions of Keystone Chapter presented the programme, and their Jazz Orchestra was a great drawing card. This trip was certainly the most enjoyable and profitable during my term of office and the Campbellford boys left nothing undone for our welfare.

On October 5th I accompanied the Companions of Ionic Chapter on their visit to The Moira Chapter No. 7, Belleville, District No. 11, where they again conferred the Royal Arch degree in excellent style and in company with R. Ex. Comp. MacGregor was given a hearty welcome.

Excelsior Chapter No. 45, Colborne.—Accompanied by fifteen Companions of Victoria Chapter, I visited this Chapter July 5th, and was given a hearty reception. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most creditable manner and a very profitable evening was enjoyed.

St. Johns Chapter No. 48, Cobourg.—I was again accompanied by Companions of Victoria Chapter on my visit to this Chapter July 27th. A royal welcome was extended to me. The Royal Arch degree was conferred very efficiently, and a most enjoyable evening was the result.

Victoria Chapter No. 37, Port Hope.—I paid my official visit to this my Mother Chapter October 8th, and was certainly given a royal reception, the large number of Companions being present spoke louder than words could be expressed of its warmth. The Mark Master degree was conferred in a manner for which Victoria Chapter is well known and a most enjoyable evening was spent at the "Fourth Degree."

Corinthian Chapter No. 36, Peterboro.—Accompanied by a dozen or more companions of Victoria Chapter, I visited Corinthian Chapter No. 36, and was given a very hearty welcome. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most commendable manner and the visit was much enjoyed.
PENTALPHA CHAPTER NO. 28, OSHAWA.—On November 2nd, I paid my official visit to this Chapter and was received in the same spirit as in all others. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a very efficient manner. I again paid a friendly visit on December 7th when the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a like manner and both visits were very profitable.

MIDLAND CHAPTER NO. 94, LINDSAY.—I visited Midland Chapter, November 18th, and owing to the recent storm, the Companions from Fenelon Falls, with their Candidate, were unable to attend, and therefore no work was conferred. The general business and election of officers was well conducted, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 35, WHITBY.—On May 17th, I paid a friendly visit to Keystone Chapter to extend a welcome to about forty Companions of Antiquity Chapter No. 91, Toronto, who came to confer the Royal Arch degree in their usual good style. On November 19th I paid my official visit, and was given a hearty welcome. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a most commendable manner by the Ex. Comp. Third Principal. There was a large attendance of Companions, and the evening was very profitable. I would like to tender Ex. Comp. Jones, the First Principal, my sincere thanks for his kindness and hospitality in making my visit to Whitby a most pleasant one.

PRESQUE ISLE CHAPTER NO. 144, BRIGHTON.—I visited this Chapter December 14th, and was given a very hearty welcome. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very efficient manner and I was very much pleased with my visit.

KING DARIUS CHAPTER NO. 134, CANNINGTON.—This Chapter I visited December 29th, while no degree work was conferred, the business was conducted in good form, and I had the pleasure of Installing the officers for the coming year, and from their appearance this Chapter has a bright future.
On October 21st I had the pleasure of attending a Chapter of Instruction, held at Napanee, for District No. 11, and was very much pleased, for all the degrees were conferred in a most commendable manner, and no doubt R. Ex. Comp. MacGregor will make a full report of the event.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Companions of Ontario District No. 10 for the honor conferred by electing me to the exalted position which I have endeavored to fill to the best of my ability, and for courtesy and kindness with which I was received throughout the District. I am also very grateful to R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Sanders for the kindly spirit and assistance rendered in acting as my District Secretary. I also notice the younger members are very active and that Capitular Masonry for this District has a very bright future.

Fraternally submitted,

COLIN S. HAMLY,
Grand Supt. Ontario District No. 10.

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**ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10**
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:

It is with pleasure I submit my report on Capitular Masonry in the District for the year 1920. All the Chapters in the District are in fairly good condition, and some have been very busy, owing to an influx of members, which I presume is characteristic throughout the Jurisdiction.

The First Principals all know their work well, while I found that the minor officers did not show the same interest in getting their work up, and on account of that, the floor work, in most of the Chapters, is not done with the dignity and precision with which it ought to be done. It would lend very much to the work, if the junior officers would get thoroughly interested and feel that, how small the part is, it ought to be done well.

I visited all the Chapters in the District, some of them three times, and, in every case, I have endeavored to hold out the importance of making the first impression on the Candidate, namely, that he is entering the finest moral organization in existence.

Chapter of Instruction.

On October 21st, we held a Chapter of Instruction in the District, under the auspices of Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 44, Napanee. The whole day's proceedings was declared by the large number of visitors present to be a pronounced success.

The work began at 2 p.m. with opening a Mark Master Masons' Lodge, and conferring first part of Degree by The Moira Chapter No. 7, Belleville, with all their officers present, who performed the work of the degree in a practical and business-like manner. Conferring second part of degree, and closing Mark Master Masons' Lodge by St. Mark's Chapter No. 26, Trenton, who excelled themselves on this occasion.
At 4 p.m., in the absence of the officers of Keystone
Chapter No. 72, Stirling, the Most Excellent Masters' Lodge was opened by Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 44, who with the assistance of the officers from The Moira Chapter No. 7, exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree.

It was rendered in an easy, praiseworthy manner, that called forth favorable comments.

At 5.30 p.m.—Lunch was served by Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 44 in their Banquetting Hall, which was well done and very much appreciated.

At 7 p.m., the opening of the Chapter took place by Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 44. Reception of Grand Chapter officers. An address of welcome was extended to the distinguished visitors by Ex. Comp. O. S. Reddick, Z. of Mt. Sinai Chapter, No. 44, which was responded to in a very able manner by our very esteemed M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw, Kingston, Past Grand Z., and the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Madoc Chapter No. 161.

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.

At 9.15 p.m., the closing of the Chapter took place by The Moira Chapter No. 7.

We adjourned at 9.30 p.m. to the Napanee Armouries, where a beautiful banquet and toast list was prepared by Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 44, for Royal Arch Masons and their Ladies, which deserves praise and reflects great credit on the Committees who had the function in charge.

The usual toast list was mixed with very special selections of music of a very high class, rendered by an orchestra in charge of Ex. Comp. C. A. Walters, of Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 44. At the close of the banquet dancing was indulged in, which everybody seemed to enjoy.
I wish, here, to express my extreme gratification to the Chapters, who participated in this Chapter of instruction, and in making it the success and enlightenment it was, to the many visiting Companions of the District. The success of the day and evening was largely due to the presence and efforts of the following distinguished visitors: M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw, Kingston; Past Grand Z., R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Trenton; Grand J. R. Ex. Comp. Harvey J. Milne, Kingston; Grand Scribe N. Comp. F. F. O'Flynn, Belleville, and others.

Keystone Chapter No. 72, Stirling.—By the generosity of Comp. Rev. A. J. Wilson, who took the following companions in his car to Stirling, R. Ex. Comp. J. G. Fennell, Past Grand Supt. Ex. Comp. O. S. Reddick, Comp. W. T. McKenzie, I visited this Chapter on May 27th. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred. The first Principal did his work well, while the junior officers left room for improvement. I urged the importance of doing the floor work well, and that the smallest portion of the work was necessary to the success of the degree. This is a very steady Chapter (not growing in number as some are in the District), and its members are of the finest type. R. Ex. Comp. Jas. McC. Potts is the very efficient Scribe E., and his books are kept in splendid shape. In fact, they are the best kept in the District. This Chapter has the honored record of no Members being found twelve months in arrears. The financial condition of the Chapter is good. They had a large number of members and visitors present on this occasion, who enjoyed a splendid banquet and toast list at the close of the work.

Prince Edward Chapter No. 31, Picton.—I had the honor of officially visiting this Chapter on June 7th. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Harvey J. Milne, Kingston, Grand Scribe N., and about ten Companions from Mt. Sinai Chapter No. 44, Napanee. We chartered the service boat between Napanee and Picton for the occasion. We were met at the wharf by several of the
Picton Companions, who escorted us to the Royal Hotel for supper. This is the finest Chapter room in the District. It is a treat and an inspiration to visit it. The decorations on the walls and furniture, etc., are of the very finest type. Great credit is due to the honored members who have gone to their reward, for such a beautiful Chapter room to have the honor of conferring the work in. On this occasion the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred, not as well as it should be. The first Principal knew his own work. The floor and processional work did not have the attention is should have had. I had the assurance that the detail work would be attended to in future. This Chapter has a large membership and is in a good healthy condition. The Scribe E’s books are neatly kept and in good shape. A large crowd of members and visitors were present on this occasion and enjoyed a splendid banquet and toast list.

St. Marks Chapter No. 26, Trenton.—I visited this Chapter on June 15th, accompanied by Comp. Dr. Stratton and Ex. Comp. J. G. Fennell, from Napanee. We motored in Comp. Dr. Stratton’s car to Trenton. We were met at the Hotel by our esteemed Grand Chapter Officer, R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand J, who escorted us to the Chapter Room. Despite the inclemency of the weather, they had a splendid turn out of members and visitors. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred. The work was done very well. One thing I was pleased to note, the junior officers showed splendid signs of good training in the work. New petitions were presented and the membership is growing. Splendid harmony exists in this Chapter. The Scribe E’s books are well kept, and the correct colored ink used in every case. Finances are in a healthy condition; property in good condition; the prospects of the Chapter are good:

Madoc Chapter No. 161, Madoc.—I have had the honor of visiting my Mother Chapter three times during the year. Early in May, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Harvey J. Milne, Kingston, Grand Scribe N. we paid a
fraternal visit to assist in working the Royal Arch degree, and here I would like to extend my sincere thanks to R. Ex. Comp. Milne for the splendid assistance he gave Madoc Chapter on this occasion, and the interest he has taken in the work there. He has been of wonderful assistance to this Chapter and to myself. His enthusiasm and zeal has been felt all over the District. In August I paid this Chapter another visit, saw the Mark Master Mason degree conferred on eleven Candidates. The work was done well by the Principals, while the junior officers did not know their work as well as they should. They promised to show more interest in future.

I had the honor of visiting this Chapter officially on September 28th, and again I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Harvey J. Milne, Grand Scribe N, and several Companions from Napanee. As I had the pleasure of seeing the work exemplified, there was no degree work put on at this time. A banquet and toast list was given in the Banqueting Hall to the Royal Arch Masons and their Ladies. About 250 enjoyed the repast. The programme was of a very high character, a splendid Orchestra of very fine musicians were in attendance. I am pleased to say that this Chapter is in a very flourishing condition. Some very choice members have been admitted. Ex. Comp. Hill, Z, and his officers deserve credit for the splendid work done in stimulating the Chapter. The books are neatly kept, but I am sorry to report, they are carrying too many members over 12 months in arrears. I advised them, for the benefit of the Chapter that they should be suspended.

Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44, Napanee.—I had the honor of visiting my own Chapter on December 1st. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The officers elected are very capable, and I am sure will carry on the prosperous work which has been done in the past. I am proud to state that Mt. Sinai Chapter is in excellent condition. All degrees are conferred in first class style; the books and financial conditions of the Chapter are in good shape. I wish to thank the Companions of my own Chapter for the many honors and courtesies extended to me during the year.
The Moira Chapter No. 7, Belleville.—I visited this Chapter officially on December 7th. I was greeted by a large attendance and many visitors from the District. I had the honor and pleasure, along with R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand J., R. Ex. Comp. Harvey J. Milne, Grand Scribe N, to present Regalia and Certificates to about fifty Companions on this occasion, which was a very inspiring exhibition. Election of officers for the ensuing year took place and was done in a very business like way. The conferring of the Royal Arch degree was given added interest by the use of new music, which was enjoyed by all the Companions. All the degrees are conferred with precision and dignity. This Chapter is in a very prosperous condition. The Scribe E's books are neatly kept and the finances are in first class shape. I recommended that suitable Banners should be procured for the conferring of the Royal Arch degree. At the conclusion of the proceedings we adjourned to the banqueting hall, where a pleasant hour was spent and everyone departed feeling that they had spent a very profitable and enjoyable evening.

In conclusion I desire to express again my grateful appreciation of the honor conferred on me of being elected to this high office and the general courtesy extended to me by the Companions of the various Chapters.

To them 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 shortcomings and failures on my part, I ask the broad mantle of Masonic Charity.

Fraternally submitted,

A. MacGregor,
Grand Supt., Prince Edward Dis No. II.

Napanee, 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:

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

I wish to thank my Companions for the high honor they have conferred upon me, by electing me to this important office, fully realizing the responsibility and duties. I have endeavoured to discharge my duties faithfully to the best of my ability.

All the Chapters in the District I have visited, and find conditions throughout the District exceptionally good, as in every Chapter that I visited, with the exception of two, a number of Candidates received their degrees and in every Chapter applications were received on the night of my visit.

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston, Ont.—I visited this Chapter on November 24th, as this was a special meeting, the Chapter opened at 2 o'clock p.m. A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened at three o'clock with Ex. Comp. H. V. Moore in the chair, and the degree was conferred on fifteen Candidates in an admirable manner. A Most Excellent Master Lodge was then opened with R. Ex. Comp. W. Y. Mills in the Chair and the degree was conferred upon the Candidates, after which dinner was served in the banqueting hall. The Chapter resumed work at 8 o'clock, when I was officially received. The work for the evening was the Royal Arch degree on the foregoing candidates, which was conferred with Ex. Comp. V. W. Bryant in the Chair without a fault. The books of the Scribe E. are well and neatly kept. The officers all have their work well in hand and the Chapter is in excellent condition.

Grenville Chapter No. 22, Prescott, Ont.—On May 11th I made my first official visit to this Chapter, and was cordially received by the Companions. The
work of the evening was the Most Excellent Master degree which was conferred on three candidates in a splendid manner by Ex. Comp. C. M. Scobie. The books of Scribe E. V. Ex. Comp. Greig are well and neatly kept.

**ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER No. 100, BROCKVILLE, Ont.** —I visited this Chapter on October 7th and was cordially received by the Companions. This was the first meeting after the holidays. There was no work to be done, but I have no doubt that the officers of this Chapter can do their work well. The books of Scribe E. Ex. Comp. Morrison are well kept and the prospects of the Chapter are good.

**SUSSEX CHAPTER No. 59, BROCKVILLE, Ont.** —I visited this Chapter on September 17th and was cordially received by the Companions. The work for the evening was the conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree, which was conferred by Ex. Comp. C. W. McLean, and it was done as well as I have ever seen it. There was no hesitation or a pause by any of the officers. The books of the Scribe E. are well kept and finances in good condition.

**LEEDS CHAPTER No. 132, GANANOQUE, Ont.** —This Chapter was officially visited by me on June 2nd, and I was cordially received by the officers and Companions. The work for the evening was the conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree, which was beautifully performed by Ex. Comp. Wood, who though only a Royal Arch Mason of one year, conferred the degree as well as I ever saw it done. The books are well kept, the finances of the Chapter are in good shape, and the officers are enthusiastic and the prospects are good.

**ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER No. 112, MORRISBURG.** —On June 8th I visited this Chapter accompanied by several of the Companions of Covenant Chapter and were cordially received by the Companions. The work for the evening was conferring the Royal Arch degree which was splendidly conferred by V. Ex. Comp. Marsh. As this Chapter is just moving into a new hall, not yet completed, they were somewhat handicapped. The books of the Scribe E. are well kept, finances are in good
shape, and after they get settled in their new quarters the Chapter will flourish.

Maitland Chapter No. 68, North Augusta, Ont.—This Chapter was officially visited by me on October 6th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Stein, of Brockville. I wish to thank the officers and Companions of this Chapter for calling this special meeting for my convenience as the notice I gave them was so short, there was no degree work to be done. The officers of this Chapter have their work well and I think that in the near future this Chapter will give a good account of itself. The books of the Scribe E. are well kept, and the prospects are good.

Covenant Chapter No. 113, Cornwall, Ont.—I visited this my home Chapter on November 17th, "Our Ancient Field Day," when a class of twenty-seven were exalted to the Royal Arch degree. The Mark Master degree was conferred by the First Principal, V. Ex. Comp. H. Williams in an excellent manner. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. John Sugden also in a grand and impressive manner. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by V. Ex. Comp. Williams assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Hamilton. We had the honor of having with us R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Munro, Past Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District, who gave us some wise counsel. The Prospects of this Chapter are excellent, in fact, it is back again to where it was in the past.

In conclusion I must say the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District is excellent, there is not a Chapter that is not fully alive; what is said of our Chapter may be truly said of them all. Too much credit cannot be given my predecessors R. Ex. Comps. Mills and Fleming, as it was their earnestness and zeal that has paved the way for the prosperous year just ended.

Again thanking the officers and Companions of the District for their kindness, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

W. W. Sheets,

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

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**ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 12**
OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 13

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

It affords me very much pleasure to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the Companions of this District in recommending my appointment to the Grand Z as Grand Superintendent of Ottawa District No. 13 for the year 1920.

As I was not present at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter I take this opportunity of thanking R. Ex. Comp. Simpson for making the necessary arrangements for my Installation into office in Carleton Chapter on April 16th. The occasion was made enjoyable by the spirit of good fellowship evinced by the officers and Companions of Carleton Chapter, both in the Chapter room and in the banquet hall.

I have officially visited each Chapter in the District and was warmly welcomed on each occasion. I am pleased to be able to report an increase of 101 in the membership of the District. The exemplification of the degrees has been very creditable throughout the District, and the spirit of friendship and brotherly love evident on all occasions.

On October 14th I had the honor of instituting Ottawa Chapter in Ottawa and in January 6th that of Prince of Wales Chapter at Perth. Both of these Chapters are located in flourishing Masonic centres, and should become active units in their respective localities.

Granite Chapter No. 61, Almonte.—I officially visited this Chapter on November 11th and was met at the station by Ex. Comp. M. R. MacFarlane Z., and a number of the Companions. As there were no candidates present, the work of opening and closing was very efficiently performed by Ex. Comp. MacFarlane and his staff of officers. The prospects of this Chapter are
good, and I am informed several applications for exaltation have since been received. I have to thank the Companions of Granite Chapter for a pleasant evening, both in the Chapter and afterwards, while waiting for my train.

**Bonnechere Chapter No. 114, Renfrew.**—Officially I visited this Chapter on December 20th, being met and entertained by Ex. Comp. J. McN. Austin, one of the active members of the Chapter. The work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree, and was very efficiently conferred by Ex. Comp. H. J. Smith and his very excellent staff of officers. I was very pleased to once more meet with the Companions of Bonnechere Chapter and to renew companionships formed many years ago. The attendance at this Convocation was not up to the average, but lack of members was more than counterbalanced by the enthusiasm of those present.

**St. Francis Chapter No. 133, Smith’s Falls.**—I made my official visit to this Chapter on January 6th and was pleased to renew former friendships. The work of the evening was the Mark Master Mason degree conferred on three candidates by the newly installed officers. The manner in which the officers conferred the degree bespeaks for them a successful year. I was delighted with the manner in which Principal Ex. Comp. McDonald handled the business of the evening and conferred the degrees. After the business of the evening was concluded, we adjourned to the banquet hall where the good things provided were partaken of and a number of interesting addresses given.

**Carleton Chapter No. 16, Ottawa.**—On the invitation of Ex. Comp. Dell I made my official visit to Carleton Chapter on December 2nd, when they were having a Chapter of Instruction. The Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master degrees were conferred in the afternoon by Ottawa Chapter, of Ottawa, and Kitchener Chapter, of Russell, respectively. Ottawa Chapter instituted on October 14th,
some six weeks previously, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a faultless manner and were certainly worthy of the congratulations tendered them for their creditable work.

Kitchener Chapter conferred the Most Excellent Master degree in a manner both pleasing and instructive. While the floor work was somewhat marred by the large number of Candidates, the work of the individual officers was worthy of the highest commendation. On conclusion of the Most Excellent Master degree we adjourned to the banquet hall, and were treated to a sumptuous repast, followed by several musical selections and a number of interesting addresses.

In the evening Carleton Chapter conferred the Royal Arch degree on the same class of Candidates. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which Ex. Comp. Dell and officers conferred this degree. It was to me the climax of a perfect day.

Kitchener Chapter No. 210, Russell.—I made my official visit to this Chapter in Carleton Chapter, Ottawa, on December 2nd, when I witnessed the Most Excellent Master degree conferred by the officers of Kitchener Chapter. I regret my inability to have visited this Chapter at Russell, but was pleased to see the work so well done by the Officers at Ottawa.

Maple Chapter No. 116, Carleton Place.—This Chapter I visited on January 7th, and was present at the opening ceremony. The work of the evening was the installation of the officers for 1921, which was very pleasingly done by R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh. R. Ex. Comp. McIntosh was elected Scribe E. for 1921, and it is needless to say that the proceedings of the Chapter will be duly chronicled, and the Chapter well looked after otherwise.

St. John's Chapter No. 148, Vankleek Hill.—I officially visited this Chapter December 3rd. The Chapter was somewhat late in opening due to several causes, one of which was the lack of a quorum. The
work of the evening was the Royal Arch degree, and was conferred by Ex. Comp. J. Shepherd in a very pleasing manner. The shortage of officers on the occasion added to the work of the principal officer, but he was quite equal to the occasion. The work of Ex. Comp. Elvidge as Principal Soujourner, and that of Ex. Comp. McRae was also good. As I had to catch the train at 11 o'clock I was unable to partake of the good things provided, but otherwise enjoyed the hospitable evening.

**Glengarry Chapter No. 141, Maxville.**—I officially visited this Chapter on January 11th and was pleased with my cordial reception on getting off the train. The work of the evening was the Mark Master Mason degree, and was well conferred by Ex. Comp. G. H. McDougall and officers. The prospects of this Chapter are improving.

**Laurentian Chapter No. 151, Pembroke.**—I have not visited officially my own Chapter, but have been present at almost all the meetings for the past year. The work of the officers has been very good. Ex. Comp. Acheson can retire well pleased with a satisfactory year. I had the honor of installing the officers at its last Convocation.

In closing I wish to thank the Companions for the cordiality and courtesy extended to me during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. Sparling,
*Grand Supt., Ottawa District No. 13.*

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ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 14.

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

I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District No. 14 for the past year.

Not being present at Grand Chapter Convocation held in Toronto, I was installed in my official capacity April 2nd, in Fort William Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. George A. Grant, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the R. Ex. Comp. for his kindness.

Golden Chapter No. 90, Kenora; Atwood Chapter No. 149, Rainy River and Alberton Chapter No. 152, Fort Francis.—On August 20th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. A. M. Frank of Shuniah Chapter, Port Arthur, Ex. Comps. C. J. Moors, J. D. Forrest, Oliver Coles, and Comp. Robert Jamieson, of Fort William Chapter, I made my official visit to a joint Convocation of the above named Chapters held in Kenora.

The Companions from Fort Francis and Rainy River were accompanied by a number of Companions from Tom Morris Chapter, No. 79, Warroad, Minn., and made the journey over the beautiful Lake of the Woods by steamer.

It was rather a unique event in the history of Capitular Masonry in the District, as all the Chapters in this District were represented, and about fifty visiting Companions from outside the District.

I was given a most cordial welcome by Ex. Comp. A. G. Stevenson, First Principal of Golden Chapter, who occupied the Chair on behalf of the three Chapters. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on seven candidates in a faultless and praiseworthy manner, the work being done by officers selected equally from the three Chapters, namely: Atwood, Alberton and Golden, after which an adjournment was made to the banqueting
room where a splendid repast was partaken of, and an interesting and instructive programme of speeches and songs was presented.

On account of this joint Convocation and being pressed for time, I did not pay an official visit to Atwood and Alberton Chapters, but from conversations I had with the officers of both Chapters, who were present at Kenora, I am satisfied they are both doing fairly well. Golden Chapter, Kenora, is also doing splendid work, and has one of the best Chapters in this District.

At this Convocation I had the pleasure of meeting my immediate predecessor in office, R. Ex. Comp. T. J. Cherry, who gave me every assistance.

On October 4th the Grand Z, M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, paid us a visit at the Head of the Lakes, which will live long and pleasantly in the memory of every Royal Arch Mason, who had an opportunity of being present and meeting him. A short reception was held by Shuniah Chapter, Port Arthur, in honor of the Grand Z, from 7 to 7.30 p.m., after which an adjournment was made to Fort William Chapter, Fort William, where a joint reception by the two Chapters was held in his honor. The Grand Z. gave an address on Masonry which was listened to with rapt attention by the large number of Companions present. After the close of the meeting a luncheon was partaken of and the Companions again had the pleasure of listening to M. Ex. Comp. Ponton, in one of his most happy moods. That he may return to us again is the sincere wish of everyone.

Shuniah Chapter No. 82, Port Arthur.—On November 10th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. George A. Grant and Ex. Comp. J. D. Forrest, of Fort William, I paid my official visit to Shuniah Chapter. This is the oldest Chapter in the District and has a large and
rapidly growing membership. They are fortunate in having many efficient officers, both past and present, who take a keen interest in all affairs of the Chapter.

I was given a warm welcome by Ex. Comp. A. M. Frank, the Immediate Past Z., who has been in charge of the Chapter most of this year on account of the First Principal removing to the Coast. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on eight Candidates in a manner that would be hard to find fault with if one were inclined to be critical. After the Chapter closed a splendid luncheon was served in the banqueting room, where many speeches and songs were listened to with pleasure.

Fort William Chapter No. 140, Fort William.—This is my Mother Chapter, and I have not yet paid an official visit, but I have been present at all meetings during the year,—and know that it is in good hands, and I fully expect that the good work of this Chapter will be kept up by the present officers.

On December 8th I had the honor of installing the officers of Shuniah Chapter No. 82, Port Arthur, and on December 17th I had the privilege of installing the officers of Fort William Chapter No. 140, to which I belong. The privilege accorded me in performing these duties gave me a great deal of pleasure.

In conclusion I wish to thank my Companions of Algoma District No. 14, for the honor conferred on me in electing me to the position I now hold, and the many courtesies extended to me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. Cameron,

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MANITOBA EAST DISTRICT No. 15.

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

I have much pleasure in presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Manitoba East District No. 15.

All the Chapters in this District are in a flourishing condition, and in my experience I have never seen so much interest and keenness displayed on the part of the Companions. I am also pleased to state that harmony prevails throughout the District, and the true fraternal spirit, which exists among the Companions, has never been better shown or manifested.

On October 6th Ex. Comp. H. F. Moulden and myself accompanied M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton on his official visit to Keystone Chapter No. 99, Portage la Prairie. Unfortunately there were not many Companions in attendance. However, we were amply repaid for our visit. R. Ex. Comp. F. L. Newman and First Principal S. M. McDonald had arranged a splendid banquet at which the members of Assiniboine Lodge No. 114, G.R.M., were invited.

On October the 7th, I arranged the Joint Annual Thanksgiving Night, viz.: of Prince Rupert and Connaught Chapters, Winnipeg, in honor of the reception to M. Ex. Companion W. N. Ponton, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, on his official visit. Over two hundred Companions of the City Chapters and visitors met in the banqueting hall, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. M. Ex. Companion Ponton replied to the toast of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and the inspiring message which he delivered will ever be remembered by those who had the pleasure of being present.

PRINCE RUPERT CHAPTER, No. 52, WINNIPEG.—This being my own Chapter, I attended all Regular Meetings, and have had an opportunity of seeing the
different degrees conferred. I visited the Chapter officially at its Regular Convocation, September 2nd. On January 6th I had the pleasure of installing the officers for the ensuing year, being ably assisted by R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Bently and V. Ex. Comp. W. D. Lawrence. This Chapter with Ex. Comp. H. F. Moulden as its First Principal has had a prosperous year. The books are kept in first class condition by the Scribe E.

**KING EDWARD CHAPTER NO. 136, NEEPAWA.**—I visited this Chapter at their Regular Convocation on January 5th, 1921, and received a most hearty welcome at the hands of Ex. Comp. C. N. R. Still. Although no degree work was conferred the business of the evening was carried on in a thorough and energetic manner. Assisted by R. Ex. Comp. J. L. McKay, I had the pleasure of installing their officers for the ensuing year. This Chapter is in excellent condition, and its books are in first class shape.

**KEystone Chapter, No. 99, Portage La Prairie.**—On January 7th I made my Official visit to the above Chapter. There was an excellent attendance and I was warmly received by their Ex. First Principal S. M. McDonald. It gave me great pleasure to be introduced to the officers and Members of this Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. F. L. Newman who has done so much for Capitular Masonry in the West. Assisted by R. Ex. Comp. F. L. Newman, I installed their officers for the ensuing year. The newly installed officers of Keystone Chapter are full of confidence for success for the year 1921. During this meeting they received a number of applications for exaltation and there has been a renewed interest and their attendance greatly improved.

**Connaught Chapter No. 187, Winnipeg.**—This being one of the Winnipeg Chapters, I have attended most of its Convocations. The degrees conferred by their officers have always been done in a most able and efficient manner. This Chapter has had a successful year and is one of the most progressive Chapters throughout the jurisdiction. I have accepted the invitation to
install their officers for the ensuing year at their next Regular Convocation on January 28th, 1921.

**Rabboni Chapter No. 171, Dauphin.**—I was unable to visit this Chapter as it meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and this date conflicted with important duties I had to attend to on that date. However, I have several reports on this Chapter and I am led to believe that they are enjoying prosperity and are in first class condition.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Companions of this District very sincerely for electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to express my appreciation of the many kindnesses and courtesies which have been extended to me on all occasions during my term of Office.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. Brownell,

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

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MANITOBA WEST DISTRICT No. 16.

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

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Manitoba West District No. 16, for the past year; in doing so I desire to express my sincere appreciation to the Companions for the very great honor conferred in electing me to the high and honorable Office of Grand Superintendent.

I have endeavored 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 well rendered; harmony and a true fraternal spirit exist everywhere, and an active interest is taken in promoting the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the District.

The First Principals and officers of the various Chapters take pride in endeavoring to perform their work in as perfect a manner as possible, and the Past Z.'s assisting in every way possible to keep the work up to the standard desired by Grand Chapter.

At the writing of this report I have visited every Chapter in the District as follows:

AVONDALE CHAPTER No. 156, HARTNEY.—On June 15th, I visited this Chapter, it being the occasion of a union Convocation of the several Chapters. Afternoon and evening sessions were held, the three degrees being exemplified by the various Chapters in a manner that was a pleasure to witness, and I feel justified in saying that the officers could be no more earnest in their endeavors to make their Chapter efficient and progressive.
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Corinthian Chapter No. 110, Boissevain.—I visited this Chapter July 14th and had the pleasure of seeing degrees conferred that would have been a credit to a City Chapter, this Chapter is fortunate in having several Past Z.'s, who have remarkable ability, which explains the success and excellence of their work. I again visited this Chapter on the occasion of the visit of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, W. N. Ponton; many visitors coming from long distances, among whom was the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Dakota, U.S.A., which added greatly to our enjoyment.

Mount Sinai Chapter No. 183, Rivers.—On September 17th, I paid my visit to this Chapter when the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a manner that allowed of no criticism; the officers having their work letter perfect, earnest and enthusiastic which well accounts for the progress and prosperity this Chapter is bound to show in the future, having quite a large territory to draw from. I have no doubt that in time this will prove one of the banner Chapters in our District.

Keystone Chapter No. 141, Brandon.—This being my home Chapter, I attended every meeting during the year. On October 11th, the Most Excellent Grand First Principal visited our Chapter, at which Companions from every Chapter in the District were present, this being one of the best meetings our Chapter has had for some years, the results show that if it were possible to have more visits from Grand Chapter officers it would prove to be the greatest incentive that Royal Arch Masonry could have in our District.

I paid my official visit to Keystone Chapter January 3rd, 1921, and installed the officers for 1921. The prospect of this Chapter has greatly improved during the past year, and I look for increased membership during the coming year, the new Officers are enthusiastic to make this their banner year.
In conclusion I feel that mention should be made of the splendid and efficient work of the Scribes E. in each and every Chapter, all being Past First Principals, giving great assistance to the officiers, instilling high ideals, and working with untiring zeal. Kindly, heartily and fraternally was I received at each Chapter, everything possible was done to render my visits pleasant, making my duties and visits a pleasure to be long remembered.

Fraternally submitted,

E. Bolton,
Grand Supt., Manitoba West District No. 16.

Brandon, Man.
### MANITOBA DISTRICT, No. 16

| CHAPTER | Number | LOCATION | Regular Meetings | Emergent Meetings | Total Meetings | Average Attendance Members | Average Attendance Visitors | Annual Dues, per Member | No. Members last Return | Petitions Accepted | Candidates Initiated | Affiliations | Withdrawals | Suspensions | Deaths | Present Membership | M.M.M. Conf. | M.E.M. Conf. | R.A. Conf. | No. Members 12 Mths. in Arrears | Liabilities | Assets | Cash or Securities | Property | Dues Outstanding | Amount Insurance | Amt. Expended in Benevolence | Con Ex. Z. work all Degrees? |
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| Keystone | 141    | Brandon  | 9                | 4                | 13            | 14                          | $45.00                    | 8                     | 8                    | 8                 | 1                 | 4           | 8          | 8          | 12     | 8                | 8          | 125       | 9            | 9                 | 9                | 9            | 16          | $170.00 | $200.00 | $1500.00 | $500.00 | $284.45 | $300.00 | $25.00 | Yes |
| Avondale | 156    | Hartney  | 11               | 1                | 2            | 25                          | $35.00                    | 114                   | 9                    | 9                 | 9                 | 3           | 6          | 3          | 128   | 9                | 9          | 9         | 9            | 9                 | 9                | 9            | 16          | $1989.67 | $1687.67 | $300.00 | $432.50 | $300.00 | $75.00 | No |
| Mount Sinai | 183    | Rivers   | 8                | 8                | 12            | 23                          | $80.00                    | 8                     | 8                    | 8                 | 8                 | 1           |            |            | 89     | 8                | 8          | 8         | 8            | 8                 | 8                | 8            | 40          | $911.50  | $158.00  | $500.00 | $224.00 | $500.00 | Yes    |
| Corinthian | 101    | Boissvain| 10               | 3                | 13            | 15                          | $2.00                     | 107                   | 15                   | 14                | 1                 | 3           |            |            | 514    | 14                | 14         | 14        | 14          | 14                 | 14            | 14           | 39          | $1214.60 | $495.00  | $400.00 | $319.50 | $225.00 | Yes    |
SASKATCHEWAN NORTH DISTRICT No. 20.

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

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District for the year 1920, and I am pleased to be able to say, the general impression gained by my visits to the different Chapters is, that peace and harmony prevail, and the proper Masonic spirit is quite noticeable. I have visited each Chapter of the District.

I made my Official visit to Saskatoon Chapter No. 165 on Saturday, October 16th, 1920, the same date as the visit of M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, Grand First Principal. I was accompanied by Comps. Ridington, Keys, Watkins and Cox, from Battleford Chapter. On going to the hotel I found several of the Companions of Saskatoon Chapter there to welcome M. Ex. Comp. Ponton. The Saskatoon Companions had luncheon awaiting us. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred by the Second Principal, Ex. Comp. Wm. Todd, in the absence of the First Principal, who was prevented from being present through illness; the obligation being given by Ex. Comp. Hawkins. The degree was conferred in a very creditable manner indeed, showing the great interest taken in the work by the Excellent Second Principal. The books are well kept by Ex. Comp. Hawkins, Scribe E. The Companions of Saskatoon Chapter are good fellows well met. Saskatoon Chapter is in a very healthy condition, having a number of Past Principals who are nearly always present. Prince Albert Chapter was represented by Comps. Baker and McMillan, and Victoria Chapter, of Wynyard, by Comp. Stewart.

On November 3rd, I made my official visit to Victoria Chapter U.D., Wynyard, at a regular Convocation, was met at the hotel by some of the Companions and taken to the Chapter room, where I was well received, and
was indeed greatly surprised at the great enthusiasm shown by all of the Companions. It is less than twelve months since this Chapter was brought into existence and today they have thirty-eight members. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on five Candidates in an excellent manner; all of the officers having their work right up to the mark. In fact, their work is right in line with the older Chapters in the District. The Scribe E. has his books in splendid condition, and is alive to the duties of his Office. A number of the officers and members of this Chapter have to drive fifteen and twenty miles, and in some cases further. There were some twenty-six at the Convocation, which I consider a big average for a country Chapter. Victoria Chapter should do well and is a credit to District No. 20.

I made my Official visit to King George Chapter No. 207, Yorkton, on Thursday, November 4th, 1920, it being an Emergent Convocation. I was accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Brown, of Battleford Chapter. We were well received. The Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees were conferred; the Mark Master by Ex. Comp. Wedderspoon, Third Principal, and the Most Excellent Master by Ex. Comp. Clark, the Obligations being given by Ex. Comp. Bull, the First Principal. This Chapter has adopted the plan of the Third Principal conferring the Mark Master Degree, the Second Principal the Most Excellent Master, and the First Principal the Royal Arch degree, also the Obligations in the three degrees, a plan I greatly favor as it is of great assistance to the officers when they become First Principal. This Chapter is very fortunate in having R. Ex. Comp. Acheson to guide them, as he knows all the work, and is very regular in attendance. I had the pleasure of presenting the Past Principal’s Jewel to Ex. Comp. Moritz, who is also very regular in attendance. The Books are well kept by Comp. Holmes and are a credit to this Chapter. King George Chapter is doing well.

I made my Official visit to Prince Albert Chapter No. 160 on Tuesday, November 16th, 1920, it being the regular Convocation of the Chapter. This Chapter
has suffered a great loss in the death of their First Principal, Ex. Comp. Stacey, who passed away on November 4th. He was, I am informed, the authority on Royal Arch Masonry in Prince Albert. There were no Candidates for exaltation, but the work of the Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Walter E. Bristowe, as acting First Principal. The work was very well done and shows the great interest taken in the work by the officers. This Chapter has one of the finest Chapter rooms that it has been my pleasure to visit, and they should have a better attendance. The books are well kept, and the Chapter is very fortunate in having such a capable Scribe E. in Ex. Comp. McMillan. This Chapter should do well as they have good material to draw from.

On Thursday, December 16th, I made my official visit to Humboldt Chapter No. 209, and was met at the station by Comp. Foik, Scribe E., and escorted to the Hotel. I was well received by the Companions. It being the night of Installation, there was no degree conferred, and I did not think it fair to ask the newly installed officers to exemplify the work in any degree, but by the way the newly installed First Principal conducted the work of the Chair after installation, speaks well for the future welfare of this Chapter, which seems to be due to the regular attendance of the Past Principals who are able to correct any irregularities that might creep in. Special mention should be made of the manner in which Comp. Foik, Scribe E. has his Books. They are very neat and right up to date. Another feature of this Chapter that impressed me very much was a report compiled by the Executive Committee of the whole year's work, as well as of the finances so that every Companion present knew exactly the condition the Chapter was in, and from the report read, it is in a flourishing condition, and the Chapter should do well. The Installation of the officers was conducted by Ex. Comp. Wallace.

Battleford Chapter No. 181, Battleford. I did not make a special visit to Battleford Chapter, it being my home Chapter. I attended every Convocation of this
Chapter during the year, with the exception of one, and the manner in which the work was conferred was excellent, and there is no reason why Battleford should not make in the coming year an excellent showing.

In conclusion I desire to express grateful appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent. 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 leads me to believe they may have some good results. For any shortcomings and failures on my part, I ask the broad mantle of Masonic Charity.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald McLeay,
Grand Supt., North Saskatchewan District No. 20.

Battleford, Sask.
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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:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Saskatchewan West District No. 21, for the year 1920.

During my year of Office I have made an Official visit to every Chapter in this District, with the exception of Moose Jaw, which, however, I also visited twice officially, once when I was installed into Office, secondly, on the occasion when our Most Excellent Grand Z. was present, and I intend being present at their January meeting to install the officers for 1921. I am pleased also to say that my reception by the officers and Companions of the different Chapters has been very cordial and courteous, and what pleased me most was the fine condition in which I found each Chapter, from every standpoint.

Every Chapter in this District has enthusiastic officers who are fulfilling their duties and obligations as Masons.

I also wish to refer to the sincere sociability that exists in all the Chapters among the Companions, and the fraternal feeling that exists between the different Chapters.

It is pleasing for me to be able to make such a General Report of the Chapters in this District. Each and every Chapter does not excel the other to such an extent as to make it worth while to note. It was an inspiration to me to see things so uniformly conducted.

I had the pleasure this year also of recommending to you for your consideration the starting of a Chapter at Tugaske, Saskatchewan, and I am glad that you saw fit to look favorably on their application. The quality of the officers who will have this Chapter in
hand, and of the other Companions in the District, should make the Chapter a success and be a credit to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks for having had the honour of filling the position of Grand Superintendent, and I wish to thank the Companions for the many courtesies extended to me on my several visits.

Sincerely hoping that my endeavors to fill the office have not been in vain, and have had some effect of advancing Capitular Masonry in this District,

Fraternally yours,

J. B. Smith,
Grand Supt., Saskatchewan West District No. 21.
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SASKATCHEWAN EAST DISTRICT No. 22.

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

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Saskatchewan East District No. 22.

Orient Chapter No. 194, Moosomin.—On June the 17th I visited this Chapter accompanied by Ex. Comps. A. B. A. Cunningham, H. M. P. DeRoche and Comp. Rev. Dr. Bayne, who gave an excellent address on the Temple. This Chapter apparently is a live one and tendered us a splendid welcome. There was a large turn out of the members, and although there was no work, yet I could see by the smart appearance of the Chapter and the enthusiasm of the officers and members that the work is well taken care of, which was also vouched for by R. Ex. Comp. Chas. Stuart, who is a tower of strength to this Chapter in particular, and to Royal Arch Masonry in this District, in general. The books are well kept, and they make a special feature of keeping their history well written up, which is commendable. After the Chapter closed a splendid banquet was served, followed by music, singing and speeches. They show and practice Masonry.

Golden Compass Chapter No. 170, Sintaluta.—I visited this Chapter on June 17th. Owing to the season of the year the attendance was not large as many of the Companions have their homes in the country. The Mark Master Mason degree was worked with the Immediate Past Z., in the Chair, and the Most Excellent Master degree, with the First Principal presiding.

I had the pleasure of presenting, on behalf of the District, a Past Grand Superintendent's Regalia to R. Ex. Comp. Railton, who seems to have this Chapter under his special care. The dues have been allowed to accumulate, but the new Scribe E., who is much inter-
ested has, I am glad to report, reduced them considerably. With a little more enthusiasm this Chapter should progress, as it has a splendid District to draw from

WASCANA Chapter No. 121, REGINA.—On September 13th, accompanied by fifteen Melville Companions, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. The attendance was large, but I missed the Most Excellent Comp. Dr. Gorrell, who I was sorry to learn was somewhat indisposed. The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by the Past Z.'s in their usual style and ability, after which a lunch was served. The books are well kept by the able hands of R. Ex. Comp. F. B. Reilly, who wore his new Regalia recently presented to him by the District. The sociable side of Masonry seems to take second place in this Chapter, who might receive a lesson from some of the small country Chapters in this respect.

GOVAN Chapter No. 183, GOVAN.—Accompanied by Ex. Comps. W. L. McGillivray and T. Mathews, I motored 150 miles to visit this Chapter on October 5th. Govan Companions are to be congratulated on their enterprise, who, together with the local Masons and Oddfellows, have built a fine commodious lodge room, or Temple. The building had only recently been opened and I think this was their first Chapter meeting in the new quarters. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a splendid manner, and I was glad to meet R. Ex. Comp. O. Clark once more. The books are in capable hands, are well kept, and prospects look well for Govan.

TRINITY Chapter No. 182, MELVILLE.—On October 14th I visited my home Chapter and had a splendid welcome. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the regular officers and afterward a lunch was served. While not increasing as fast as some Chapters in the District, yet it has made steady and substantial progress. Owing to the fact that Melville is in the centre of a large foreign District, the membership is consequently restricted, but what they may lack in numbers they try to make up in fraternal spirit and Masonic practice.
Moose Mountain Chapter No. 166, Arcola.—I am exceedingly sorry that I was not able to visit this splendid Chapter, but was able to get R. Ex. Comp. F. B. Reilly to do this for me. On December 30th he paid his visit and installed the officers and reports everything in good shape. This Chapter has made great strides this year and progress seems to be their ambition. I expect good things from this Chapter in the future.

I was fortunate and highly honored by having The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Lt. Col. W. N. Ponton, visit this District during my term of Office. He visited Trinity Chapter, Melville, and Wascana Chapter, Regina, and was most royally received, and it is needless to say that his presence and the message he brought has added greatly to Capitular Masonry in this District; the beneficent effects of his visit will long be felt and enjoyed.

In conclusion I wish to say that I enjoyed my visits exceedingly, and wish to thank the different Chapters for their kindesses. I also wish to thank the Companions who accompanied me; also those who so kindly used their cars for the trips.

Royal Arch Masonry is progressing and stands for something in this District.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Henning,
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:

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in New Ontario District No. 23.

After receiving an official notice of my appointment as Grand Superintendent for this District, my installation was arranged for and duly carried out by R. E. Comp. C. W. McCrea, Past Grand Superintendent of this District, and thereafter, I immediately got in touch with the officers of the other Chapters, but did not make any official visits until the Fall, and on account of being unable to visit all Chapters on one trip, I find I have travelled some 2,650 miles, so that in my opinion as soon as there are more Chapters in this District, a new District should be formed.

On October 22nd an Emergent Convocation of Algonquin Chapter No. 102 was held in Penewobikiong Lodge No. 487 at Blind River. As quite a number of Algonquin Chapter members reside at various points, within a distance of 80 miles from the Soo, it is very rarely they get an opportunity to attend Chapter meetings. I therefore asked permission to hold a meeting and confer degrees at Blind River. The Most Ex. the Grand Z. considered our request in a broad Masonic way, and was good enough to grant a Dispensation. We therefore went down with our regular officers, accompanied by Past Z.'s Ex. Comps. Way, Parker, Lawrence, Rubenstein, Johnston and several other Companions. We took all regalia, equipment, etc., necessary to carry out the work, which was put on in a very effective and impressive manner, followed by a sumptuous banquet furnished by the resident Companions of Blind River. The old and newly exalted Companions expressed themselves as being very pleased that we could spare the time, and take enough interest to visit them and confer the various degrees. This
trip created very favorable comments and impressions of this fraternal body, and has already revived interest in that neighborhood, so that we expect to have good results therefrom, and wish to express our gratitude to the Most Ex. the Grand Z. for granting us the very unusual procedure of a Chapter conferring degrees away from its own Chapter.

Throughout the whole District I found the Chapters to be well equipped and in good financial condition, all showing very marked progress, except Pembroke Chapter at Mattawa.

**Pembroke Chapter No. 58, Mattawa.**—On the 16th November I visited this Chapter, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Fulcher, of St. John's Chapter, North Bay. We arrived there about noon and met First Principal Ex. Comp. J. H. Spec, who advised us a meeting had been arranged for that night at 7.30, but that as there were only some five Companions in the town, it might not be possible to get a quorum. For some unknown reason the First Principal failed to attend, and the Past Z.'s were not able to get a sufficient number present until 9.30 p.m., when I opened the Chapter, and after looking into the minutes found there had been no meetings since December 3rd, 1919, although several meetings had been called, but on account of so few members now residing in the town, they could never get the required number necessary to open up.

We talked over the situation with the Past Z.'s, and as a number of petitions had been received from Candidates temporarily residing there and taking this into account, along with the failure of the First Principal to attend this meeting, I made a special report to the Most Ex. the Grand Z. for consideration. In the meantime this Chapter is not doing any work. I found their finances and equipment to be in splendid condition.

**Tuscan Chapter No. 95, Sudbury.**—This Chapter I visited on the night of November 17th, and on arriving at their Chapter room was greeted with an attendance of over forty Companions. This Chapter in the past
two years has wonderfully revived and after looking into the intelligent and expectant faces of so many Companions, young in years, I could easily understand where the vim was coming from, and to be an officer of this Chapter, I would say, requires strict attendance and perfect workmanship, for if not there are others eager to fill the position. The work of the evening was the conferring of the Mark Master Mason degree, which was done in a very exemplary manner, perfect in detail, especially so was the work of the Senior Deacon and the Overseers. The secret work and lectures were given by the Third Principal, Ex. Comp. Laycock, in a very efficient manner.

Ex. Comp. Fowler was well supported by a number of Past Z.'s and is fortunate in having as his Scribe E. R. Ex. Comp. Meldrum, Past Grand Superintendent, whom I found keeps his records in a very careful manner. This Chapter has a bright future, as it has a large and prosperous District to draw from, and it may yet be the banner Chapter of this great north District. In fact, this year you will note by referring to the statistical report, that it is a very close second to Algonquin Chapter, at Sault Ste. Marie. Immediately following the Degree Work, an excellent repast was served, and a very entertaining programme was carried out.

Algonquin Chapter No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.—During the year I attended and took part in most of the meetings at this my own home Chapter, and instead of making an official visit, reported to them from time to time on the work done in the different Chapters I had visited. The work of this Chapter has gone along very smoothly, and the prospects are bright. All of the officers are exceptionally keen. The attendance has not been as good as other years, on account of a large number of the Companions belonging to the new lodge of Eastern Stars, recently opened here, who hold their meetings on the same night.

St. John's Chapter No. 103, North Bay.—On Monday, November 15th, I made my official visit to this Chapter, and although not arriving there until about
9 p.m., I was agreeably surprised to find such a good attendance of the members in waiting, especially considering that another important attraction was billed for that night, which kept away two of the regular officers, but Ex. Comp. Fulcher was well supported by some of the Past Z.'s and the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a very efficient and impressive manner. The prospects for this Chapter are somewhat brighter, as there are quite a number of petitions expected during the winter months.

Temiskaming Chapter No. 169, New Liskeard.—
On November 29th I officially visited this Chapter and spent the afternoon with R. Ex. Comp. S. C. McDonald, a Past Grand Superintendent of this District. The attendance at the meeting was very good but unfortunately the Candidate for the degree was unable to be present, but the First Principal Ex. Comp. Dr. McCullough, exemplified the Mark Master Mason degree on a volunteer Companion, and from the work done, I could see the officers were very efficient, the work being put on in a very creditable manner. Ex. Companions Brian and Bryson, the First and Second Principals of Cobalt Chapter were present, also R. Ex. Comp. LeHeup, Past Grand Superintendent, and after the work of the evening was over, we all partook of their hospitality.

This Chapter has a small district to draw from but as the territory becomes more settled, in the same proportion the Chapter will prosper.

Cobalt Chapter No. 203, Cobalt.—This Chapter I visited on the night of November 30th and was pleased to note in attendance the following visitors: Ex. Comps. Fuller and Byam, and R. Ex. Comp. McDonald, of New Liskeard. There was a very fine attendance and the Mark Master Mason degree was exceptionally well conferred by the First and Second Principals, the Candidate being one of the best and most attentive I have ever seen the degree conferred on. The prospects of this Chapter are very good. During the afternoon I was shown around several of the mines by Ex. Com-
companions Brian and Cassie, and after the banquet was entertained by R. Ex. Comp. Todd and other Companions, who accompanied me to the 2 a.m. train. I found great hospitality in all the Northern Chapters, but the Companions at Cobalt Chapter certainly excelled themselves that evening.

Northern Lights Chapter No. 213, Timmins.—On October 28th I made my official visit to this Chapter and was very much pleased to find that although this was a special meeting, held under dispensation, the attendance was exceptionally good. The Mark Master Mason degree was very ably and carefully given by the Third Principal Ex. Comp. H. Webb, ably assisted by the other officers, whom I found well up in their work. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. C. G. Williams, being a mining man and being in that line of business myself, showed me through the great mill of the Hollinger Gold Mine, which was very much appreciated. Quite a number of the Companions residing at Iroquois Falls belong to this Chapter, but now that they have a Chapter of their own, it will affect the membership of Northern Lights Chapter somewhat, but with the opening up of new mines and the increasing of forces at the older mines, I feel sure any setback will only be temporary, and that there is enough material in the District to support two flourishing Chapters.

Abitibi Chapter No. U.D., Iroquois Falls.—During the month of June, a number of the Companions at Iroquois Falls applied for a Dispensation, to open a Chapter at that point, and after careful consideration I recommended that their petition be granted and the thò Most Ex. the Grand Z. in August authorized a Dispensation to be granted. On Friday evening the 29th of October I visited and duly instituted this Chapter, being very ably assisted by R. Ex. Companions LeHeup and McDonald, and Companion McAulay, along with three officers and two other Companions of Northern Lights Chapter at Timmins, who were good enough to accompany me. All of the appointed officers were present except two, and after the ceremony of
Institution was completed, we instructed each officer in his duty and work. This Chapter has got off to a good start. There was a large attendance and petitions were received from ten other members. As all of the regalia and equipment is new and of good quality, the Chapter room presented a very fine and attractive appearance. After the ceremony we got acquainted with a number of the officers and members, and then adjourned to the other end of the building, where a very tempting banquet was spread and after a suitable programme we dispersed at an early hour. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Ex. Companions and Companions of Northern Lights Chapter for their attendance and assistance, knowing that it was a real sacrifice for some of them to attend this meeting, which only goes to show that Masonic bodies in the North practice good fellowship, and apparently there is the very best of feeling between the two Chapters.

I am very grateful to the Companions of this District for the honor conferred on me, and feel that I have benefited very much by making the acquaintance of the officers and Companions of the District, and my one regret is that our Chapters are so far apart that it is impossible to visit each other oftener.

Thanking all for their many courtesies extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

Geo. S. Cowie,
Grand Supt. New Ontario District No. 23.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
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YUKON DISTRICT.

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

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Yukon Territory.

Klondike Chapter No. 154 is the only Chapter in this Territory. I am a member of this Chapter and have attended practically every Convocation held during 1920. I received notification of my appointment as Acting Grand Superintendent in May and two regular Convocations of the Chapter were held during the year after that date, one during month of June and the other during month of December. In September the Chapter was unfortunate in losing the Second and Third Principals, the Scribe E. and one other Past First Principal. This was a serious blow as a great number of the members are non-resident. The Companions mentioned, together with some others left the Territory permanently. I had intended making my official visit at the September Convocation, but it was impossible to get a quorum for the day of the Convocation. At the December Convocation, the First Principal was assisted by R. Ex. Comp. John Black and myself, the only Past First Principals then in Dawson, and the regular business of the Chapter was conducted. A Dispensation had been applied for and received permitting the election of Companions as First and Second Principals not qualified according to the Constitution. A full quota of officers has been secured and I feel confident that the work will be carried on in an able manner under their direction.

The financial position of the Chapter is all that could be desired as the funds have been carefully husbanded during the lean years. Peace and harmony prevail and with increased activity in the mining industry of the Territory, the active membership will undoubtedly increase.
In closing I desire to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in having been appointed Acting Grand Superintendent.

Fraternally submitted,

G. A. Jeckell,
*Acting Grand Supt.*, Yukon Territory.

Dawson, Y.T.
YUKON TERRITORY, DISTRICT (unattached)

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It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, 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 Convention.

COMMUNICATIONS

Acknowledgments were read from H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, and the Private Secretary of the Governor General of Canada, expressing their appreciation of the Christmas and New Year's greetings, that had been sent them by the Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in the month of December last.

Fraternal greetings were received by telegram from R. Ex. Comp. George N. Delap, Grand Chapter of Canada Representative near the Grand Chapter of Connecticut.

Letters regretting inability to be present were also received from M. Ex. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, Past Grand Z., R. Ex. Comps. H. S. Griffin, Grand H., Frank B. Gregory, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, W. H. Wardrope, Grand Representative of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and J. K. Brydon, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, as well as from several Constituent Chapters objecting to the proposed change of date in holding the Annual Convocations of Grand Chapter.

REPORT FROM GRAND J.

R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer presented a brief report, in which he referred to his visit, in company with the Grand Z., to the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, held in the month of April, 1920, as well as to visits he had made during the past year to several Constituent Chapters of this Jurisdiction.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
1st February, 1920, to 31st January, 1921

| Received by Grand Scribe E on Account of Dues, Fees, etc., from Chapter | Accounts Paid—Cheques and Cash. | $20,751 97 |
| Interest on Investments | Benevolent Grants. | 2,064 46 |
| | Excess Receipts over Payments | 14,558 37 |
| | | *8,258 06 |

$22,816 43

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

| Investments — 31st Jan., 1920, as per last account | Debenture of Village of Weston—Matured 1st Oct., 1920 | 578 43 |
| Sixth War Loan | Investments — 31st Jan., 1921, as per list | 43,635 90 |
| $6,000.00 5½% Bonds. Bought in Jan., 1921, cost | | |

$44,214 33

31st January, 1920, Capital—
At Canadian Bank of Commerce | $8,662 97 |
Incidentals Account in hand | 4 04 |

$ 8,667 01

Investments | 38,476 83 |

$47,143 84

31st January, 1921, Capital—
At Canadian Bank of Commerce | $11,815 19 |
Incidentals Account overspent | 49.19 |

$ 11,766 00

Investments, as per Schedule | 43,635 90 |

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INVESTMENTS HELD 31st JANUARY, 1921

$16,352 30 Cost of $17,000.00 Toronto Industrial Debentures, 5% interest, due 1st December, 1925.

2,521 00 City of Stratford Debentures. Interest 4% due, 1st January, 1927.

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

613 13 Village of Weston. Interest 6%, due 1st October, 1921.

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

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

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

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

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

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

5,737 50 Cost of $6,000.00 Canadian War Loan (6th). Interest 5½%, due 1st November, 1934. Bought January 1921.

$43,635 90 Total Cost. Face Value:

Municipal Debentures. . $22,793 88
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Geo. Moore,
Grand Treasurer.

Bryan Pontifex, F.C.A.,
Auditor.
To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

It will undoubtedly be gratifying to the Companions to learn that the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction continues to prosper, and that the past year has been one of the most progressive in the history of this Grand Body.

This movement of progression, it would appear is more of a substantial than a transitory one. The Chapters are becoming financially stronger, and their business affairs are being better conducted. This is accounted for, owing to the older Companions taking a livelier interest than formerly in seeing that the younger Companions adopt proper business methods in conducting the affairs of the Chapters. The Exaltation Fees and Dues of many of the rural Chapters are keeping abreast with the city Chapters; many of the Officers show a keen desire to be better informed in the ritualistic work of the Order, and there is also a wish to know more about the proper equipment of a Chapter room.

During the past few years the regalia of a Royal Arch Mason has been a vexed question with many of the Chapters. Newly exalted Companions were insisting on getting the regalia of the Order, but the prices were almost prohibitive. However, from reliable authority, I am informed, that probably by the Fall, if not before, the prices for Royal Arch regalia will become more reasonable.

In many of the Chapters, I find, the By-laws need careful revision, and a suggestion has been offered that this Grand Body should adopt what some of our Sister Jurisdictions have done, that is, to have prepared a model set of By-laws, so that the Constituent Chapters would have before them something as a guide, when revising or preparing By-laws. At the present time the
new Chapters almost invariably write to the Office of the Grand Scribe E. expressing the wish to know the name of the Chapter that has the best set of By-laws which it would be advisable to follow.

The supply of the Ceremonies of Grand Chapter has become depleted, and a new one is required. As the present Ceremonies are not in accord with the new Constitution, and as there are several places in the Ceremonies which need revision to meet the requirements of the progress of the Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction, it has been suggested that a Committee be appointed to make the necessary alterations to comply with the Constitution, as well as to make such needed revision, which will tend to maintain the dignity of the Ceremonial work of the Order.

Last year I referred to the number of Constitutions having been sold since February 1918, when the new Constitution was adopted by Grand Chapter as being 5,560 copies. There is still a big demand for them, and last year 3,500 were sold, thus making 9,060 copies since the new Constitution came into force. I mention this, because many of the Chapters a few years ago did not procure copies.

No Delinquent Chapters

This year we have no delinquent Chapters. Every Chapter in the Jurisdiction has remitted its fees to Grand Chapter.

Dispensations

There have been during the year eighty dispensations issued, many of these were for qualifying Companions elected to fill positions of First and Second Principals, for changing dates of Convocations of Chapters, and a few for holding "At Homes," and wearing Royal Arch regalia.

Membership

The membership of Grand Chapter, December 31st, 1919, was 20,624, with 151 Chapters. During the year ending December 31st, 1920, the registrations, joinings
and restorations have been 3,694; the withdrawals, suspensions and deaths 793, leaving a net gain of 2,901, and making a total membership of 23,525, with 163 Chapters.

From the annual statement attached it will be seen that in fees and dues from the different Chapters there has been received $20,751.97. This is fully set forth with the disbursements in the Reports of the Treasurer and the Audit and Finance Committee.

Certificates of Good Standing

The Executive Committee at the last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter instructed me to issue certificates of good standing to Comps. Thomas Franklin Brown, Charles Mason, Joseph J. Metcalfe, A. V. Galbraith and Samuel McCullough, who had been members of Seymour Chapter, No. 38, G.R.C., Shelburne, Ont., a Chapter that had become dormant many years ago. The certificates were issued to these Companions, and they are now taking an active interest in the Royal Craft as members of Prince Edward Chapter, Shelburne.

Warrant of Kootenay Chapter, Kalso, B.C., Cancelled and Returned

Kootenay Chapter, No. 120, Kalso, B.C., forwarded its Warrant and Seal to the Office of the Grand Scribe E., and after the Warrant had been marked "Cancelled," it was at the request of the Chapter returned.

All the Chapters, forming part of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, that had Warrants issued by the Grand Chapter of Canada, have now had these Warrants marked "Cancelled," and returned to them.

Active Chapters

The Chapters reporting during the year 25 or more exaltations are as follows:

Occident, No. 77, Toronto, 126; Orient, No. 79, Toronto, 114; Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto, 84; St. George's, No. 5, London, 76; St. John's, No. 6, Hamilton,
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71; Shekinah, No. 138, Toronto, 66; London, No. 150; London, 62; Carleton, No. 16, Ottawa, 59; The Hiram, No. 2, Hamilton, 57; Toronto, No. 185, Toronto, 56; Ulster, U.D., Toronto, 55; St. John's, No. 3, London, 52; Guelph, No. 40, Guelph, 51; Mount Nebo, No. 76, Niagara Falls, 49; Mimico, No. 215, Mimico, 46; Tecumseh, No. 24, Stratford, and The St. Patrick, No. 145, Toronto, 45 each; Willson, No. 64, Welland, 44; Ancaster, No. 155, Ancaster, 38; Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston, and Wellington, No. 47, Chatham, 37 each; Palestine, No. 54, St. Thomas, 35; Mount Sinai, No. 212, Toronto, 33; King Cyrus, No. 119, Leamington, Connaught, No. 187, Winnipeg, and St. Alban's, U.D., Toronto, 32 each; Grenville, No. 22, Prescott, and Shuniah, No. 82, Port Arthur, 31 each; Covenant, No. 113, Cornwall, and Fort William, No. 140, Fort William, 30 each; St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto, Ark, No. 80, Windsor, Saskatoon, No. 165, Saskatoon, and Prince Edward, U.D., Shelburne, 29 each; The Moira, No. 7, Belleville, and Wascana, No. 121, Regina, 28 each; Georgian, No. 56, Owen Sound, Kitchener, No. 117, Kitchener, Sombra, No. 153, Wallaceburg, The Beaches, No. 163, Toronto, 27 each; Victoria, U.D., Wynyard, 26; Sussex, No. 59, Brockville, and Battleford No. 181, Battleford, 25 each.

New Chapters

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

Vimy, No. 214, Inwood, Ont., and Mimico, No. 215, Mimico, Ont.

Chapters Under Dispensation

Victoria Chapter, Wynyard, Sask., received its Dispensation and was instituted in January 1920, with 12 petitioners. It now has a membership of 38. It was continued under Dispensation last year and now asks for its Warrant.

In addition to the foregoing, the following Chapters were granted Dispensation on the dates set forth:
By-laws have been presented to the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., and approved for the following Chapters:

Carleton, No. 16; Tecumseh, No. 24; Mount Nebo, No. 76; Chantry, No. 130; Peel, No. 195; Northern Lights, No. 213; Vimy, No. 214; Mimico, No. 215.

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

Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1; St. John’s, No. 3; St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4; St. George’s, No. 5; The Moira, No. 7; Prince Edward, No. 31; Waterloo, No. 32; Guelph, No. 40; Harris, No. 41; Mount Sinai, No. 44; St. John’s, No. 48; Palestine, No. 54; Doric, No. 60; York, No. 62; Havelock, No. 63; Enterprise, No. 67; Grimsby, No. 69; Grand River, No. 70; Erie, No. 73; Orient, No. 79; Aylmer, No. 81; Shuniah, No. 82; Ionic, No. 83; Lebanon, No. 84; Tuscan, No. 95; St. John’s, No. 103; St. John’s, No. 112; Bonnechere, No. 114; Kitchener, No. 117; King Cyrus, 119; Wascana, No. 121; Fort William, No. 140; The St. Patrick, No. 145; London, No. 150; Alberton, No. 152; The Beaches, No. 163; Kichikewana, No. 167; Temiskaming, No. 169; Rabboni, No. 171; The Hamilton, No. 175; Govan, No. 193; Orient, No. 194; Cobalt, No. 203; Humboldt, No. 209; Mount Sinai, No. 212.
### ANNUAL STATEMENT

**Year 1st February, 1920, to 31st January, 1921.**

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Fraternally submitted,
HENRY T. SMITH,
Grand Scribe E.

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

Resolved—That the statements of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1920 be received and referred to the Executive Committee for report thereon at the present Convocation.
WARRANTS

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

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report as follows:

Victoria Chapter, Wynyard, Sask., as we reported, last year, had twelve petitioners, when it was instituted in January, 1920, during the past year, it has added twenty-six, making a total membership of thirty-eight.

The Grand Superintendent reports everything in connection with this Chapter to be in excellent condition.

St. Alban’s Chapter, Toronto, Ont., was instituted, April 30th, 1920, with thirty petitioners, and it now has a membership of sixty-six.

The Grand Superintendent reports the work of the Chapter to be excellent and that its prospects are exceedingly bright.

Prince Edward Chapter, Shelburne, Ont., was instituted June 9th, 1920, with ten petitioners, and it now has a membership of thirty-nine.

The Grand Superintendent reports the Chapter to be well equipped, and with splendid future prospects.

Ulster Chapter, Toronto, Ont., was instituted June 24th, 1920, with twenty-two petitioners, and it now has a membership of eighty-five.

The Grand Superintendent says the books of the Chapter are well kept, and that the Companions are taking a lively interest in the Chapter's welfare.

Lebanon Chapter, Lambton Mills, Ont., was instituted June 25th, 1920, with sixteen petitioners, and it now has a membership of twenty-nine.
The Grand Superintendent states the work of the Chapter is well presented, that the books are neatly kept, and its prospects very fair for the future.

Durham Chapter, Durham, Ont., was instituted July 16th, 1920, with twelve petitioners, and it now has a membership of thirty-four.

The Grand Superintendent says this Chapter is doing excellent work with a good set of Officers.

Ottawa Chapter, Ottawa, Ont., was instituted October 14th, 1920, with twenty-seven petitioners, and it now has a membership of thirty-three.

The Grand Superintendent says this Chapter uses the equipment of Carleton Chapter, that the best of harmony prevails among the membership, and that the prospects of the Chapter are good.

Abitibi Chapter, Iroquois Falls, Ont., was instituted October 29th, 1920, with twenty-six petitioners, and it now has a membership of thirty-six.

The Grand Superintendent reports the Chapter is doing considerable work and that its condition is excellent.

Keystone Chapter, Hamilton, Ont., was instituted December 15th, 1920, with thirty-two petitioners, and it now has a membership of thirty-six.

The Grand Superintendent says this Chapter is officered by men of previous Masonic experience, business men of good standing in the community, and has excellent prospects.

Beaver Chapter, Toronto, Ont., was instituted January 12th, 1921, with twenty-two petitioners, and it now has a membership of seventy.

The Grand Superintendent states the Officers show a keen interest in the work, and that the Chapter is in good shape.
Prince of Wales Chapter, Perth, Ont., was instituted January 6th, 1921, with fourteen petitioners.

The Grand Superintendent has made a special report concerning this Chapter, and recommends the granting of a Warrant.

Tugaske Chapter, Tugaske, Sask., has received a Dispensation with thirteen petitioners. This Chapter has not yet been instituted.

Quinte Friendship Chapter, Belleville, Ont., was instituted February 18th, 1921, with twenty-seven petitioners. The officers are all Royal Arch Masons of long standing and well known ability. The Chapter has all the required paraphernalia and received twenty-seven new petitions on the night of institution. Its prospects are particularly good.

Eagle Lake Chapter, Kindersley, Sask., has received a Dispensation with fourteen petitioners. This Chapter has not yet been instituted.

The Grand Superintendents of the respective Districts, in which the Chapters are located, highly recommend that those set forth by your Committee, should receive their Warrants at this Annual Convocation.

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

Victoria Chapter, No. 216, Wynyard, Sask.
St. Alban's Chapter, No. 217, Toronto, Ont.
Prince Edward Chapter, No. 218, Shelburne, Ont.
Ulster Chapter, No. 219, Toronto, Ont.
Lebanon Chapter, No. 220, Lambton Mills, Ont.
Durham Chapter, No. 221, Durham, Ont.
Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa, Ont.
Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, Iroquois Falls, Ont.
Keystone Chapter, No. 224, Hamilton, Ont.
Beaver Chapter, No. 225, Toronto, Ont.
Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, Perth, Ont.
Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, Belleville, Ont., and
That Tugaske Chapter, Tugaske, Sask., and Eagle Lake Chapter, Kindersley, Sask., be continued under Dispensation for the coming year.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

James McC. Potts,
Chairman of Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. James McC. Potts, and

Resolved—That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.
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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" 145—Widow of R. A. M. ..........................  50 00
" 145—Widow of W. J. K. ..........................  100 00
—Comp. W. G. R. (Special) ..........................  300 00

$2,690 00

All of which is fraternally submitted,

A. Shaw,
Chairman.

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

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.
AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent Grand Principals and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

Your Committee desire to congratulate Grand Chapter on its continued prosperity and the excellent financial results obtained from the operations of the past year.

Comparing the results of the past year with those of three years ago will give you an idea of the good work and progress being made.

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<th>Income</th>
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<td>1920-21</td>
<td>$22,816 43</td>
<td>$14,558 37</td>
<td>$8,258 06</td>
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<td>1917-18</td>
<td>11,583 44</td>
<td>9,732 41</td>
<td>1,851 03</td>
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<td>Increase</td>
<td>$11,232 99</td>
<td>$4,825 96</td>
<td>$6,407 03</td>
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During the year your Committee saw fit to invest some available surplus funds in interest bearing securities, and $6,000.00 of Canadian War Loan bonds bearing interest at 5½ per cent were purchased at a cost of $5,737.50.

Municipal debentures to the amount of $1,913.74, now held by Grand Chapter will mature during the current year, and we recommend that these funds, together with available surplus funds from the workings of Grand Chapter be reinvested in municipal debentures or government bonds, and in this connection your Committee is pleased to call your attention to the fact that the revenue derived from interest on investments alone was sufficient to meet the benevolent requirements of the year.

The financial statement and certificate of the Auditor is herewith submitted:
### SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1921.

Balance, 31st January, 1920, as per last Account, at Can. Bank of Commerce... 8,662 97
Incidentals Account, Cash in hand.......... 4 04

**Total Balance:** $8,667 01

**Receipts from Chapters—**
- Certificates $3,204 00
- Dues 12,620 00
- Fees 3,189 00
- Dispensations and Warrants 385 00
- Constitutions 857 75
- Sundries 496 22

**Total Receipts:** $20,751 97

**Investment Account—**
- Interest received 2,064 46

**Total Investment Account:** $22,816 43

**Investment Account—**
- Debenture Village of Weston, Matured 578 43

**Total Investment Account:** $23,394 87

**Benevolence:** 2,060 00

**Investment—War Bonds Bought:** 5,737 50

**Charges—**
- Salaries $3,564 17
- Superannuation 1,000 00
- Foreign Correspondence Report 200 00
- Office Rent, Telephone, etc 863 20
- Premium on Guarantee Bond, etc 10 00
- Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses 349 85
- Travelling Expenses of Executive Committee, attending Convocation of Grand Chapter 424 07
- Printing, Engrossing, etc—
  - "Proceedings" $1,129 65
  - Constitutions 703 00
  - "The Work" 441 76
  - Certificatés 1,409 33
  - General Printing & Stationery 464 55

**Total Charges:** 4,148 29

**Audit and Financial Reports to January 31st, 1920:** 200 00

**Grand Z—Expenses, on Account:** 600 00
- " Visiting Western Chapters 500 00
- Expenses re Funeral M. E. Companion MacWatt, etc 202 66
- Deputation Expenses 32 90
- Inspection of Benevolence 100 00

**Total Charges:** $12,195 14
Grand Scribe E—
Office Incidentals, Postages, Express &
General Expenses


303 23

$12,498 37

Balance, 31st January, 1921—
At Canadian Bank of Commerce
Incidentals Account, due to Grand Scribe E

49 19

11,766 00

$32,061 87

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 $43,635.90 and face value of $44,493.88.

Bryan Pontifex, F.C.A.,
Auditor.

Toronto, 11th February, 1921.

Your Committee recommends the following appropriations for the current year:

Benevolence Grants
Superannuation Allowance, Geo. J. Bennett
Salary of Grand Scribe E
Salary of Grand Treasurer
Salary of Auditor
Office Assistance
Office Incidentals
To cover deficit incidental expense allowance last year
Office Rent
Catering for Grand Chapter
Foreign Correspondence
Committee on Revision of Work

$2,690 00
1,000 00
3,000 00
250 00
250 00
1,000 00
400 00
49 19
750 00
150 00
250 00
50 00

We further recommend the re-appointment of Bryan Pontifex, Chartered Accountant, as Auditor.

We have pleasure in certifying to the diligent and efficient management of Grand Chapter affairs through the office of the Grand Scribe E.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. Ellwood,
Chairman.

* It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, 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

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals have given consideration to the following matters:

A communication was received from The St. Patrick Chapter, No 145, Toronto, Ont., stating that at the regular Convocation of the Chapter held on September 18th, 1920, a resolution was passed expelling Cecil C. Clemmer from membership in the Chapter, and also stating that this resolution was passed in consequence of the action taken by the Grand Lodge at the regular Convocation in July last. It is therefore not necessary that Grand Chapter should take any action as under the Constitution the expulsion follows as a matter of course.

From Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River, Ont., a communication was received, stating that at a meeting of the Chapter held on October 21st, 1920, Comp. Chapman was found guilty on a charge of un-Masonic conduct, preferred by Ex. Comp. Murdock, both parties being members of Atwood Chapter, and recommending that the said Comp. Chapman be expelled by Grand Chapter, and also an appeal entered by the said Chapman against the Chapter’s finding. Your Committee having carefully considered the whole matter, as submitted to it, beg leave to recommend that no action be taken in connection with either the charge or the appeal until the next Convocation of Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. J. Gibson, Chairman.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Gibson, and

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals be received and adopted.
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 have sincere pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on Capitular Masonry, as the year just passed has been one of marked progress and general advancement, with a complete absence of anything to detract from or mar a most satisfactory record.

The Jurisdiction embraced 163 Chapters, December 31st, 1920, distributed as follows:

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<td>Yukon Territory</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>163</strong></td>
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Twelve new Chapters were formed.

Prince Edward, Shelburne        Abitibi, Iroquois Falls
St. Alban's, Toronto            Keystone, Hamilton
Ulster, Toronto                  Beaver, Toronto
Lebanon, Lambton Mills          Prince of Wales, Perth
Durham, Durham                   Tugaske, Tugaske
Ottawa, Ottawa                   Quinte Friendship, Belleville

all of which are in the Province of Ontario except Tugaske, which is in Saskatchewan. Another Chapter to be named Eagle Lake, I understand, is shortly to be instituted at Kindersley, Saskatchewan.

The increase in the membership for the year was 2,901.

While this substantial growth which has added to the strength of individual Chapters and to the Order as a whole, and which indicates that the Royal Arch is attracting an ever increasing number of Symbolic Masons, is most gratifying, yet the more important point is the evident interest of the Companions in
Capitular Masonry, the commendable zeal of the officers and the appreciation by the Grand Superintendents of the higher functions of their important office.

All Grand Superintendents lay stress upon the keen interest and enthusiasm of officers and members. Many of them have given addresses of an inspiring and educational character, thus impressing upon the Companions the high ideals of Masonry in general and the Holy Royal Arch in particular.

The Grand Superintendent of Wilson, District No. 3, states that the increase in membership has been fairly large throughout his District, and that Capitular Masonry is being studied and exemplified with a good degree of fidelity. He urges faithful adherence to the ritual and the effectiveness of good work. He delivered addresses on:

- Our Banners and their meaning.
- The Altar—the Key to our System.
- Ancient Covenants.
- The Social Instinct and Masonry.

All of the Companions showed eagerness to acquire knowledge. The Grand Superintendent of Niagara District, No. 7, lectured on:

- Masonic Marks.
- How we may make our Chapter Meetings more Attractive.
- Masonry’s Opportunity in the present World’s Crisis.
- The Meaning of the M.E.M. Degree.
- Historic Foundations of the Royal Arch Degree.
- The History and Traditions of the Royal Arch Degree.
- The Foundations of the Royal Arch Degree—Biblical, Historical and Traditional.

The Grand Superintendent, while reporting that a book of Marks is maintained in McCallum Chapter, Dunnville very properly urges that the practice should be more general, and he also recommends addresses and lectures of an instructional and entertaining character.

The Grand Superintendent of Toronto District, No. 8, expresses pleasure regarding the manner in which the Chapters of his District are making the true companion-
ship of Royal Arch Masonry more effective and pro-
ductive by Past Principals Nights and general fraternal
visiting both within and without the District.

While encouraging harmony among the Companions
and uniformity in work, he rightly lays particular stress
upon the impression created on the mind of the
candidate.

He also very properly points out that increasing
membership is not the essential factor and he advises
Convocations at intervals for rehearsing the examina-
tions and obligations in each of the degrees in order
that these may be more indelibly impressed upon the
newly received Companions.

We are particularly glad to know that all the Chap-
ters in this important District are provided with books
for registering Marks.

The Grand Superintendent of London District, No. 2,
points out that the returns for his District show one
condition common to all; namely, that the average
attendance is too small. He advocates more attractive
summonses; that more emphasis be laid on the social
side and upon the cultivation of greater enthusiasm for
more complete knowledge of the relationship between
Capitular and Symbolic Masonry and of the traditions
and teachings of the former.

While the Grand Superintendents naturally point
with pride to the large increase in membership, it is
evident that they appreciate it is not the numerical
strength of a Chapter which is the measure of its useful-
ness. That the important factor is the effect which
Masonry has upon the character of its members and
upon their lives and actions as citizens of their country
and the world. In the interest of mankind the benefits
of Masonry should be widely extended but care must
be exercised that wholesale extensions do not impair
the spirit; otherwise those benefits will be weakened
and Masonry will cease to give to its members that
wonderful gift of close friendship, brotherly love, sin-
cerity, truth and mutual service which has been at once
its glory and its strength.
There has come down to us from the ages traditions which powerfully affect the life and being of the Order. We are a link in a long chain which stretches from the remote past and which will stretch to a still more remote future provided we and those who come after us are but true to our trust, faithful to our duty and determined as sincere earnest Masons to keep strong and bright the link committed to our care. The golden chain must not be tarnished, its strength weakened, nor the glorious traditions of the Craft made less effective through our unworthiness.

Capitular Masonry is recruited solely from Symbolic Masonry and therefore the first responsibility rests with the Craft lodges who accept the uninitiated and confer upon him the blessing of light.

This does not relieve Chapters of the secondary responsibility of careful selection and no mercenary or other unworthy motive should tempt them to increase their membership for the sake of mere size.

Just as the greatness of a country cannot be measured in terms of land, minerals or other resources, but only in terms of character and citizenship, so the value of a Chapter cannot be measured in terms of membership, but only in terms of the good which it accomplishes and its effect upon community life. If it does not exert a steadying force in times of unrest, make for honest public service and encourage self-sacrificing devotion to the general weal, then there is little to our credit.

"Whoever is open, loyal, true; of brave and affable demeanor; honorable himself and in his judgment of others; faithful to his word as to law, and faithful alike to God and man—such a man is a true gentleman." And we may add a true Mason.

The Grand Superintendents are again asked to remember that the cultivation of the spirit of Masonry is their great responsibility. It demands their watchful care and their most earnest attention. Their first thought with regard to any Chapter should be whether it is accomplishing the object for which it was brought
into being. If it is fulfilling this purpose all is well but if it is not then nothing else matters.

To each Grand Superintendent has been committed a certain District. The responsibility for that District is his. He should survey the position and standing of Capitular Masonry throughout such District, the work which it is doing and its effect upon the members. If the average attendance is small there must be a reason. If Companions take so little interest in the life and work of their Chapter that they will not give to it one evening in a month how can its teachings and its spirit affect their lives or mold their characters. Do Masons join a Chapter only to make it a stepping stone? Do those in authority carefully consider how to attract and maintain the interest of new Companions and how such interest can be encouraged and strengthened? Is every effort made to retain the active interest of old members and Past Principals. To matters of this kind the Grand Superintendents should give careful attention. It is their duty and privilege not only to inspect, but also to aid and assist. Much can be done by friendly discussion, wise suggestion and practical advice. Let them inspire the officers and Companions with a determination to keep the lamp of Masonry burning that it may lighten the world. Impress upon all the dignity, the spirit and the intrinsic worth of an institution which is both ancient and honourable, that we may not do less for humanity than did those from whom the great heritage has been derived. Degrees should be intelligently, reverently and impressively conferred, but degrees are but a means to an end, a method of forming character and broadening knowledge, in order that the Candidate may lead a better and more useful life. There should be the simplicity of perfection in an atmosphere conducive to reverence that the impression upon the Candidate may color his daily thoughts and actions throughout life.

The Grand Superintendents have a great opportunity, each in his own way, of upholding the dignity and standing of our beloved Order and of keeping it on the high plane upon which it was placed by those who
wrought in the quarries and shaped the foundation stones upon which we and succeeding generations are building the superstructure.

Carlisle said: "A man may be sincere without being great, but he cannot be great without being sincere." Let us develop this sincerity in our Masonic and national life.

Charity is a Masonic virtue and a splendid example was given by Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto, on Christmas Eve, when the Companions entertained 150 children of the West End Creche with many of their mothers. After a bountiful dinner each child was given useful presents, fruit and candy, while the mothers were not overlooked. In London, District No. 2, the Craft has undertaken to raise at least $4,000 to assist in the erection of a Children's Memorial Hospital. St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4, Toronto, gave an "At Home" for the blinded soldiers of Pearson Hall. Private street cars conveyed the party to the Masonic Temple, where tables were set for 200 guests. A concert followed the banquet.

Grand Superintendents

Your Committee is impressed with the good work of the Grand Superintendents. Faithful discharge of their duties imposes a heavy task and calls for much sacrifice of time and personal convenience. This sacrifice has been cheerfully made. The Grand Superintendent of New Ontario, District No. 23, travelled 2,650 miles. He advises division of the area when there are sufficient Chapters to warrant the formation of a new district.

As far back as 1903 the then Grand Superintendent said: "I desire to point out to Grand Chapter that New Ontario is a vast territory, much more so than many in the east are aware of; that it is daily growing in importance and in my opinion it would be in the interest of Capitular Masonry to have more Chapters established within it, as the great distances between the present Chapters prevent many good Masons from joining who otherwise would." The present day possi-
bility of developing this large District should receive careful consideration.

**Interesting Celebration**

The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, celebrated its 100th anniversary on 29th October last. The large gathering included many prominent Companions and gold, silver and bronze Chapter pennies were presented to the visitors in commemoration of the interesting occasion.

**Exaltation Fees**

Many Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction have increased the Exaltation Fee.

**Chapter Books**

The Grand Superintendents are again asked to carefully inspect the books of the Scribes E., and make sure that everything is being properly recorded as prescribed by the Constitution. While there is no reason to doubt that such inspection has been made, yet the fact is rarely reported.

**Summonses**

There has been a marked improvement in the design and character of summonses which should favorably affect the attendance.

**Chapters of Instruction**

The reports only speak of three Chapters of Instruction held at Ottawa, St. Catharines and Napanee. Why were there not more? Year after year the advantages and benefits of these meetings have been forcibly pointed out. It is unnecessary to go over the old ground. We can only again urge the incoming Grand Superintendents to determine not to neglect this means of perfecting the work, enlarging the circle of Masonic friendship and of renewing and strengthening the bonds of Companionship within their respective Districts.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

General Condition

During the year 2,055 Regular and Emergent meetings were held throughout the Jurisdiction. With hardly an exception the prospects of every Chapter are reported as excellent. Practically every First Principal is able to work all degrees. Twenty Chapters do not carry insurance. There may be special reasons but Grand Superintendents should strongly urge every Chapter to adopt this obviously wise business precaution. Without this protection a Chapter would be in a difficult position in case all the property was destroyed by fire.

Almost every Chapter made benevolent grants. Whether these were adequate or not it is of course impossible to say without intimate knowledge as to the need for financial assistance either by deserving Companons or by public charities. The hope is expressed that full consideration will always be given to our privilege and duty with respect to the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Present Standing

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ANNUAL CONVOCATION, LONDON, 1921

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Total Membership, 31st December, 1920... 23,525

FINANCIAL POSITION

The financial position of Grand Chapter continues to be satisfactory and is set forth in detail in the Grand Treasurer’s Report. Surplus for the year was $8,258.06.

GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL

The Grand First Principal has discharged the onerous duties of his high office with exceptional energy and ability. His eloquent and inspiring addresses have done much to stimulate zeal and increase enthusiasm. Wherever he went he received warm fraternal greetings and this was especially marked in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. While the bonds of friendship are closely drawn between the east and the west the separation by distance is great and Ontario Officers must deny themselves the pleasure of close intercourse. The visits of a Grand First Principal resident in Ontario are consequently infrequent and M. Ex. Comp. Ponton’s trip to the west furnished a rare and much enjoyed treat.

JURISDICTION

The Grand Chapter of Canada embraces the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory. The distance from Toronto to Regina, the capital of Saskatchewan, is 1,768 miles. The total area is 1,117,870 square miles with an estimated population as at 1919 of 4,202,414.
Only one new Chapter out of twelve was instituted outside of Ontario. 93 per cent. of the growth in membership was within that Province. Population, its distribution between urban and rural, and the distance separating towns are the controlling factors but undoubtedly Ontario has the added advantage of having the Head Office at Toronto, with a very efficient, energetic and capable Grand Scribe E., in close touch with the surrounding territory.

It may be that self-government would promote interest and that the Western Provinces must ultimately have their own Grand Chapters brought about by Constitutional means and with the hearty blessing of the Parent Grand Chapter.

If it is only a question as to when the Order will be strong enough in those Provinces to warrant them taking upon themselves the expense and burden of maintaining their own Grand Chapters, still we must hope that the Royal Craft will flourish and grow in that bracing Western atmosphere. Not that we of the east wish a separation which would carry with it most sincere and we trust mutual regret, but that above all we are and should be anxious that Capitular Masonry shall flourish to the full in that great and rapidly-growing section of Canada, whose future demands our highest hopes.

Your Committee are glad to report that the utmost harmony and goodwill prevail throughout the whole large Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted.

K. J. Dunstan,
Chairman.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, 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.
CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

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

The Executive Committee through the Committee on Constitution Laws and Jurisprudence beg to report on the Notices of Motion to come before Grand Chapter as follows:

1. By R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Bain—

That Section 20, page 6 of the Constitution, be amended by striking out the words “fourth Wednesday in February,” and substituting therefor the words “third Wednesday in May.”

That Section 125, Sub-section (25) be amended by striking out the words “31st day of January,” and inserting therefor the words “30th day of April.”

That Sub-section (26) of Section 125 be amended by striking out the words “15th day of February,” and inserting therefor the words “10th day of May.”

That Section 141 be amended by striking out the words “January 31st,” and inserting therefor the words “April 30th.”

The general purport of the Notice of Motion is—

(a) To change the date of the Annual Meeting of Grand Chapter from the fourth Wednesday in February to the third Wednesday in May.

(b) The fixing of 30th April instead of 31st January for closing of the financial year.

(c) That the audited accounts shall be in the hands of the President of the Committee on or before the 10th day of May. If the date of the holding of Grand Chapter be changed to the third Wednesday in May, the meeting may take place as early as the 15th of May and as late as the 28th of May.
The duty of your Committee is simply to consider whether there are any legal objections to the consideration of the Notice of Motion, but the Committee is of the opinion that the adoption of the Notice of Motion without providing for other changes in the Constitution will lead to endless complication and Grand Chapter will not be in possession of ample information regarding the year’s work. For instance—

(a) The Constitution calls for the returns of the subordinate Chapters up to the 31st day of December previous to the meeting of Grand Chapter. Grand Chapter will therefore not be in possession of information concerning the work of subordinate Chapters for about four and one-half months preceding its Annual Meeting.

(b) The Grand Superintendents reports must be in hands of the Scribe E. on or before the 15th January, four months prior to the meeting of Grand Chapter if the date is changed. Therefore the reports of the Grand Superintendents will cover work for only about seven and one-half months.

(c) Notices of Motion for amendment of the Constitution must be sent to Grand Scribe E. on or before the 30th November.

(d) Grand Scribe E. is directed to send out copies of the Notice of Motion to the subordinate Chapters and etc. on or before 31st December. The Notices of Motion will in all probability be lost sight of before the meeting of Grand Chapter.

(e) Applications for benevolence must be forwarded on or before 31st day of December in each year. Consequently no applications can be received during the time which will elapse between the 31st day of December and the meeting of Grand Chapter. If Grand Chapter is satisfied that its business affairs should be carried on under above conditions, there is no legal objection to said motion being placed before Grand Chapter to be dealt with.

That Section 104 of the Constitution respecting the price of Constitutions be amended to read "For Constitutions, each 30 cents." There is no legal objection to said motion being placed before Grand Chapter to be dealt with.


That the minimum fee in this Jurisdiction for Exaltation shall be $40.00.

This will be in effect an amendment to Section 139 and should be treated as such. There is no legal objection to said Notice of Motion being placed before Grand Chapter to be dealt with.

Fraternally submitted.

E. T. Malone,  
Chairman.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and

Resolved—that the report of the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.
REPORT ON FRATERNAL DEAD

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead present the following:

"There's a mem'ry dear that is dimmed by a tear
When a friend passes on from our sight—
There's an evergreen spray on the silent way,
There's a beacon that shines through the night—
There's the record of soul written there on life's scroll
That will live when the spirit has fled—
There's a place set apart in the depth of the heart
Filled with love for our own cherished dead—
There's a lesson in this, when the friend that we miss
Found a place for himself in our heart—
'Twas the ebb of the wave of the love that he gave
Flowing back to the source of its start—
'Twas the plant that he growed, 'twas the seed that he sowed,
That has blossomed for him here on earth
'Twas the deeds that he done, coming back—every one,
That have written the scroll of his worth—
There's a place up above that's the source of all love
And love will return at the end—
If our love but endure there's a promise that's sure,
We will greet there again our dear friend."

—Anon.

Again we report that in Foreign Jurisdictions, as well as in our own, the Reaper of Death has taken many friends and Companions from our midst. The home and the Chapter have been darkened. Father, mother, brother, sister, and Companions have been parted. Death has touched the youthful and the aged, as well as those of rank and position, and we, this morning, in silent thought, bow before the Almighty, out of respect to the memory of those who have passed away, and to the mourners we extend our sincere sympathy, as well as bear testimony to the worth of those who have gone before.

While this is the second year of peace, some of our gallant citizens have passed through the valley of the shadow of death, owing to wounds or disease contracted in that recent awful world's conflict. Human life appears
today to be held as of little importance, and not sacred. When we read day by day of the fearful toll that is being taken by gun accidents, and self destruction, it does appear to be one mad onward rush, and when one goes down and life passes out in this manner, it does not startle or shock us as it ought. Surely we as Royal Arch Masons should be up and doing, knowing, as we know, that in these perishable frames, we call our bodies—which is treated so lightly, so sordid, so cheaply, at times—there does dwell a vital and immortal spirit which shall never die. Believing this we should not only be living under the tongue of good report, but our lives, wealth and influence should be freely placed at the service of the community in which we dwell. Our actions should be a restraint to wrong doings, an uplift to our fellowman, and a service to God the giver of all light, our Father and Judge.

Those that have passed over the river of death to their everlasting rest of our Grand Body are:

R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Allen died on Saturday morning, April 10th, 1920, at his residence, Jarvis Street, Toronto. For many years he took a most active part in Masonry and he held some of the highest offices in the gift of the Craft.

He was born at Summer Island, in the County of Armagh, Ireland, on December 3rd, 1854, and was educated at Tullytone School. At the age of 13 years he was apprenticed to the linen-drapery and haberdashery business in the City of Armagh.

On the completion of his apprenticeship he left for Canada, arriving in Toronto, May 1872, and engaged himself with the firm of John Macdonald & Co., and subsequently with McMaster, Darling & Co., when in July, 1891, he entered into the business of a Manufacturers’ Agent and Commission Merchant.

R. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Allen joined Ashlar Lodge, Toronto, on November 27th, 1883, and in 1887, he was the Worshipful Master. After filling various offices in Grand Lodge he became Grand Master in 1904.
He entered Royal Arch Masonry in St. Paul's Chapter in April, 1885, and became the First Principal in 1890. In 1892, at London, Ont., he was elected Grand Registrar, and subsequently was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maine, near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. Allen received the orders of a Knight Templar in Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, Toronto, in 1888, and in 1891, was the presiding Preceptor.

In Scottish Rite Masonry he has been a most active worker. He joined the Toronto Lodge of Perfection in 1889, the Rose Croix in the same year, and in 1890, he received the Consistory Degrees in Hamilton; in 1896 was crowned an active member of the Supreme Council, and subsequently he became the Sovereign Grand Commander for the Dominion of Canada.

Among other orders he was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and Rameses Temple of Mystic Shriners, Toronto.

He was buried with Masonic honors at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, April 13th. Around the body before it was moved, at his late residence, were heaped most innumerable sprays and wreaths of flowers, among them tokens from the Grand Lodge of Canada, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Scotland and others, representing practically every Masonic body.

The writer was employed at one time under Comp. Allen, in the firm of John Macdonald & Co., Toronto, and can bear personal testimony to his kind nature and generous disposition, he was ever ready to assist one, and forgive mistakes; clear headed in his judgment, sound in his advice, and retiring in his manner. The City of Toronto has lost a good citizen, and the Empire a loyal subject, every Masonic body of this Jurisdiction to which he belonged a loyal member, an energetic worker, and a personal friend. We mourn his loss and to a devoted wife, who has lost a devoted husband, we extend our sincere sympathy.
"As time runs on the road
Grows strange with faces new,
And near the end, milestones
Into headstones change,
'Neath every stone, a friend."

Past Grand Superintendents and other Past Grand Chapter Officers who have died:


R. Ex. Comp. William Elliott, of Elliot Chapter, No. 129, Grand Superintendent of Huron District No. 6, in 1899.


R. Ex. Comp. James Sparling, of MacPherson Chapter, No. 86, Meaford, Ont., Grand Superintendent Georgian District, No. 9, in 1907.


R. Ex. Comp. E. G. Davies, of Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto, Ont., Grand Scribe N. in 1907.

Among others who have passed to their eternal reward:


Ex. Comp. James Vanfield, of Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock, Ont.

Ex. Comp. J. S. Gray, of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, Ont.

Ex. Comp. E. W. MacLaren, of Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Francis Ramsey, of McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Fred W. Armstrong, of Mt. Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Jas. S. Dewar, of Enterprise Chapter, No. 67, Harriston, Ont.

Ex. Comp. J. G. Constable, of St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Mary’s, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Geo. A. Rose, of Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling, Ont.

Ex. Comp. J. S. McNulty, of Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Jas. P. Kennedy, of Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham, Ont.

Ex. Comp. Harold T. Ivey, of Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury, Ont.

Ex. Comp. J. T. Elliott, of Corinthian Chapter, No. 101, Boissevain, Man.


Ex. Comp. I. Humphreys, of Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth, Ont.
Ex. Comp. John McKinlay Murray, of Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge, Ont.

Ex. Comp. H. T. Andrews, of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 139, Havelock, Ont.

Ex. Comp. C. L. Lynch, of Keystone Chapter, No. 141, Brandon, Man.

Ex. Comp. Herbert C. Jones, of St. John's Chapter, No. 148, Vankleek Hill, Ont.

Ex. Comp. D. McBane, of Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River, Ont.


Ex. Comp. W. W. Woods, of Peel Chapter, No. 195, Brampton, Ont.

Ex. Comp. W. A. Woodiwiss, of King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington, Ont.

CANADIAN JURISDICTIONS

Alberta—Andrew Roger Dickson, Past Grand First Principal Z., died July 11th, 1920, at his home in Wetsakiwin. He was born in Hamilton, Ontario, January 30th, 1857, of Scottish parentage, and began his business career at the early age of seventeen years, with a mercantile house in his home city, and a few years afterwards entered the employ of the Michigan Car Works of Detroit, becoming in time Assistant to the Superintendent of that Company. In 1881 he moved to Brandon, Manitoba, where he entered into business for himself. In 1887 he opened a general store at Dunmore Junction, Alberta, then the western terminal of the Canadian Pacific Railway, remaining there until 1895 when the Call of the West took him to Wetaskiwin which was his permanent residence until his death.

Nova Scotia—Joseph Robert Bennett, P.G.H.P., died June 8th, 1920. He was born at Halifax, N.S.
April 3rd, 1846, and there the greater part of his active and useful life was spent. For the past forty-four years he was outside Superintendent of one of the largest shipping firms of the City of Halifax, and was known widely in his connection with the activities along the water front of the City by the Sea, the blue waves of which were so familiar and dear to him. He was an authority on all records of shipping at this port for many years.

Quebec—Isaac H. Stearns, died in the City of Montreal, February 15th, 1921. He was born in Dunbarton, New Hampshire, on May 3rd, 1837, and was the fourth child of Dr. Isaac Stearns of that place. He joined Kilwinning Lodge, G.R.C., May 14th, 1860, which was then working under the Grand Lodge of Canada, Judge Mercer Wilson was at the time the Grand Master. In 1861 he joined the Royal Craft and became a member of the Knight Templar Body before it was organized in Canada, receiving his degrees in Manchester, New Haven. Since then he has been a Charter Member of three Preceptories in the Province of Quebec. He was the oldest member of the Royal Order of Scotland in Canada. In 1890–91 he was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec in 1880. In fact he had held every office in the gift of these Grand Bodies.

In Scottish Rite Masonry he was a most energetic worker. For six years he was Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander. On Friday evening, May 14th, 1920, the Masons of Montreal paid him an unusual honor in instituting a Masonic Lodge in that city, named “The Isaac Stearns Lodge.” He was kindly, courteous and ever ready to help those who needed his assistance. Every branch of the Craft in Quebec will miss him, and we today extend to our Sister Jurisdiction our most sincere sympathy.

"The weary eyes are closed at last,  
The hands are folded on the breast,  
The labors of the day are passed,  
The Father gently whispers, Rest;  
And this is best."
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—Basil M. Hill, P.G.H.P.

California—William Monroe Petrie, P.G.H.P.


Florida—William Clarence Andress, P.G.H.P.

Georgia—Henry Banks, P.G.H.P.; Joseph C. Greenfield, P.G.H.P.

Illinois—Joseph Edward Dyas, P.G.H.P.

Indiana—Calvin W. Prather, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

Iowa—Francis Hanmer Loring, P.G.H.P.

Missouri—Zenophon Ryland, P.G.H.P., Arthur Middleton Hough, P.G.H.P.; Martin Toner Balsley, P.G.H.P.

Minnesota—George W. Cooley, P.D.G.H.P.

New York—Marshall F. Hemingway, P.G.H.P.

Ohio—William A. Reiter, P.G.H.P.; Lewis Phillip Schaus, P.G.H.P.; Betram Tuthill, P.G.H.P.

Oklahoma—Isham Hamilton Goss Hume, P.G.H.P.

West Virginia—Kephart Delwar Walker, P.G.H.P.

Companions again we bid our departed and cherished dead a last farewell. Their bodies have been committed to the grave, but their memories today we cherish in our hearts in loving remembrance, and their spirits, we
trust, are with God the everlasting Father who gave them.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. S. R. Murch,
Chairman.

"Death is no spectre or thing of dread,
No spirit fraught with evil and with strife,
But just a portal that lies ahead,
And opens on the mysteries of life."

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, 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.
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

In the Supplementary Report it was stated:

"Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is informed by the Grand Scribe E. that he has during the past year received no communication from the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, in support of its application made in 1918 for recognition by the Grand Chapter of Canada. From a perusal of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, your Committee learns that the Grand Chapter of Queensland has been recognized by two of the State Grand Chapters of the United States, but not by the Grand Chapters of England, Ireland and Scotland, or any of them.

Your Committee recommends that action be again deferred until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, and

Resolved—that the report on Fraternally Correspondence, as well as the Supplementary Report on the application for Fraternal Recognition, be received and adopted.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

The one hundredth anniversary of the institution of The Hiram Chapter, now No. 2 on the register of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was celebrated on the 29th October, 1920. The celebration, which took place at Hamilton was a notable event of the year. The Hiram Chapter was instituted at Ancaster, Upper Canada, in 1820, was removed to Hamilton in 1848, and came under the rule of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1857. In view of the centenary celebration in Hamilton, a history of this ancient and important Chapter was prepared by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and was perhaps not read in its entirety, but was at all events presented to The Hiram Chapter on the date aforesaid. It is an admirable treatise; and, as the history of so old a Chapter is necessarily a part of the history of Grand Chapter, I beg to recommend that such portions of the document prepared by Comp. Smith as may be selected by me, with his approval and the consent of The Hiram Chapter, be printed in the proceedings of Grand Chapter. The complete document is in page-proof form, and any one who wishes may see it. (Excerpts from the document appear at the end of the Proceedings.)

Edward B. Brown,
Grand Historian.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, and

Resolved—That the report of the Grand Historian be received and adopted.
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS.

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

The Special Committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, beg to submit, apart from the rulings which this Committee has not considered, as its members are of the opinion that they should be dealt with by the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence the following report:—

The eloquent address of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal is one continuous and delightful panegyric on affairs in general and Masonry in particular. He is to be envied above others in his poetic nature, his graceful faculty of expression, his wonderful optimism, his buoyancy of thought which enables him to leap over the rough places while travelling on the path of life and revel in joy and sunshine, singing as he goes, finding tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything. Why spoil it with commonplace other than to say we have listened to his graceful expressions with delight, he has disarmed us of all criticism, his enthused optimism in us—in some matters against our will. His devotion to duty has been without parallel, and will not be forgotten by those of this generation, and will bear good fruit for those who come after him.

We appreciate the great work he has done in spreading the Gospel of Brotherhood even beyond this Jurisdiction, and we pray that the Most High may long spare him for further work in the vineyard.

Fraternally submitted.

F. W. Harcourt.
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:

R. Ex. Comp. Daniel William MacDonald, Chatham, Ont. .................. St. Clair Dist. No. 1
" " T. L. Cochrane, St. Thomas, Ont. London " 2
" " William Finlayson, Paris, Ont. ... Wilson " 3
" " Charles R. McKeown, Orangeville, Ont. .................. Wellington " 4
" " George H. Britton, Hamilton, Ont. .................. Hamilton " 5
" " R. A. Coutts, Wingham, Ont. .... Huron " 6
" " John Gottlieb Watts, Bridgeburg, Ont. .................. Niagara " 7
" " Joseph James Shelley, Toronto, Ont. .................. Toronto " 8
" " John Merrick, Barrie, Ont. .... Georgian " 9
" " John F. Grierston, Oshawa, Ont. ... Ontario " 10
" " Charles Finlay Walt, Stirling, Ont. .................. Prince Edward" 11
" " John J. Davis, Gananoque, Ont. St. Lawrence " 12
" " George H. Sutherland, Russell, Ont. .................. Ottawa " 13
" " H. G. C. Leger, Rainy River, Ont. .................. Algoma " 14
" " H. J. J. Smith, Portage la Prairie, Man. .................. Manitoba E. " 15
" " Stephen Henry Morse, Boissevain, Man. .................. Manitoba W. " 16
" " Walter E. Bristowe, Prince Albert, Sask. .................. Saskatchewan N. " 20
" " Louis Alexander Duncan, Estevan, Sask. .................. Saskatchewan W. " 21
" " Willmer Gibson, Arcola, Sask. ... Saskatchewan E. " 22
" " Robt. Young Angus, North Bay, Ont. .................. New Ontario " 23
" " Warren H. S. McParland, Dawson City .................. Yukon Terr’y " —

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 Grand Officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:

M. Ex. Comp. Herbert S. Griffin, M.D.,
     Hamilton..........................Grand Z.
R. " " Richard H. Spencer, Trenton...Grand H.
R. " " Robert J. Gibson, Toronto....Grand J.
M. " " George Moore, Hamilton......Grand Treasurer
R. " " Henry T. Smith, Toronto......Grand Scribe E.
R. " " Joseph R. Yorke, Moose Jaw...Grand Scribe N.
R. " " Wm. H. Wardrope, Hamilton...Grand Prin. Soj’er
R. " " George W. Reed, London......Grand Registrar
R. " " E. B. Brown, Toronto...........Grand Historian
     " Thomas M. Guthrie, Hamilton.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. J. B. Smith.......................Assiniboia, Sask.
     " " Kenneth J. Dunstan.................Toronto, Ont.
     " " Alexander Cowan....................Barrie, Ont.
     " " Edwin Smith........................London, Ont.
     " " James McC. Potts...................Stirling, Ont.

Hamilton Next Place of Meeting

The Cities of Hamilton, Winnipeg and Toronto having been nominated for the next Annual Convocation in February, 1922, and being put to the ballot, the result showed Hamilton had received the highest number of votes, and that City was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter.

Congratulations to the Grand Z. Elect

On it being announced that R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin had been unanimously elected Grand Z., on the suggestion of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, a telegram of congratulations was sent and about the same time the telegram would be received by the Grand Z.-elect,
it was arranged that flowers would arrive at the house for Mrs. Griffin.

Following is the copy of the telegram sent and a copy of the reply received:

**Telegram Sent**

"Herbert S. Griffin,
Grand Z., Grand Chapter, Canada,
Hamilton, Ont.

"Hearty congratulations on your unanimous and enthusiastic election as Grand First Principal. Will Mrs. Griffin kindly accept flowers from your Companions with best wishes and cordial greetings, and hopes for your speedy restoration to health and strength. Will carry on for you.

W. N. Ponton.
H. T. Smith."

**Reply Received**

"W. N. Ponton,
Care H. T. Smith,
London, Ont.

"Many thanks for congratulations, good wishes and offers of assistance. Without the last could not carry on after the greatest Grand First Principal Grand Chapter of Canada ever had. Mrs. Griffin joins in love to all Companions.

H. S. Griffin."

**Committee on Benevolence**

M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw's term, as a member of the Committee on Benevolence having expired, on motion of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, it was resolved that M. Ex. Comp. Abraham Shaw be re-elected for a further term of three years.

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

- M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, retires in 1922.
- M. " Abraham Shaw, retires in 1924.
Report of 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:

The Special Committee appointed by the M. Ex. the Grand Z. to devise a plan for the protection of Grand Chapter, in paying the travelling expenses of the Executive Committee, beg leave to report that a form has been devised and printed and is ready for distribution at this Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee would recommend that one Cheque be issued for the payment of the above expenses, the same to be paid at the close of the Annual Convocation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. Spencer,
Chairman.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, seconded by R Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, 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.

Proposed Testimonial

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A T. Freed, and

Resolved—That a Committee consisting of M. Ex. Comps. F. W. Harcourt (Chairman), Abraham Shaw, and R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to the retiring Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, in recognition of his devoted service to the Royal Craft during his term of Office as Grand Z.

New Book of Ceremonies

As the supply of the Book of Ceremonies has become depleted, and as the present Ceremonies are not in accord with the New Constitution, it was moved by
R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. MacGregor, and

Resolved—That a Committee consisting of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, the Grand Scribe E., and R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, be appointed to make the necessary alterations in the Ceremonies, so that they may comply with the Constitution; also to make such revision so that they may be in keeping with the present progress of the Order in this Jurisdiction, and that this Committee shall, have power to have the Ceremonies, when revised, printed for the immediate use of the Chapters.

**Grand Z.-Elect to be Installed at Some Convenient Date**

The Grand Z. directed M. Ex. Comps. George Moore and A. T. Freed to arrange for the installation of the Grand Z.-elect. It was suggested that the Ceremony should take place in The Hiram Chapter, Hamilton, at some convenient date, when the health of the Grand Z.-elect would permit of the ceremony taking place.

**Revision of "The Work."**

M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Chairman, of the Committee appointed two years ago to revise the directions of the "Floor Work" in connection with "The Work" in this Jurisdiction reported that the Committee had completed its labours and was now prepared to submit the changes made for the adoption of Grand Chapter. After a brief explanation by M. Ex. Comp. Murch as to the nature of changes made in "The Work."

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed seconded by R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer that the report be received, the changes adopted, and a new book be printed subject to the approval of the Grand Z., Grand H., Grand J., and the Grand Scribe E.

**Thanks to Committee on Revision**

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. T. Freed, and
Resolved—That the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to the Committee on Revision of "Floor Work," etc., for the able way in which its members had discharged duties allotted to them.

NOTICES OF MOTION

R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Bain withdrew his Notice of Motion to change the date of holding the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

As to the increased price for Constitutions, it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, and

Resolved—That Section 140 of the Constitution, respecting the price of the Constitution, be amended to read "For Constitutions, each 30 cents."

R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Ormiston's Motion to make "the minimum fee in this Jurisdiction for Exaltation $40.00," was, after some discussion, not adopted, on being submitted to a vote of Grand Chapter.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE RECEIVED THANKS

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

Resolved—That the Credential Committee receive the thanks of this Grand Body for the able way the members of the Committee had fulfilled the task allotted to them.

THANKS TO SCRUTINEERS

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

Resolved—That the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to the Excellent Companions who acted as Scrutineers for the services they rendered in the election of Officers.

VOTE OF THANKS TO LONDON COMPANIONS

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, and

Resolved—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to the Directors of the London Masonic Temple Corporation for the use of the rooms, and to the Companions of the
London Chapters for their kind attention and fraternal reception to the Officers and Members of Grand Chapter who were in attendance at this Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

**Officers Installed**

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, assisted by M. Ex. Comps. A. Shaw, W. S. R. Murch, and R. Ex. Comp. J. B Nixon, 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:

**Executive Committee**


W. Y. Mills, Kingston, Ont.

Frank Croft, Toronto, Ont.

A. Shaw, Port Credit, Ont.

W. S. R. Murch, Melville, Sask.

J. B Nixon, Toronto, Ont.

**Assistant Officers**

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon, Toronto, Ont., Grand Lecturer

Albion Harris McLeod, Winnipeg, Man.

S. Byers Moore, Melville, Sask.

John Wesley Robinson, Napanee, Ont.

David Andrew Turner, Uxbridge, Ont.

James Hooper, Hamilton, Ont.

Currie A. Brown, St. Catharines, Ont.

Ralph Erskine Robertson, Collingwood, Ont.


D. S. L. MacDougall, Toronto, Ont.

Arthur O. Adams, Wales, Ont.

Thomas P. Elliott, London, Ont.
The labours of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 5.50 o'clock p.m., London, February 23rd, 1921.

London, February 23rd, 1921.

Grand Scribe E.
GRAND CHAPTER BANQUET AND LOCAL RECESSION

At the conclusion of the proceedings of Grand Chapter the Officers of Grand Chapter with the invited American Guests, and newly installed Grand Superintendents dined together at the Tecumseh House, M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, presided at the dinner. After listening to a few felicitous speeches the Companions, to the number of forty, repaired to the Temple Building and there, under the auspices of St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London, witnessed the Royal Arch degree admirably conferred by Past Grand Superintendents of the London District. This was followed by a banquet, presided over by V. Ex. Comp. Thomas P. Elliott, at which fully four hundred Companions were present.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Trenton, 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.................................................... Belleville
" " H. S. Griffin, Grand Z........................................ Hamilton
" " H. Robertson.................................................... Collingwood
" " Harry H. Watson................................................. Vancouver
" " E. T. Malone..................................................... Toronto
" " A. T. Freed....................................................... Hamilton
R. Ex. " R. J. Gibson, Grand J...................................... Toronto

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. Daniel William McDonald, Chatham, Ont...........................St. Clair Dist. No. 1
" " T. L. Cochrane, St. Thomas, Ont.London " 2
" " William Finlayson, Paris, Ont...Wilson " 3
" " Charles R. McKeown, Orangeville, Ont..........................Wellington " 4
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R. A. Coutts, Wingham, Ont. Huron “ 6
John Gottlieb Watts, Bridgeburg, Ont.......................Niagara “ 7
Joseph James Shelley, Toronto, Ont...........................Toronto “ 8
John Merrick, Barrie, Ont. Georgian “ 9
John F. Grierson, Oshawa, Ont. Ontario “ 10
Charles Finlay Walt, Stirling, Ont. Prince Edward “ 11
John J. Davis, Gananoque, Ont. St. Lawrence “ 12
George H. Sutherland, Russell, Ont. Ottawa “ 13
H. G. C. Ledger, Rainy River, Ont. Algoma “ 14
H. J. J. Smith, Portage la Prairie, Man. Manitoba E. “ 15
Stephen Henry Morse, Boisecvan, Man. Manitoba W. “ 16
Walter E. Bristowe, Prince Albert, Sask. Saskatchewan N. “ 20
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Willmer Gibson, Arcola, Sask. Saskatchewan E. “ 22
Robt. Young Angus, North Bay, Ont. New Ontario “ 23
Warren H. S. McFarland, Dawson City Yukon Terr’y “ —

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Joseph R. Yorke, Moose Jaw..................Grand Scribe N.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Smith.................................Assiniboia, Sask.
Kenneth J. Dunstan....................................Toronto, Ont.
Alexander Cowan........................................Barrie, Ont.
Edwin Smith.............................................London, Ont.
James McC. Potts.......................................Stirling, Ont.

APPOINTED BY GRAND Z.

Walter G. Price............................Port Credit, Ont.
W. Y. Mills.............................................Kingston, Ont.
William Croft..............................................Toronto, Ont.
Frank Hills.................................................Hamilton, Ont.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

SUB-COMMITTEES

GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS

BENEVOLENCE

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GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

WARRANTS

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

FRATERNAL DEAD

PRINTING COMMITTEE

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE
R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown (Chairman).

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Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. H. J. J. Smith,
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136. King Edward . . . . . Neepawa

MANITOBA W. DISTRICT, NO. 16

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Stephen Henry Morse,
Boissevain

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101 Corinthian . . . . . . Boissevain  | 156. Avondale . . . . . . Hartney

SASKATCHEWAN N. DISTRICT, NO. 20

Grand Superintendent — R. Ex. Comp. Walter E. Bristowe,
Prince Albert

No. | No.
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165. Saskatoon . . . . . . Saskatoon   | 216. Victoria . . . . . . Wynyard
207. King George . . . . . . Yorkton

SASKATCHEWAN W. DISTRICT, NO. 21

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Louis Alexander Duncan,
Estevan

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173. Weyburn . . . . . Weyburn     | 211. Shaunavon . . . . . . Shaunavon
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SASKATCHEWAN E. DISTRICT, NO. 22

Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Willmer Gibson, Arcola

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121. Wascana . . . . . . Regina   | 192. Trinity . . . . . . Melville
170 Golden Compass . . . . . Sintaluta | 194. Orient . . . . . . . Moosomin
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Grand Superintendent—R. Ex. Comp. Robert Young Angus
North Bay

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No. 79. Frank Dorst.
No. 95. Merton V. Foley, Hendrik Adolph Waern.
No. 100. C. E. Cook, Charles E. McLean.
No. 102. L. C. Moore.
No. 112. Frederick William Barclay.
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No. 149. Walter O. Chapman, U.M.C.


No. 168. Arden Lorenzo Betts, William George Burns.


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No. 4. A. M. Wilbur.
No. 5. Thos. L. McKee, C. W. McDonald.
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No. 7. Theodore Josiah Spafford.
No. 8. Burgess Mackahon.
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No. 166. Jarvis Riley Hallman.
No. 169. H. J. Deyell.
Our
Departed
Companions

IN MEMORIAM

They Rest in Peace
R. EX. COMPANION

Robert Scott
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

DIED FEBRUARY 2nd, 1920

PETROLIA, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

John Prain
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4

DIED MAY 21st, 1920

HARRISTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Thomas McCallum
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

DIED JUNE 19th, 1920

HAMILTON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

William Elliot
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

DIED JUNE 8th, 1920

MITCHELL, ONT.
R. EX. COMPANION
James Sparling
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9

DIED DECEMBER 7th, 1920
MEAFORD, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION
R. A. Morrow
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

DIED 1920
PETERBOROUGH, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION
Alfred L. Connors
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

DIED JUNE 23rd, 1920
SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION
Clark Nicholls
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
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DIED NOVEMBER 1st, 1920
SMITH'S FALLS, ONT.
R. EX. COMPANION

John Lawson McKay
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
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DIED FEBRUARY 2nd, 1921
NEEPAWA, MAN.

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Edmund C. Davies
PAST GRAND SCRIBE N.

DIED NOVEMBER 27th, 1920
TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Benjamin Allen
PAST GRAND REGISTRAR
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE—MAINE

DIED APRIL 10th, 1920
TORONTO, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

H. C. Winch
PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARER

DIED 1920
PETERBOROUGH, ONT.
Deaths

Chapter


No. 5. John Robertson, 29 Nov., 1920; Geo. P. Elliott, 14 Feb., 1920.


Deaths

Chapter.
No. 18. James Canfield, 28 Feb., 1918.


No. 22. Edward S. Goodwin (date unknown).

No. 24. William McCallum; Robert Johnson (dates not given); Percy H. McGar, 6 Dec., 1920.


No. 34. Archibald Kirk, 13 Jan., 1920; Francis McMulkin, 7 May, 1920.

No. 35. Robert Johnston, 10 July, 1920; Peter Matheson, 23 Sept., 1920; Frank Warren, 9 Nov., 1920.

No. 36. Henry C. Winch (date not given); Robert J. Munro, 2 March, 1920; G. Reid Munro, 1 March, 1920; R. A. Morrow (date not given); A. F. Bookhout, 13 Feb., 1920.

Deaths

Chapter.

No. 41. George Walker, 22 Oct., 1920; Austin Miller, 10 Aug., 1920; Tom Waterhous (date not given).

No. 44. Brice Allen, 1 Sept., 1920; Fred W. Armstrong, 30 Aug., 1920.

No. 45. Peter Wilbur Brown, 5 Feb., 1920.


No. 47. Sibree Clarke, 8 May, 1919; Norman C. Martin, 13 April, 1920; David A. Cannon, 24 Sept., 1920; John H. Glassford, 24 Nov., 1920.


No. 53. Robert Scott, 2 Feb., 1920; Joseph Thompson, 6 April, 1920.

No. 54. Ernest Claude Williams, 21 Sept., 1920.

No. 58. Wm. Lyall Cowan, 2 April, 1920.


No. 64. William Emerson, April, 1920.

No. 65. Benjamin Allen, 10 April, 1920; Charles Keith Blackwood, Dec., 1919; Arthur Dinnis, 16 March, 1920; Erri Whaley, 10 April, 1920.
Deaths

Chapter.
No. 78. William Dawson, 18 Jan., 1920.
No. 81. James A. Vail, 2 June, 1920; Calvin Gates, William A. Glover, Thomas Thompson, Arthur Richardson, John Ogilvie (dates not given).
No. 82. J. S. McNulty, 17 Feb., 1920; S. C. Richardson, 12 Feb., 1920; W. A. Boyle, 22 Feb., 1920.
Deaths


No. 86. James Sparling, 7 Dec., 1920.


No. 91. Alfred Matthews, 16 March, 1920; Chas. Edward Green, 28 April, 1920; Jack Northmore Williams, 8 Aug., 1920; Edmund C. Davies, 27 Nov., 1920.


No. 102. Benjamin Allen, 10 April, 1920.


No. 112. Alex. Casselman, 17 April, 1918.


Deaths

No. 115. Frank Hammond, 4 April, 1920.

No. 116. Andrew Neilson, 18 Oct., 1920; George McDonald, 3 April, 1920.


No. 133. A. L. Conners, 23 June, 1920; Clark Nichols, 1 Nov., 1920.

No. 134. Emerson Thompson (date not given).


No. 149. Dugald K. McBane, 9 April, 1920.

Deaths

No. 152. Louis Christie, 6 Feb., 1920.


No. 213. Arthur Hartog, 10 April, 1920.

FREDERICK WEIR HARcourt
M. Ex. Grand Z.—1911-12
FREDERICK WEIR HARCOURT.

To the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Historian has been assigned the agreeable task of preparing a brief biography and appreciation of a Ruler of the Craft who is to-day without doubt the best-known and best-loved Mason in Canada. In one sense the task is an easy one. The accompanying portrait reveals the man, perhaps with more than ordinary faithfulness. There is no mystery or subtlety about him—far less is there any unreality or sham. A Canadian by birth, he comes of Irish stock, and has much of the Irishman in his make-up. Gayety, bonhomie, and ready wit, are prominent characteristics and easily recognised. The one difficulty which his biographers face in attempting to estimate his qualities arises from his wide range—his many-sidedness. As one who knew him well—a Brother Mason—once remarked: "He continually astonishes you; you may think you know him through and through; but he has always a better arrow in his quiver than any he has yet shot." Perhaps a short account of his progress through life may be of interest.

Frederick Weir Harcourt was born nearly 65 years ago, in a picturesque country-house on the left bank of the Grand river, in the village of York, not very far from Cayuga. His boyhood was spent there, and he knows every stick and stone, as well as every family, in the vicinity. He is one of seven sons of Michael Harcourt, who came from Ireland, settled in Haldimand, and represented that county in the old Parliament of Canada before Confederation. Michael Harcourt was a noted man in his day and generation—a man of wide sympathies and liberal views. He was a Roman Catholic, yet an opponent of separate schools and a Freemason. The sons were brought up in the faith of their mother, who was a devoted member of the Church of England. After going through the usual curriculum in the local schools, the youthful Frederick pursued his studies at Upper Canada College, and thence entered the Law Society of
Upper Canada, passing the prescribed examination and becoming enrolled as a student-at-law. He first served under articles in a Hamilton law office. As a boy and as a young man he had a considerable reputation as an athlete. He won prizes for both long and high jumping, was a cricketer, and above all a devotee of Rugby football. When in Hamilton he was one of the famous team of "Tigers." The latter part of his student days was spent in Toronto in the office of McCarthy, Osler, Hoskin, and Creelman; and he became a junior member of that firm upon his admission as a solicitor. Before that, however, while still a student, he had become more particularly attached to the infancy department, under Dr. Hoskin, who was Official Guardian, and the young man was, after being called to the Bar, appointed Deputy Official Guardian. When Dr. Hoskin retired, Mr. Harcourt succeeded him as Official Guardian, and has since discharged the many and important duties of that office with great success. His sagacity, unfailing tact, sympathetic insight, and shrewd knowledge of human nature, eminently qualify him for the difficult and delicate task of protecting the estates of infants and guarding their interests. In 1908 he was made a King's Counsel; he is and has been for many years a Bencher of the Law Society and a very active and influential one; he is at present Chairman of the Finance Committee while his former chief and now senior partner, Dr. Hoskin—Brother Hoskin we may call him—is Treasurer of the Society. Both are members of the firm of Osler, Hoskin, and Harcourt, the successors of the firm of McCarthy, Osler, Hoskin, and Creelman.

Violent athletics being no longer possible, the Official Guardian condescends to golf—when he has time for it. He is a member of the Toronto Golf Club, the Toronto Club, and the York Club, and a favourite in social life—though again he has little time for it. He does find time to attend the board meetings of several financial institutions of which he is a director, and is a pillar of the Church of England in the Diocese of Toronto.

The wonder is that he finds time for Masonry; yet, with all the activities of which we have told—and we
have said nothin of his family life, though we know that he is a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Masonry has for many years been his chiefest avocation, it may almost be said to be his vocation. He was initiated in Ionic Lodge, Toronto, in 1889, took office in 1891, was Master in 1899, and had an almost parallel career in St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter. His influence in both these spheres of Masonic work was immense, and was always exercised unselfishly for the good of the Lodge or Chapter. In the Scottish Rite bodies he has attained the 32nd degree, and is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. His destination to a wider field was undoubted. In 1905 he was elected District Deputy Grand Master of one of the Toronto Masonic Districts, and in the same year Grand Principal Sojourner in the Grand Chapter. Shortly afterwards he was elected a member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) and is now a life member of that body. He was elected Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1911, and served the office for two years. During his term he visited the Chapters in the Western Provinces of Canada, was everywhere received with enthusiasm, and gave a decided impetus to the progress of the Royal Craft in the West.

In Grand Lodge he achieved equal success. He was elected Deputy Grand Master in Belleville in 1917, and was the unanimous choice of his Brethren for Grand Master at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in Toronto in 1919. He has now ruled the Craft for nearly two years, and his popularity and usefulness grow daily. Election to honorary membership in a very large number of Lodges and Chapters and valuable gifts showered upon him bear testimony to the esteem and affection in which he is held. It way truly be said that men to-day are clamouring for admission at the doors of the Lodges; and, while other circumstances in a measure account for the popularity of Masonry, the wise and beneficent rule and the high character and ideals of the present Grand Master have done much to justify the good opinion entertained of the Order.
The readers of these proceedings in the other Grand Chapters of the Dominion and in those of the United States of America know a good deal of Most Excellent Companion Harcourt; he has visited many of the Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges, and has made friends and gained popularity wherever he has gone.

Let us not ask why. Perhaps it is not easy to explain, to those who have not met in the flesh the subject of this sketch, the influence of his magnetic personality. As a speaker he is in a class by himself. In his short impromptu addresses he never fails to amuse and seldom to instruct. No one can foretell what he will say on any given occasion, but what he says is always the right thing. His wit is not barbed—it leaves no sting. In his longer speeches—which it may be assumed are prepared with some care—he strikes a higher note and uses loftier language. He is no orator, but when speaking seriously is impressive; his sincerity is always manifest. It was generally said at the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in Ontario) at Niagara Falls in July, 1920, that the Grand Master’s address was the best that had ever been given by a Grand Master in that Grand Lodge. It was of course prepared beforehand and read to Grand Lodge. Printed in the proceedings of Grand Lodge, it has doubtless been read by thousands of Masons. The Grand Master is, as our dear departed Companion Aubrey White was wont to say, “in the judgment of his Brethren.” Shall we not say that Frederick Weir Harcourt, Past Grand First Principal and Present Grand Master, has made for himself a distinct place and has been rightly accorded a separate page in the history of Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge?

H.T.S.
E.B.B.
WILLIAM S. R. MURCH
M. Ex. Grand Z.—1915-16
WILLIAM S. R. MURCH

(A MAN OF KIND AND EMOTIONAL ATTRIBUTES)

M. Ex. Comp. William S. R. Murch is a man possessing kind and emotional attributes. He freely recognizes a kind or generous act done by any one in the discharge of a duty, and he promptly feels the impulse of answering the call of a friend in adversity rather than from one in prosperity.

At Chagford, Devon, England, he was born December 25th, 1859, and he shows personal characteristics of his English birth. He came to Canada in 1863 with his parents. Was educated in the Public School of Bolton; showing an aptitude for business he entered the employ of C. Page & Sons, Yonge Street, Toronto, and afterwards he became connected with the well known wholesale dry goods firm of John Macdonald Company, Toronto. The latter firm he represented in Eastern Ontario for a long period of time. Subsequently he moved to Kingston, Ontario, where he resided for many years.

For thirty-five years he was a commercial traveller; fellow travellers speak well of him as having a benevolent disposition. For a long time he was a Director at Kingston of the Board of Management for the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada. He has been a Governor of the Kingston General Hospital for years. Owing to ill health three years ago he removed to Westport, Ontario, where he is now the Police Magistrate.

In Central Lodge, No. 110, G.R.C., Prescott, Ont., he was initiated into Freemasonry June 2nd, 1885, of which Lodge he is a Life Member. He afterwards affiliated with Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, and was its Worshipful Master in 1907–08. He was appointed Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario in 1919. He is also a member of The Correspondence Circle of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, England, which is one of the foremost lodges of Masonic research in the world.
He became a member of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, Kingston, Ontario. Was First Principal of this Chapter in 1901–2; Grand Superintendent of St. Lawrence District in 1903; was elected to the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter in 1904, then elected for every succeeding year until 1910, when he became Grand J. of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1911; subsequently becoming Grand H., and then Grand Z. in 1915–16. He was made an Honorary Member of Massena Chapter, No. 300, Massena, N.Y., in November, 1915, and also was made an Honorary Member, with full privileges in April 1916, of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto. He is very much devoted to the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry, and can be credited with bringing about the happy condition of peace, now existing between the Grand Chapter of Canada, and the Grand Chapter of Alberta. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, near the Grand Chapter of Canada. He is undoubtedly an outstanding figure in Canadian Royal Arch Masonry.

On May 13th, 1898, he joined Hugh de Payens, Premier Preceptory, No. 1, Knights Templars, Kingston, Ontario. Was Presiding Preceptor for the years 1901–02—10–11; Grand Standard Bearer in Great Priory, 1902, and Provincial Prior of the Kingston and Ottawa District in 1905.

M. Ex. Comp. Murch became connected with Kingston Lodge of Perfection, November 3rd, 1908, and the Kingston Rose Croix Chapter, August 31st, 1916, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He also became a member in 1903 of Rameses Temple, of the Mystic Shrine.

He is a consistent member of the Anglican Church. To him the moral virtues in man without religion are but cold and lifeless. The noblest charities; the best fruits of learning, the richest discoveries, every great thing the world has seen, he believes, represents, more or less, the fruitfulness of religion. He is undoubtedly one of the true types of manhood. H. T. S.
## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

Once again, and for the 6th time, we essay the task of preparing a report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the British Empire and the United States of America, or such of them as honour us by forwarding their printed statements in due time. With 50 or more volumes before us, each containing, no doubt, much that is important, we cannot help wondering at our temerity in plunging into them in the unabashed, smiling manner in which Nicholas Nickleby made his first entries in the books of Cheeryble Brothers. As a Canadian statesman, who is also a Royal Arch Mason, recently said, "All Gaul (gall) is divided into three parts," and the opponent whom he was assailing "had two of them." The remaining third is ours, we trow. The smile we wear is due, however, not to satisfaction with our ability creditably to do the work set before us, but to the enjoyment which we anticipate from the perusal of these volumes. The writing of synopses of them is by no means so enjoyable. How are we to communicate to others the impressions made upon us by what we read, in such a way as to inform and interest them? That is the problem which faces us; and that burden it is which we have the temerity or "gall" or "nerve" to take upon us.

A great genius of the Victorian era wrote something about reviewers which we take leave to transcribe:—

"The courage of young critics is prodigious; they clamber up to the judgment-seat, and, with scarce a hesitation, give their opinion upon works the most intricate or profound. Had Macaulay's History or Herschel's Astronomy been put before Pen at this period, he would have looked through the volumes, meditated his opinion over a cigar, and signified his august approval of either author, as if the critic had been their born superior and indulgent master and patron" (Thackeray, "Pendennis," ch. 35).
And so, with this "courage" or effrontery, we take up our volumes, beginning as usual with—

**Alabama.**

Down in Alabama the supply of good men for high office is well-maintained, and the campaign against illiteracy goes bravely on.

We have before us rather a small volume—the reason for the want of bulk will be explained later—containing the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama at its 93rd Annual Convocation, held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Montgomery, on the 1st and 2nd December, 1919.

The Grand High Priest, Joseph Dixon Matlock, presided. We are told that he was born in Arkansas in 1861, was reared on a farm in Texas, and was a schoolmaster in Texas for nine years, after which he entered commercial life, became a bookseller, and moved to Alabama in 1896. He was made a Mason and became a Royal Arch Mason in Texas, but got all his Masonic honours in Alabama. He is active in Masonry and far-advanced in office in all branches of the Fraternity. To quote the concluding words of the biographical note which opens the volume, "He is honoured, respected, and loved by all men of all classes and creeds. He is a prince in Masonry, and has ever exemplified the great principles of Truth, Justice, and Toleration."

The address of this Ruler of the Royal Craft was excellent, both in form and substance. He said that the past year had been one of unprecedented increase in membership, re-organisation of Chapters, and organisation of new Chapters; and the financial condition was never better.

The Grand High Priest was "justly proud of the part our noble Craft has taken in the eradication of illiteracy in this Grand Jurisdiction; and, while the work is not complete, with the continued and combined efforts of Masonry, it soon will be. May God hasten the day when there will not be found one in Alabama, over 10 years of age, who cannot read and write. One of the greatest enemies to civil and religious liberty is ignorance."
Death had not during the year invaded the ranks of the Grand Chapter officers; but two very distinguished Grand Officers of earlier days had passed on.

George Alburtus Joiner, Past Grand Secretary, died on the 8th December, 1918. We noticed his death a year ago. It occurred a few days after the 92nd Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, at which indeed he had been present. He was born in Alabama in 1843; his father, James Harvey Joiner, was Grand High Priest in 1881. In 1864 he graduated from the Confederate Naval Academy, and then, as a naval officer, became a leading participant in the great conflict between North and South. He was one of the officers of the battleship Nashville when paroled at Mobile in 1865.

John Gilbert Smith was Grand High Priest in 1895 and 1896. Born in Georgia in 1838, he led a most active and useful life from his early youth. He was a gallant Confederate soldier, enlisting early and serving with distinction until the surrender of General Lee. He died at his home in Birmingham, Alabama, on the 30th April, 1919.

The Masonic Home of the State, situated in Montgomery, was warmly commended by the Grand High Priest. Capitular Masonry is aiding in the maintenance of the Home to the extent of 25 cents yearly for each member in good standing. Additional voluntary contributions were asked for.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, of which M.E. Comp. Lawrence H. Lee is secretary, is supported by the Grand Chapter of Alabama, which gave $1,000 towards the building fund. The Grand High Priest suggested that each Chapter in the Jurisdiction should become a member of the association.

The Grand High Priest was asked to rule upon the question, "How long must a Master Mason have resided in the Grand Jurisdiction before he can receive the Chapter degrees?" In giving a decision, he said that, in the absence of any law governing a question, it had been the custom for the Grand Chapter to be governed by the laws of the Grand Lodge; and he, therefore, ruled that 12 months' residence was necessary. This decision was approved by the Committee on Masonic Jurispru-
The Committee, however, thought that the question should be settled for the future by a by-law, and recommended the following: "A Master Mason who has resided in this State for 6 months, and who is in good standing, may petition a Chapter for the degrees." This was adopted.

This Committee also approved the recommendation of the Grand High Priest for the appointment of a special committee to codify and harmonize the constitution, by-laws, edicts, and resolutions of the Grand Chapter. The report of the Jurisprudence Committee was adopted, and the special committee appointed.

It is recorded in the minutes of Grand Chapter that M.E. Comp. Lawrence H. Lee, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted his annual report, which was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings—"see Appendix." Turning to the Appendix, we are disappointed to find no report, but merely this note: "On account of professional duties and personal illness, the Correspondent was unable to complete his report in time for the printing of the same in the proceedings; and, much to his regret and that of the Grand Secretary also, we are compelled to go to press without the report."

The Appendix does contain a statistical summary by the Grand Secretary, which speaks eloquently of progress. The total membership of the Chapters on the 15th October, 1919, was 8,136; and the net gain in a year, 1,983. There are now 71 chartered Chapters and 2 under dispensation. Six new Chapters were chartered in 1919 and two charters were restored, while one charter was forfeited.

A significant resolution was adopted: "That a committee of five be appointed, charged with the duty of presenting to this Grand Chapter a plan of procedure whereby the principles of Masonry and American citizenship shall be more thoroughly and efficiently translated into national life in order to promote the welfare and safety and perpetuity of our Republic." We shall look for the report with interest.

John Philip Melvin, Tuscaloosa, Grand High Priest.

George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.
Alberta.

Vigorous and progressive movement characterises the still youthful Grand Chapter of Alberta. The 6th Annual Convocation was held in Calgary on the 10th and 11th March, 1920. From the address of the Grand First Principal, Melvin M. Downey, of Calgary, from the report of the Grand Scribe E., John E. Johnson, of Calgary, and from the various other reports and resolutions found in the proceedings, we take the following items:

At the first Annual Communication in 1915 this Grand Chapter had 7 subordinate Chapters and a total membership of 747. At the end of 1919 it had 24 Chapters with a membership of 2,244. The net gain in membership in 1919 was 333 or 17 per cent.

The financial condition is excellent. All the expenses connected with the formation of the Grand Chapter have been met, and there is a substantial surplus in the treasury.

During 1919 the Grand Z. visited every one of the 24 Chapters at least once—many twice—he made 41 visits in all. When we consider the vast territory, this is a remarkable showing.

Three new Chapters were instituted during the year.

Good feeling and harmony prevailed—there was a total absence of grievances and appeals.

The report of a special committee on Benevolence stated: "Charity being the foundation-stone of our institution, we should be building thereon; having some definite plan to work upon. Masonry as a whole, in Alberta, should have an object, a part of which could be taken care of by Royal Arch Masons as their particular work. The time has arrived for the Alberta Masons to start on a definite plan. We recommend that a committee be appointed to work towards that end with all kindred Masonic bodies. We recommend that we start a fund now by having each Chapter assessed $5 on each fee for exaltation." The report was adopted.

The territory over which the Grand Chapter has
jurisdiction was divided into 5 districts—heretofore there were but 3.

The Grand Z. reported that the Chapters had not been as carefully supervised as they should have been. The work, he said, was good in some Chapters and bad in others. He recommended that the travelling expenses of the Grand Superintendents should be paid; but the committee on the Grand Z.'s address were of opinion that the time for that had not yet arrived; and the committee's report was adopted.

During the recess between sessions of the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, a Convention of Anointed High Priests was organised. M.E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, of Kingston, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was one of the consecrators. He also installed the new officers of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe E. reported that official recognition of the Alberta Grand Chapter had been vouchsafed by all Grand Chapters throughout the world except Pennsylvania and South Carolina, and it was expected that it would very soon be accorded by these two also.

Perhaps the most important matter brought up at this meeting, though as it stands it is rather vague, was thus introduced by the Grand Z. in his address:—

"I am convinced that an institution of so much importance as Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction should assume to itself burdens, take upon itself tasks, justify to itself and to Masonry, as well as to the world, its existence, by contributing to the welfare of mankind. I therefore recommend that this Grand Chapter appoint a committee to consider what in its judgment will be a proper task for the Grand Chapter of Alberta to undertake, and report to this Grand Body at its next Annual Convocation. Further, that this memorial shall bear a title that will, in some way, commemorate Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction."

The committee on the Grand Z.'s address "heartily endorsed the recommendation that this Grand Chapter assume some definite task through which they will be putting into practice the purposes of our Order in some definite, tangible way."
It will be interesting to read the report of the committee next year. Probably a committee was appointed, although it is not set down in the proceedings.

The Appendix contains the report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations and Correspondence. The Committee has three members, of whom Past Grand First Principal S. Y. Taylor is the chief. They adhere to the plan adopted three years ago, with the explanation that the report is, in their judgment, "matter for home consumption," and with the hope "that the Companions may be able readily to find the leading topics, discussed by prominent Masons throughout the world." The selections from the proceedings of other Grand Chapters are made with discernment. A good deal of information and comment in regard to the application for recognition of the recently-formed Grand Chapter of Queensland is collected from various sources; and there are some instructive remarks upon the Order of High Priesthood.

Norman T. Macleod, 308, Seventh Street South, Lethbridge, Grand Z.

John E. Johnson, 633, Fifteenth Avenue West, Calgary, Grand Scribe E.

Arizona.

The tale is a brief one and soon told. Frederick Peter Cruice, Grand High Priest, presided at the 20th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arizona, held at the Masonic Hall in the City of Phoenix on the 11th February, 1920. In his address he said that the year had been one of unusual gains: in round numbers, 100 Companions had been added to the membership of Arizona Chapters. On his visits to subordinate Chapters, he found the fraternal spirit elevating and satisfying. There appear to be 10 active Chapters, with a total membership of 1,013; net gain in a year, 99.

The sum of $100 was appropriated for the benefit of the George Washington Memorial Association.

There is no correspondence report.

Edwin Alvin Hughes, Tombstone, Grand High Priest.

George J. Roskrude, Tucson, Grand Secretary.
Arkansas.

The Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas was held in the Albert Pike Consistory, in the City of Little Rock, on the 20th November, 1919—David I. Mills, of Pine Bluff, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The death of Past Grand High Priest Nathaniel Pendleton Richmond, which occurred on the 28th June, 1919, when he was in his 87th year, was noticed in the address of the ruling Grand High Priest. Companion Pendleton was Grand High Priest in 1905. "He was a zealous Mason and served the Craft, as well as his fellow-men, faithfully and well in his generation."

Companion Mills, opining that "a dormant Chapter in a community is a greater detriment to Royal Arch Masonry than its absence would be," and following out a resolution of the Grand Chapter at its last Convocation, whereby the arrest of the charters of those Chapters which had not been represented in Grand Chapter since 1915 and those which were delinquent in payment of dues was ordered, made an investigation into the condition of several moribund Chapters, and wiped some of them off the roll; others were resuscitated and gave promise for the future. The report of the Grand Secretary showed that 10 Chapters had not made reports nor paid dues for 1919. The total membership—the number of Chapters is not given—on the 1st October, 1919, was 5,426; and the net gain in a year was 334—not a bad showing, considering the drastic measures which had been taken.

The conferring of the Chapter degrees upon the "instalment" plan was reprehended by the Grand High Priest. It appeared that candidates in some Chapters had been allowed to pay their entrance fees in instalments, that is, they received the degrees upon a down-payment and a promise to pay the rest. Naturally, a few never paid at all; and that spelled disaster for the Chapter.

The Grand High Priest had something to say about General Grand Chapter. "It unjustly assumes . . .
authority and prerogatives now enjoyed by and justly belonging to Grand Chapters, and confers the right to admonish and instruct them, and makes that body a court of final resort on all questions of law and ritual. . . . I recommend that this Grand Chapter take such action as may seem proper to protest against the adoption of those sections of the new constitution which seek to curtail the authority of Grand Chapters."

The General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter, Charles N. Rix, who is also a Past Grand High Priest of Arkansas, was present at this Convocation, and signed the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which approved the recommendation of the Grand High Priest as to the constitution of the General Grand Chapter and recommended that the constitution be not adopted by this Grand Chapter. As to the ritual of the General Grand Chapter, the committee recommended "that we do not adopt the same, but adhere to our own ritual." The report was adopted.

The Grand High Priest thought that the time had come for establishing a Home for Aged Masons in Arkansas, and recommended immediate action to that end; but the Jurisprudence Committee, more conservative, "respectfully recommended that we co-operate with the Grand Lodge in a system of paying pensions, and that $500 be appropriated to be donated to the Grand Lodge Pension Fund for this year." This recommendation also was approved.

E. Comp. John Q. Wolf presented the report of the Committee on Correspondence—his first. We do not know whether a correspondence report is altogether new in Arkansas or is a revival. Certainly there has been none for some years. Comp. Wolf modestly thinks that his qualifications for making an interesting report are dubious, but expresses admiration for what he has read in the proceedings of other Grand Chapters, and in a short report (23 pages) reviews the doings of 45 bodies, of which Canada (1919) is one.

Edgar A. McCulloch, Little Rock, Grand High Priest.
John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.
The report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia at its 1st and 2nd Annual Convocations is most welcome to our table. The Grand Chapter was organised on the 18th June, 1919, and the organisation meeting is treated as the 1st Annual Convocation. The volume before us commends itself by its neatness and orderly arrangement.

Harry H. Watson, Grand Z. 1919 and Founder of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia, is presented to us by a portrait and a brief biographical sketch. "Since his admission into Free Masonry," writes an anonymous admirer, perhaps the Grand Scribe E., "M.E. Companion Watson has been identified with every movement for the welfare of the Craft in British Columbia, and has been prominent in all branches of Masonic Work. Largely through his efforts, the Craft in Vancouver owns a commodious and splendidly furnished Temple, free from incumbrance, and accommodating 12 of the 13 Lodges meeting in the city, besides two Chapters of the Royal Arch, a Knights Templar Preceptory, and the various bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. It is also in a great measure due to his energy and to his knowledge of Masonic affairs that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, so recently formed, has already reached a position where the faith of its founders is justified."

We find that H. H. Watson became a Master Mason in 1892, and was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in 1901; Great Prior in 1900; Commander-in-Chief of the Consistory in 1901, and accorded the 33re degree in 1907. In 1909 he was given the honorary rank of Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and is now the representative of that Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, as well as the first Grand Z. of the new Grand Chapter.

At the organisation meeting, which was held in the Vancouver Temple, 12 out of 17 existing Chapters in British Columbia were represented. The Grand Chapter of Canada had met on the previous day, and the following message was sent by wire to M.E. Comp. Watson:
"As requested am pleased to notify you that Grand Chapter of Canada to-day in Annual Convocation unanimously approved of the formation of a Grand Chapter for British Columbia. Wishing you Godspeed. Writing particulars. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E." The meeting unanimously resolved that "a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for British Columbia be now formed." The Chairman (H. H. Watson) then declared "that this is now a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia." Officers were then elected and installed, the Province was divided into four districts, and standing committees were appointed.

The 2nd Annual Convocation was held on the 3rd June, 1920, also in the Masonic Temple, Vancouver.

The Grand Z. elected in 1919, Comp. Watson, was in the Grand East, there was a fairly large attendance, and the proceedings were harmonious.

The address of the Grand Z. included a sketch of the events leading up to the formation of the Grand Chapter. "It was felt," he said, "that a closer intercommunication between our individual Chapters and a Grand Chapter would result in the creation of a deeper interest in Capitular Masonry in this great Western Province." It was the desire of those who guided the movement to proceed with the consent and approval of the Mother Grand Chapter; and so a petition for approval and recognition, signed by the representatives of 16 Chapters, was sent to the Grand Chapter of Canada, which body, as we have seen, gave a ready assent, and made over to the New Grand Chapter the sum of $1,000 "with which to set up our Masonic housekeeping." It was not until after the formation of the Grand Chapter that Columbia Chapter, Victoria, a Chapter upon the register of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, was brought into the fold. "This," said Comp. Watson, "was a task of some delicacy and had to be handled carefully. It is a large Chapter and an old Chapter (1868). Many of its members are amongst the most influential Masons in British Columbia. Some of them are there yet who were active in the formation of the Brand Lodge of British Columbia in 1871. They were justly proud of their allegiance to one of the great Grand Chapters of the world, and happy, contented, and prosperous. Yet such was their
unselfish devotion to the interests of Freemasonry in British Columbia that they too consented to cast in their lot with us . . . In my negotiations with Columbia Chapter, which extended over some months. I agreed to certain conditions . . . (1) They are to retain the name 'Columbia.' (2) They are to be No. 1 on our register. (3) They are to retain and work their present ritual. (4) They retain and use the regalia as worn, and all honours conferred by Columbia Chapter are to be recognised by us. (5) The rank of Past Grand First Principal is to be conferred by this Grand Chapter upon Companions Angus McKeown and Edward E. Leason."

These conditions were ratified and confirmed by the Grand Chapter, and the specified rank was conferred upon the Companions mentioned.

The Grand Z. said that the formation of new Chapters was in contemplation, but consent should not be too readily given. "Dormant Chapters," said he, "must be avoided if possible."

The question of finances was regarded as an important one. The Grand Chapter wisely resolved to hasten slowly. The purchase of official regalia, for instance, was deferred. Kaien Chapter, of Prince Rupert, had sent $100 to Grand Chapter "as a slight token of their loyalty to the governing body." This generous act will perhaps lead other Chapters to follow in the same direction.

The question of restoring the Past Master's Degree, which has not for some years been worked in Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was brought up by the Grand Z. for consideration and was referred to a special committee, "whose duty it shall be to try to secure, as far as possible, uniformity in the work and ceremonies." This Committee was to report at an emergent Convocation of Grand Chapter, to be called not later than three months after the meeting of June, 1920. We have no report of the emergent Convocation, if one was held in September.

R.E. Comp. E. B. Paul, of Victoria, and a member of the Columbia Chapter, was elected Grand Z. and duly installed.
The next Annual Convocation will be held in Victoria.

The Grand Scribe E., R.E. Comp. J. W. Prescott, presented the first report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of which he is apparently the sole member. The report is ably written; it reviews the proceedings of 10 Grand Chapters; Canada (both 1919 and 1920) and New York (1920) receive much attention; more material will doubtless be available in 1921, but a start has been made, and Comp. Prescott gives promise of taking a high place at the Round Table of the Foreign Correspondents.

E. B. Paul, Victoria, Grand Z.
J. W. Prescott, 603, Hastings Street West, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E.

California.

Royal Arch Masonry flourishes in California. May it long continue to flourish. It is said that 1919 was the best year in its history for growth and prosperity. The 108 chartered Chapters showed a net gain in membership of 968; and two Chapters under dispensation brought the numbers up to more than 1,000. The total membership on the 31st January, 1920, was 15,181.

The 66th Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, San Francisco, on the 20th and 21st April, 1920, and was well attended. Among others present were 10 survivors of the San Francisco earthquake and fire of the 18th April, 1906. They were called to the west of the altar and thus addressed by Grand High Priest Elmer Hoover McGowen, who presided in the Grand East:

"Worthy Companions, for the fourteenth time you have appeared west of the altar and been received by this Grand Chapter, as a recognition of the effort you put forth and the thoughts manifested by you on that memorable morning. We trust that it will be your privilege to appear west of our altar at our Grand Convocations many, many times to come. We appreciate deeply the great work you did on that eventful morning, when you held together the threads of our Grand Chapter, and kept the yearly work intact; and we wel-
come you again this morning with the Grand Honours to show our appreciation.” (Grand Honours given.)

The Grand High Priest made a very good address. His definition and illustrations of what he called “Practical Masonry” were excellent. And he referred in graceful and touching words to the death of “that faithful Mason, Past Grand High Priest William Monroe Petrie.” A more extended reference to this veteran of the Royal Craft is made in the memorial pages of the volume of proceedings before us. He was born in 1832, in the State of New York, educated in Waukegan, Illinois, and settled in Sacramento, California, in 1850, where he had ever since lived and prospered in mercantile life. He was interested in public affairs, and high up in all branches of Masonry. He died on the 10th May, 1919—a good man and true.

Much business was transacted at this Convocation, but there is nothing of special moment to dwell upon.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence for the year ending March, 1919, is again signed by Hugh King McKevitt, Chairman, and is again in “topical” form. The introduction is in a way explanatory, and is so well-expressed that we give it in full:—

“The system of reporting the proceedings in topical form, as herein set forth, finds favour with some, while others adhere to the practice of giving a summary of the proceedings of each Jurisdiction, arranging the reports of States in alphabetical form. It has been proven that merit attends both manners of reporting. Compiling the views of all the Grand Jurisdictions by topics and subjects important to Capitular Masonry is undoubtedly valuable to the Masonic student, as are also certain statistics of the growth of membership and the financial condition of the various branches of the great Masonic system. Masonry has passed through a flourishing year. The acacia buds and blooms and bids fair to outdo herself in vigour and beauty. That Masonry is essentially a patriotic American institution is the pulse of all the proceedings. The co-operation given the Government during the war, and the efforts to assist in reconstruction since the armistice, are the key-notes sounded through all the Jurisdictions. Every index points that the coming Capitular year will enrich all of the Grand
Chapters by the salutary influx of increased membership."

The proceedings of 51 Grand Bodies were examined by this able writer, and he made selections from them with excellent discrimination. Among other subjects, a good deal of attention is given to the new and still generally unrecognised Grand Chapter of Queensland and what is known as "The York Rite."

The next Annual Convocation is to be held in Long Beach.

Harry Maundrell, 650, Geary Street, San Francisco, Grand High Priest.

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

**Colorado.**

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are always interesting. The 46th Annual Convocation was held in Denver on the 23rd December, 1920. Grand High Priest Marshall H. Van Fleet, of Alamosa, of whom we gave a short description a year ago, presided, and read the usual address. At the outset he said that the year had been one of great activity and prosperity in all branches of Masonry; and yet a state of unrest and uneasiness had prevailed in the business, social, and political life of the nation. Masons had faith that better judgment would prevail and reconstruction would be along lines for the betterment of all. Shrewdly and wisely he said that the greatest constructive work must be done in the public schools. He invited the assembled Companions to consider not only the business they had met to transact, but "our relation to all humanity."

Two new Chapters had been set to work under dispensation early in 1920, and these were recommended for and granted charters at this Convocation.

The Grand Secretary's report showed 50 Chapters, including the two new ones; total membership at the end of July (1920), 7,192; net gain in a year 593.

The Grand High Priest said that the net gain was larger than in any previous year. He also spoke of the absence of dissensions in the Chapters—there was every indication that peace, harmony, and prosperity prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction.
And the Grand Lecturer, William W. Cooper, P.G.H.P., reported that there had been a considerable revival of activity among the Chapters. This year every Chapter in the Jurisdiction but one had done some work. One Chapter, which had conferred no degrees for 6 consecutive years, had been reasonably busy in 1920.

The Custodians of the work, having considered the new ritual prepared and authorised by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, reported against its adoption by this Grand Chapter, and was sustained by the general body of Companions.

The Committee on Jurisprudence looked unfavourably on the proposed extension of the powers of the General Grand Chapter. They approved the recommendation of the Grand High Priest in that regard; and proposed a resolution instructing Colorado's representatives in the General Grand Chapter to vote against the proposed changes in the constitution. This resolution was carried.

"The soliciting of Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, or Master Masons by Chapter members is strictly prohibited."

This became the law of Royal Arch Masons in Colorado by an amendment to sec. 68 of the by-laws, proposed and adopted at this Convocation. The amendment appears to have been forced upon Grand Chapter by the Grand Lodge of Colorado. In the absence of any explanation—for we have but the bare record of the legislation of Grand Lodge and the proposal and adoption of the amendment in Grand Chapter—we can merely express mild surprise. There may be such a thing as objectionable proselytising or "soliciting;" but, unless Master Masons are to be told by Royal Arch Masons of the benefits to be derived from joining the Order, how are the former to be exalted into the latter? It may be that something turns on the use of the word "soliciting." We should think that if, for instance, the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter called a meeting of Master Masons and addressed to those who attended an exposition of the merits of Royal Arch Masonry, even though he did not, in so many words, invite them to join, he would be "soliciting." But that may not be what is meant.
The successful carrying on of a good work is manifest from the Report of the Masonic Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Committee; the sum of $500 was voted by Grand Chapter to aid in the continuance of the work during the ensuing year.

The Board of Control of the Colorado Soldier Masons' War Relief Fund also presented a report. The fund raised for war relief was a fairly large one—$42,740.03. But of this only about $750 had been expended, and what the Board called "a snug little sum" was on hand. It was recommended that the fund be kept intact for another year or more until all likelihood of its use for disease or rehabilitation shall be past, and then some measure can be adopted to dispose of it equitably and satisfactorily among the contributors. This recommendation was adopted.

We are glad to find our old friend Ernest Le Neve Foster still sitting at the Round Table. He was Grand High Priest as long ago as 1887, and in his brief introduction to his "Report on Correspondence" tells us that it is 37 years since he made his first report and that this is his 33rd. He gives the Capitular World his usual excellent "Digest of Decisions in Proceedings Reviewed," and has a good deal to say about Canada—we are glad to find that it is Canada of 1920. He quotes with evident admiration our own Grand Z. Ponton's eloquent remarks on the "Mission and Ministry of Capitular Masonry," and ends his review of our Grand Chapter thus: "We leave the volume with regret and commend it as of interest to all lovers of the Royal Art." In his general conclusion he most happily expresses an opinion which we have frequently met with in other Grand Chapters:

"We find that the new constitution and ritual of the General Grand Chapter meet with considerable opposition, and doubt much if they will be adopted in 1921 without considerable alteration. The constitution infringes too much on the rights of Grand Chapters, and personally we believe that, unless it is modified, there will be many secessions. The present federation has worked well for years, and is sufficient to unite Royal Arch Masonry under one head, assist in educating north and south, east and west, in understanding one another, and in bringing together the foremost thinkers for the
Craft triennially. The ritual, as amended, has its good points as well as weak ones, but it is better left alone. Certain modifications will creep in, as many Jurisdictions are wedded to their own particular language, and no harm is done by it. It may even be well to assist in the detection of imposters. We say, tinker with it as little as possible."

We must refer briefly to the Grand High Priest elected and installed at this Convocation—Mark B. Gill—of whom we find a portrait and a more than commonly full biography. Sprung from sturdy English ancestors who settled in New England, he himself was born at Henderson, New York, in 1863. He went to Colorado in 1879, and made his home at Fort Morgan, where he engaged in stock-raising with pronounced success. He has occupied various public positions, and has represented his county in the State Legislature. Active in all branches of Masonry, he has so far attained the highest office only in the Grand Chapter. His administration will doubtless be a brilliant one.

Mark B. Gill, Fort Morgan, Grand High Priest.
Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, Grand Secretary.

Columbia (District of)

In opening the 53rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, in the Masonic Temple, Washington, on the 11th February, 1920, the Grand High Priest, Emmett Meador Carter, said: "We are assembled under the most favourable auspices, after a year of unprecedented prosperity, to look forward to another year bright with promise. No echo of the discontent and unrest that is abroad in the land has been heard in our Fraternity, but harmony and goodwill have prevailed at our Convocations and in our relations with other Jurisdiction. . . . The revival in Capitular Masonry which began in 1918 has gathered greatly increased momentum in the year just closed, and the prosperity our Chapters have enjoyed has gone beyond our most optimistic expectations. In the years of stagnation and discouragement through which we passed prior to 1918, we could not have conceived of
the new and vigorous life with which the Chapters were so soon to be blessed. The accessions to our ranks exceed by 75 per cent. those of the preceding record-year, and it was only by the co-operation of the Chapters in the conferring of degrees that they were enabled to accomplish the phenomenal work of exalting 744 candidates."

The Chapters of the city and district—synonymous terms, we understand—did not increase in number, there are still only 13, but each one made a net gain in membership, some small and some large: the total net gain was 660, and the membership stood at the end of 1919 at 4,456.

The work of the year was brought to a whirlwind finish on the 30th December, 1919, when a Royal Arch Celebration was held at the Masonic Temple under the auspices of the High Priests' Association, and degrees were conferred for all the Chapters upon eligible candidates.

The Grand High Priest worked hard during the year; he visited every Chapter, some of the Chapters several times, and stimulated the members into taking an active interest in the completion of the main building of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

The sum of $100 was appropriated as a contribution to the funds of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association.

The special committee on the address of the Grand High Priest considered it a "privilege to have had the opportunity to review the concise and businesslike report of the M.E. Grand High Priest, and to extend to him sincere and hearty congratulations on behalf of this Grand Chapter on the unprecedented progress made by Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year, and to venture the opinion on their own behalf that the unvarying courtesy, the simple dignity, the sterling character, and lovable personality of the M.E. Grand High Priest, have been most important factors in bringing about the highly satisfactory results which are shown by the record."

Emmott Meador Carter was born in Washington in 1873, and has been a life-long resident of his native city. By profession a dentist, he has practised with success,
and has found time to work in all branches of Masonry, but especially in the Royal Arch.

In this Grand Chapter there is a Deputy Grand High Priest as well as a Grand King and a Grand Scribe. We have now for six years been following the fortunes of Companion Roe Fulkerson, who has been slowly climbing the ladder of promotion. Our interest in him arises from our often-expressed admiration for his writings as Correspondent. We find that he has now reached the position of Grand Scribe, but, to our consternation, has abandoned the Round Table of the Correspondents. He has become one kind of a scribe and ceased to be the other kind. In some Grand Chapters the Grand Scribe makes an annual report—not so in the "Deestrict," however. In 1923, if we are spared, we may be able to read Roe Fulkerson's address as Grand High Priest, but in the meantime we must perforce get on without him and his annual contribution to the gayety of Masonry. His gayety is never frivolity, but the sanest sort of sanity. In the following characteristic foreword to his 10th and last (for the present at least) Report of the Committee on Correspondence, which he heads, "The Capitular World, Doings of the Various Grand Chapters," he sounds no note of retirement:

"For the tenth time we pick up Alabama knowing we cannot stop this side of Wyoming. We are looking forward to a lot of war-talk and reconstruction-speculation. We are old enough to recall when a member of the G.A.R. was an heroic figure, then when he was considered a 'blamed old nuisance,' and later when he became the white-haired symbol of patriotism. We expect to read a lot of honour-rolls and later expect to see the A.E.F. also become an annoyance to politicians and office-seekers, but unfortunately will not be here when these husky boys come back into their own as white-haired heroes after having been chastened by the characteristic ingratitude of all republics.

"It has always been our disposition to sit before work and speculate, but the years have taught us that speculation butters no parsnips and that one task done is better than the finest resolution to be industrious."
"Let's get busy."

The doings of 47 Grand Chapters—Canada (1919) is one—are then shrewdly and pleasantly reviewed.

The "Conclusion" contains Fulkerson's valedictory and a greeting to his successor, Past Grand High Priest Jermane, of whom we already know something. Let us hear the conclusion:

"Lend us your ear, lean close and listen, for here is sung the swan song of Roe Fulkerson, correspondence reporter. Here he drops the editorial "we" and says a long farewell to all his greatness.

"Once in my callow youth I was invited to meet a girl who said to the boy friend who was to bring me that she understood 'absolutely scintillated.' He took me and repeated the remark en route, then at every opportunity during the evening he would say sotto voce 'Scintillate, damn you! Scintillate!' It was the saddest evening of my life. A day or two ago one of you Companions at the Round Table called me a 'humourist.' I'm through!

"For ten years I have gone the rounds of the Capitular world, and I am all in. It is getting to be work. Sheridan said that 'easy writing is damned hard reading,' but I insist he was wrong. Hard writing is hard reading, and I feel that I would better quit while the quitting is good.

"Regretting to get out of the game, losing the society and friendship of the other players at the Round Table, I am cashing in. I have lost my whole stack of ideas and this fellow here beside me is Most Excellent Companion William W. Jermane, a Past Grand Master, a Past Grand High Priest, a newspaper man of wide experience, and a blamed good fellow; give him a stack and let him sit in my place.

"Companions, Billy Jermane; Billy, the knights of the goose quill and sitters at the Round Table! Time!"

Frank F. Major, Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C., Grand High Priest.

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

The 122nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was held in the Masonic Temple, Hartford, on the 11th May, 1920, Grand High Priest Ernest F. Sweeny presiding. Among the distinguished visitors present was the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, our own William Nisbet Ponton.

The Grand High Priest in his address noted the deaths during his year of office of two of the Grand Chapter officers, viz.: Justus J. Barthel, of Stamford, Grand Master of the First Veil, who was accidentally killed on the 17th September, 1919; and Grand Chaplain Isaac Newton Phelps, who died of pneumonia at his home in Stamford on the 31st January, 1920. Companion Barthel was born in Germany in 1858. Companion Phelps was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1857. It was not until he was nearly 40 years old that he took Holy Orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church. At the time of his death he was vicar in charge of two chapels attached to St. John's Church, Stamford.

The address was an excellent one; while most of the matters treated of are not of interest to outsiders, the following paragraphs are exceptional: —

"We have every reason for being proud of our Masonic Home—more so now that the new building is completed—and the great mission it is performing. Every branch of Masonry is interested in its welfare and should consider it a pleasure rather than a duty to contribute to its support. Let us not forget.

"While I have found most of the Chapters throughout the State in a healthy and prosperous condition, there are some of the smaller Chapters that complain of the lack of interest shown by the younger members; that it is difficult to get them to take office; and that, in consequence, those who have already passed through the chairs are being re-elected and appointed over and over again. This is not as it should be, but is the fault wholly with the young member?

"I believe that if the High Priests of these Chapters were to give the lectures belonging to the different degrees occasionally and to insist upon the candidates showing suitable proficiency before advancing, instead
of railroading them along so that they can receive the higher degrees, this lack of interest would disappear. Is it not worth trying?"

The report of Grand Secretary George A. Kies showed 40 chartered Chapters, 1,031 exaltations, total membership on the 30th April, 1920, 11,593, and net gain in a year, 778.

The Grand Secretary also presented the Correspondence Report, his 12th, saying that his vanity was flattered by the continued holding up of his discharge from service, and adding that he was "indolently continuing in the same old ruts." His reviews are usually short. We in turn are flattered by a somewhat extended and appreciative notice of Canada (1919).

In conclusion he makes some general remarks which are well worth quoting:—

"The proposed amendments making the General Grand Chapter of the United States a sovereign body, with arbitrary powers, seem to find vehement opposition among most of the Correspondents. We hope and trust this ill-considered scheme will be overwhelmingly rejected in 1921. While in Baltimore in 1918, we talked with a number of prominent Companions from all parts of the United States, and found every one of them positively opposed. Nevertheless, as 'eternal vigilance is the price of liberty,' opponents of this mad scheme should not allow themselves to be caught napping. Let all muster in force and completely squelch this foolishness.

"Several Grand Chapters have abolished the office of Deputy Grand High Priest as a superfluity. The only good reason for retaining it in Connecticut lies in his assistance in inspecting Chapters. But this duty could easily be passed on to the Grand Captain of the Host.

"We append our usual statistical table. A comparison with that of 1919 shows that the Chapters are having their full share of the flood of new members. We sometimes query whether Masonry is not becoming too popular."

Henry R. Tisdale, 360, Broad Street, New London, Grand High Priest.

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

The State is not a large one, and for some years there have been only four Chapters, three at Wilmington and one at Georgetown. It was with natural pride that the Grand High Priest, at the 52nd Annual Convocation, held at Wilmington on the 21st January, 1920, announced that a new Chapter, under dispensation, had been formed at Dover, the capital of the State. This was the realisation of the dream of Grand High Priests for many years. The dispensation was granted in November, 1919, and was continued by Grand Chapter until a later Convocation. The four chartered Chapters expanded greatly during 1919—each one of them showed a gain in membership. The total membership on the 21st January, 1920, was given as 1,760, and the net gain in a year, 230.

The address of the Grand High Priest, W. Frank Sharp, was brief and businesslike. His portrait and Masonic biography are before us. Born in 1872, he did not enter Masonry until 1909. Contrary to what we usually find, his Masonic activities are confined to the blue and the red, and he has held office only in the latter.

Thomas J. Day is again the correspondent or reviewer. The proceedings of 48 Grand Chapters are taken up seriatim and examined with conscientious care by the learned Companion. It is his fourth epistle to the elect—a useful and representative production. Canada (1919) is most judiciously and courteously treated.

George L. Dickerson, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.
Stuart J. Horn, P.O. Box 94, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

England and Wales.

Year after year we notice the proceedings of, not the Grand Chapter, but the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales. No reason for doing so is apparent, unless it be for the purpose of making a courteous acknowledgment of the receipt of certain copies of the minutes of Quarterly Communications, at
which apparently much routine business is transacted and large sums voted to worthy Masonic and other charities. At this time we have before us, in pamphlet form, the minutes of the Quarterly Communications held on the 2nd September, 1919, the 2nd December, 1919, the 2nd March, 1920, the 1st June, 1920, and the 31st August, 1920; also a report of the General Board, dated the 30th November, 1920. At the June Communication, a new Deputy Grand Master was installed—R.W. Bro. Sir Richard Vassar Vassar-Smith, Provincial Grand Master for Gloucester and Herefordshire. H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn is still Grand Master.

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

Florida.

Amidst much that is of purely local interest we find in the report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida for 1920 two or three matters of general importance.

The 74th Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, Jacksonville, on the 18th and 19th May, 1920, and was well-attended.

The Grand High Priest, Companion William V. Carter, presided in the Grand East, and was supported by 15 Past Grand High Priests.

In the Grand High Priest’s address he told, with heartfelt sorrow, of the death on the 29th May, 1919, of Past Grand High Priest James William Boyd, who was born in Kentucky in 1844, fought and was wounded in the civil war, and occupied high positions in all branches of Masonry. He was Grand High Priest in 1890. Death came to him in Miami, Florida, where he had lived since 1905, and where he was highly esteemed for his public spirit and exemplary life.

The Grand Secretary, W. P. Webster, in his report said: “The year has been a very active one. The returns show that 1,163 candidates have been exalted, a number equal to more than one-third of our total membership at the close of the year 1918. We have made a net gain of 1,139 or better than 33\(\frac{1}{3}\) per cent.”
appear to be now 42 subordinate Chapters, five new ones having been instituted under dispensation during 1919. The total membership is 4,499.

The most interesting parts of the proceedings are those referring to the ritual and proposed new constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The record states:

"The motion of Past Grand High Priest Caldwell 'that the ritual as revised by the General Grand Chapter and exemplified by the Grand Chapter Committee on Work be not adopted,' was carried by a unanimous vote, and the Grand Secretary was directed to return the rituals to the General Grand Chapter."

There is no uncertain sound about this, nor about the following report, which was received and adopted:

"Your committee appointed at the last Annual Grand Convocation to examine the proposed new constitution of the General Grand Chapter and to report what action this Grand Chapter should take thereon, respectfully report:

"That it has examined the proposed new constitution, and recommends that this Grand Chapter oppose its adoption.

"It contains a large grant of additional powers in express terms and a possible larger grand in vague terms, which are to be interpreted by the General Grand Chapter itself.

"As an additional reason for adverse action this Grand Chapter has just rejected the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter by a unanimous vote, yet by the new constitution the ritual thus rejected could and would be forced upon us.

"For these reasons we report that this new constitution should not be adopted and that all members of the General Grand Chapter from this Grand Jurisdiction who may be present when the vote is taken be requested to vote against it."

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence, by Ely P. Hubbell, of Bradentown, is a masterpiece. He says, by way of introduction, and truly says, that "it is no light task to review the half hundred or so proceedings and intelligently condense the more important topics to a few lines of space." And there is wisdom in the few
words which follow: "What to us may seem illuminating and instructive to others may appear commonplace and inconsequential."

We find ourselves definitely in agreement with the next paragraph of Companion Hubbell's exordium, and it could not be better expressed:—

"Following out the method which appeals to us and comes within our limitations, this report, as have previous ones, will partake more of the nature of a compilation of the doings of the Grand Chapters and with but little in the way of criticism. Each Grand Body being governed by rules formed by itself, and presided over presumably by those competent to interpret its actions and laws, it would, in our opinion, be impertinent, to say the least, to assume to sit in judgment upon its acts. Our reference to them should not necessarily be taken as either approving or disapproving. Sometimes, when feeling comparatively sure of our position, we have indicated wherein those acts agreed or differed with Florida. In so doing we trust that not only are Florida Companions better informed of what is being done in the Capitular world, but that likewise the readers in other sections may come to know Florida and its customs better and consequently help to right such errors as may creep in. Otherwise this, as well as other like reports, are of little value."

The doings of 50 Grand Chapters, some of them for two years, are described in the report in the manner and with the intent indicated. Canada (1919) is favoured with a review of considerable length and with a few compliments which we hope are deserved.

The reviewer concludes with some shrewd and luminous "Comments."

H. O. Snow, Tampa, Grand High Priest.
Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

Georgia.

We do not quite know what to make of the use of titles by the diligent compilers of the volumes from the United States which we are perusing with pleasure and profit. In the South we naturally expect to meet with Colonels and Majors, but are often disappointed. For
our own part, as we have said in a former treatise, we think that in Masonic writings Masonic titles should in general be the only titles used. We say "in general" because we have a difficulty with Princes, Dukes, Earls, and even Baronets and Knights—whose titles are in effect their names or parts of their names. But that difficulty does not arise in the great republic. We find that even Masonic titles are sparingly used in some volumes; and we are familiar with the doctrine that a Grand High Priest is not Most Excellent Companion Smith, if that be his name, but Companion Smith, Most Excellent Grand High Priest—that the title belongs to the office and not to the man. It is another kind of title, however, which confounds us. Are we to understand that any man of prominence should as a matter of courtesy have the mystic "Hon." prefixed to his name? For five years we have been writing about "Companion Charles L. Bass," of Georgia, or sometimes plain "Charles L. Bass," an esteemed confrère of the Round Table; but now in the volume before us (Georgia, 1920) we find him alluded to on p. 14 as "Rev. Chas. L. Bass, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia." and on p. 25 as "Hon. Chas. L. Bass, Grand Master of Georgia." What are we to make of this?

The 98th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia was held in the convention-hall of Dempsey Hotel, Macon, on the 28th and 29th April, 1920.

The Grand High Priest, Companion Andrew S. Harvey, opened the proceedings with a vigorous address, from which we take the following paragraphs:—

"The new ritual authorised by the General Grand Chapter is, in my opinion, a decided improvement in many important respects upon the old. It simplifies and abbreviates the work, leaving out much that is superfluous, without impairing in the least its beautiful continuity. And one feature that especially commends itself to my favourable consideration is the fact that the 'rough stuff' is all eliminated. So I recommend its adoption by this Grand Body.

"The Grand Chapter should not require her members to leave their own business to come here and give their time and talent to this work, and then have to supplement the expense of the trip out of their own pockets.
The present mileage and per diem are inadequate to meet the actual expenses, so I recommend that the mileage be fixed at $3.50 cents per mile each way and the per diem at $5 per day.

'The simple figures will speak more eloquently and forcibly than any words that I can command. We began the year with a membership of 12,011. We now have 14,191, a net gain of 2,180 members. Our total actual receipts to date, $21,924.65; total yet to be collected, $1,612.50; making a grand total of $23,537.15, or about $9,000 more than has ever been taken in during any previous year in our history.

"As the Centennial anniversary of the Grand Chapter of Georgia is near at hand, and suitable preparation should be made for celebrating, in a fitting manner, this auspicious occasion, I recommend that the incoming Grand High Priest appoint a committee to take the matter under consideration and report back to our next Grand Convocation."

The recommendations were concurred in by Grand Chapter except apparently that relating to mileage and per diem allowance, which was not, so far as the record shows, mentioned in the report of the Finance Committee or elsewhere.

The report of the Grand Secretary is evidently later in date of preparation than the address of the Grand High Priest. The Grand Secretary says that 1919 was the banner year for Capitular Masonry in Georgia, and gives the total membership on the 1st January, 1920, as 15,122, and the net gain in 1919, 3,225. New Chapters were organised during the year, and the charters of some dead Chapters were forfeited. The total number of Chapters is said to be 156.

The Grand High Priest concluded his address with some excellent precepts on Fraternalism and Progress—he believes in an aggressive, militant Masonry—a bulwark against the forces of evil.

Forty-three Grand Chapters are marshalled for review before the keen eye of The Reverend and Honourable Companion Charles L. Bass. Canada (1919) is not forgotten, and of it much that is good is said. The words written at the end of the report, after Wyoming has been reached and passed, are well worth quoting:—
"Once again it has been my pleasure to journey through the fields of Capitular Masonry and see the busy workmen engaged in the noble activities of building and bettering the world about them.

"Two years ago I wrote my report in an army camp. How different then from now. War, cruel war, had raised its fearful front. All about me was preparation for combat and battle. Amid all our hopes and confidence were the fears and uncertainty, the dread and misgivings. Then came the days of conflicts—when I left camp and went 'over there,' the toiling, struggling, fighting—the carnage, suffering, dying. And then the guns ceased, and came the end of fighting and expectant peace. God grant this may be early and final, and lasting, real peace. The American soldier, as always, did his duty, added fresh laurels to the glory of his country and the honour of his home. It is now for the American statesman—not always so faithful—to do his. God grant he may. We repeat, as it came from the heart and lips of an old soldier, and a great one, 'Let us have peace.'

"All over the Capitular world is prosperity. The increase in members and interest has been unprecedented and encouraging. Inspiring patriotism is the bright note of every High Priest in his call to the Royal Craft, and songs of praise and thanksgiving their response. Masons, like our soldiers, will do their duty."

Joseph C. Greenfield, Atlanta, Grand High Priest.
Edgar A. McHan, Grand Secretary.

Idaho.

The proceedings of 1920 are of considerable interest, and are well arranged and well printed upon good paper in a neat volume—a very creditable production for a small and comparatively young Grand Chapter.

It was the 12th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Idaho which was held in the Masonic Temple, Boise, on the 13th and 14th May, 1920. The presiding officer was William Wallin, Grand High Priest. Early in his address he welcomed the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions. These, of course, are actually members of this Grand Chapter, having been named by
foreign Jurisdictions to represent them "near" this
Grand Chapter. Precisely of what use these Grand
Representatives are is a question that has often been
discussed. Companion Wallin seems to think that they
may serve to bind the different Grand Chapters together.
We quote:—
"I would charge you especially to convey to the
Grand High Priests of your various Jurisdictions the
greetings of this Grand Convocation, with wishes for
continued goodwill, prosperity, happiness, and pleasant
relations. There are no fixed duties incumbent upon
the office of Grand Representative, except as they may
be hereafter prescribed by our laws. However, the
office has great possibilities for service, which you may
each individually conceive and work out for the benefit
of the Craft as a whole. No doubt the Grand Repre-
sentative system was intended for the purpose of bring-
ing into closer fraternal communion the various Grand
Jurisdictions. As suggestions along the line of usefulness,
why may not the following be of some value? To get
in touch with the Grand High Priest and Grand Secre-
tary of the Jurisdiction you represent, and offer your
services in any matter they may have for you; to send
a telegram of congratulation at the time of Grand Con-
vocations; to scan the proceedings of your Grand
Jurisdiction and to call to the attention of the Grand
High Priest and the Chairman of our Committee on
Correspondence any matter of peculiar interest that
may prove valuable to your own Jurisdiction; to visit
the Grand Chapter Convocations or the Grand Officers
when you chance to be near them; to take particular
or special interest in a Companion hailing from the
Jurisdiction which you have the honour to represent.
There are so many ways that you 'may have pleasure
and the Craft profit thereby,' if you give the matter a
little thought. You may make much out of this honour-
able office, or you may make little—it is in a great
measure up to you. With these few thoughts I again
bid you a hearty welcome to this Grand Convocation."

The Grand High Priest said that the condition of the
Chapters in the Jurisdiction was in the main healthy.
Some Chapters had been more active than others, but
there had been some activity in all. "The larger Chap-
ters have been extremely busy, and my observation leads to the conclusion that wherever the new ritual promulgated by the General Grand Chapter has been put into use whole-heartedly the best results have been obtained. In my opinion, the new ritual and the committee that prepared it have rendered an inestimable service to the Craft.”

Some details of his visits to subordinate Chapters were given by the Grand High Priest. Much interest attaches to Cyrus Chapter No. 2, at Silver City, for reasons which will appear from the following extracts from the address:—

“Cyrus Chapter was one of the first Chapters organised in the State, and received its charter from the General Grand Chapter. It was instituted and began conferring degrees under dispensation in March, 1870.

“On the day of my visit, Companion J. E. McDonnell, the High Priest, and his son, Robert McDonnell, Captain of the Host, arrived about 9 o’clock by auto from Jordan Valley, Oregon, where they reside, 26 miles distant, and the Chapter was opened and the M.M. degree was conferred upon a candidate from Homeland, some 80 miles away.

“The building in which the Chapter and Blue Lodge meet is the property of the Chapter, perhaps the most pretentious building in the town, with a dancing pavilion occupying the lower floor. The officers’ jewels were made from silver taken out of the Trade Dollar mine, some 10 miles distant, and were fashioned by the town blacksmith many years ago. The paraphernalia and robes are of costly design and material and complete in every particular, the hall is large, and the furnishings have stood the test of time and are attractive to-day.

“The population of Silver City, Idaho, at the height of its glory, was about 3,000, including the surrounding mines. The present population is about 200.

“Only those of us who have ‘seen the glory’ of the pioneer mining camps, in the day of the stage-coach, the dance-hall, the joints, and the gaming table where the sky was the limit, can fully appreciate the then and now. The picturesqueness and romance are gone, and the swagger and what seemed the fascinating life of these early outposts of civilisation are no more forever. In
the midst of all these recollections, and all the sacred memories of grand Masonic gatherings and early pioneers, there was held on the evening of my visit one of the most pleasant fraternal communions I have ever attended."

The death, at Buffalo, New York, on the 22nd January, 1920, of Past Grand High Priest Frank D. Winn was deplored in fitting terms.

The report of Grand Secretary Lewis W. Ensign was a model; it was his 8th and perhaps his last report as Grand Secretary. Following a procedure not without precedent but still unusual, he was elected and installed as Grand High Priest at this Convocation—the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe being continued in office. Companion Ensign's work as Grand Secretary was spoken of in the highest terms by Grand High Priest Wallin. His portrait indicates that he is young and strong both physically and intellectually. Much may be expected of him as Grand High Priest.

No new Chapters were instituted during the year, but one Chapter under dispensation was chartered. There are 21 chartered Chapters, with a total membership of 1,811, and a net gain of 94 since last report. The Grand High Priest called attention to the fact that the period covered by the numerical and financial reports was in fact only 8 months, and said that there had been 265 exaltations since the 1st January, 1920. The explanation appears to be that the year formerly was reckoned from the meeting of the Grand Chapter in May till the next May, but that the Grand Chapter year is in the future to be the calendar year, necessitating, for once only, a short "year" from May to December.

The Grand Secretary having become Grand High Priest, Perry C. Marshall, of Boise, was elected Grand Secretary.

Another change in office and duty was the transfer of the Grand Chaplain, E. Comp. George E. Knepper, of Boise, to the desk of the Fraternal Correspondent; E. Comp. Jacob A. Hiatt, of Coeur d'Alene, becoming Grand Chaplain.

Comp. Knepper's first correspondence report naturally arouses interest. He proceeds in the orthodox, alphabetical fashion, saying something about the pro-
ceedings of each of the 49 Grand Chapters whose reports come to his hands. Canada (1919) receives favourable attention. The work is exceedingly well done. Comp. Knepper is no novice, but a trained and practised writer and a Masonic student of parts.

Lewis E. Ensign, Boise, Grand High Priest.
Perry C. Marshall, Boise, Grand Secretary.

**Illinois.**

Once more we are impressed with the thoroughness and business sagacity with which the affairs of the huge organisation called the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois are conducted.

The 71st Annual Convocation was held in the grand ball-room of La Salle Hotel, Chicago, on the 28th and 29th October, 1920.

The volume containing the proceedings—a large, well-arranged, and well-printed volume—reached our Grand Scribe E.'s office on the 16th December, 1920, only a month and a half after the close of the session. This alone is a sufficient testimonial to the merits of the Illinois Grand Secretary.

Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was a distinguished visitor at this Convocation, and, assuming the gavel, was duly honoured. In response, he made a happy little speech, in which he said, among other things, that the General Grand Chapter consisted "of the culmination of all the States in the Union except Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Texas," and also had directly under its control 12 Chapters in various parts of the world—Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippine Islands, China, South America, the Canal Zone, the Isle of Pines, Cuba, and Porto Rico. The largest body of organised Masonry in the world, it has a membership of more than half a million. The Chief Ruler said that it was not possible for him to visit all the State Grand Chapters nor all the constituent Chapters under his control, but he was doing his best, and was that day with the Royal Arch Masons of Illinois at some personal sacrifice.
The first matter of interest in the address or report of the Grand High Priest of Illinois, Companion Frank Spencer, was the announcement of the death of an illustrious Past Grand High Priest, Joseph Edward Dyas, who died suddenly on the 2nd September, 1920, at Rock Island, where he was attending the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Illinois. Companion Dyas was born in Ireland in 1844, was educated in Canada, studied law in Chicago, and became a successful lawyer in Paris, Illinois, where he first saw Masonic light. He was Grand High Priest of Illinois in 1889-90 and General Grand High Priest 1906-09. "He knew how to serve and how to bestow happiness on others. He knew how to live, and he lived nobly."

The address contained much about inspections and schools of instruction—in reference to these matters we need only say that the system appears to be an excellent one and to be of great benefit to the cause of Masonry.

The Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at Sullivan and the Illinois Masonic Hospital Association were not forgotten in the address, and large money grants were made to both at a later stage of the proceedings.

The sum of $500 was appropriated to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, although the Finance Committee opined that Illinois had already done its full duty in that behalf. In appealing for this institution, the Grand High Priest said that the Washington relics to be housed in the great memorial temple were valued at more than $1,000,000, and the temple, when erected, would "be a constant reminder for all time to come of the falsity of the assertion that Washington was not a Mason."

The Grand High Priest said also that the figures which would be presented by the Grand Secretary were far greater than in any year of the Grand Chapter's existence, but "it is not by figures alone that we wish to be remembered. If in these brief 12 months we have done nothing but add to our membership, then we have laboured in vain. I am sure, however, that such is not the case, but in the performance of our duties we have made better men and citizens, and have been in a great measure instrumental in the uplifting of the community
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and State. If such is the case, we indeed have reason to be proud of our Grand Chapter, and as long as we thus continue its prosperity is assured."

James E. Jeffers, Grand Secretary, reported that the past year had been one of unprecedented prosperity. "The net increase for 1919," said he, "was nearly double that of any previous year, a record which we thought would be difficult to duplicate. The records of the present year, however, show an increase of more than double that of 1919."

The total membership on the 30th June, 1920, was 62,185—the net gain being 9,722. The exaltations numbered 10,735, and the losses otherwise than by death were trifling. There appear to be 215 active constituent Chapters.

The report of the Grand Treasurer, G. W. Curtiss, showed $30,000 invested funds, and a cash balance for the year of $31,208.14, making an addition of about $9,000 to the surplus.

Companion Frederick Dunton Butler, Grand Chaplain, delivered the annual "oration," which was in fact a good, plain talk to Masons about their responsibilities. He asked the question, "What should we stand for?" And answered it by enlarging upon the duties of self-control, loyalty, and faith in God. The speech was enlivened by an anecdote which may be new to some of our readers, as it is to us:—

"A preacher was standing in his pulpit delivering his sermon, when suddenly he noticed up in the gallery his young son. The young hopeful was pelting certain members of the congregation with horse-chestnuts, and as the preacher-father looked up there with a frown, an expression of correction or rebuke, in order that he might catch the eye of the youthful lad, the boy answered to his father's gaze, 'You tend to your preaching, Dad. I'll keep 'em awake.'"

Of Andrew Duff Webb, who was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1920-21, and who is introduced to us by a portrait and a brief biological sketch, it is said that he has "earned and merited the Masonic honours conferred upon him. In every position which he has held, both in Masonic and civil life, he has made good." He was born in 1864, the son of an Illinois pastor,
studied law, practised in Mount Vernon, Illinois, where he still lives, was for 12 years Judge of the County Court of Jefferson County, and is an active Mason of the intellectual type.

Past Grand High Priest E. R. Turnbull presents his second Correspondence Report, to which he writes a thoughtful Masonic introduction. Fifty-four Grand bodies pass in review order before him, and he judiciously selects something of interest about each, pleasantly saying that in his "search for matters of interest and information it has been necessary to read thousands of pages, many of which at first sight are dry as the proverbial desert, yet are only so in the sense that the western mountain meadows in summer, apparently barren, are full of nourishment." Canada—1920 we are glad to see—receives much attention, and very agreeable commendation. We hope we shall not seem ungrateful if we point out that Companion Turnbull, in haste perhaps, has confounded the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec with the humble member of the Grand Chapter of Canada who announced his distinguished presence. We can assure the learned reviewer that there is no Order of High Priesthood in association with the Grand Chapter of Canada, for the very good reason that we have no High Priests, as pointed out by Reviewer Chambers of Quebec, whose remark is quoted by Companion Turnbull himself, at p. 152 of his report.

Andrew Duff Webb, Mount Vernon, Illinois, Grand High Priest.

James E. Jeffers, Springfield, Illinois, Grand Secretary.

Indiana.

One may always count on something out of the ordinary in the Grand Chapter of Indiana. The Annual Convocation held in Indianapolis on the 20th and 21st October, 1920, of which the record is now (January, 1921) before us, was the 75th, and the proceedings included a fitting celebration of the Grand Chapter's Diamond Jubilee. Visitors of distinction were there—Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and Charles A.
Conover, General Grand Secretary. The General Grand Master of the Third Veil, Leon T. Leach, was at home, being a Past Grand High Priest of Indiana: he was received with the honours accorded to the other two.

The volume of proceedings is prefaced by two portraits, those of the presiding Grand High Priest, Fred H. Pocock, and the Grand High Priest elect, Thomas F. Spink. Of these Companions and also of Past Grand High Priest Robert A. Woods, Grand Secretary elect, and Karl F. Bosworth, Grand Royal Arch Captain elect, we have brief biographies, in accordance with a suggestion made by the present writer last year, which is acknowledged by Grand Secretary Woods in his review of "Canada."

We find that Companion Pocock was born in Indiana in 1883, is engaged in general insurance business, and is active in all branches of Masonry; that Companion Spink was born in Indiana in 1865, is a physician (a specialist in Urology and other things), and decidedly a man of mark; that Robert A. Woods, of Princeton, whom we have known and valued for some years as reviewer, and who became Grand Secretary on the death of Calvin W. Prather, was born in Indiana in 1861, is a B.Sc. (Chemistry) of Indiana University, was Grand High Priest in 1897, and reviewer since 1910; and that Companion Bosworth, also a native of Indiana, was born in 1879, is engaged in the timber (or lumber) business, and is on his way to high office in Masonry.

Calvin W. Prather, who died on the 1st August, 1920, had filled the office of Grand Secretary for nearly 19 years. His faithful service, high ideals, and kindly fraternal spirit, are frequently spoken of in various parts of the proceedings, but little is told about his career in life. We take it that he lived in Anderson, Indiana, for we are told that he was a director of the Exchange National Bank of Anderson, and president of the Board of Education, although his official address as Grand Secretary was Indianapolis. He was Grand Secretary not only of the Grand Chapter, but of the Grand Lodge and the Council of Deliberation. His memorialist says that he was recognised as an eminent man and Mason throughout the entire nation.
The address read by M.E. Companion Fred H. Pocock at this 75th Annual Convocation was a good business summary, but contained little to quote or comment upon. He spoke of the steady increase of the membership throughout the whole 75 years and the phenomenal growth during 1919—an unusually eventful year in the history of the Grand Chapter.

One dispensation for a new Chapter had been issued during the year, while two had been refused. The Grand High Priest's opinion was that dispensations for new Chapters in this Jurisdiction should be granted only after the most thorough investigation. "With the coming of the automobile," he said, "and the improvement in the roads over the State, it is no longer necessary to have a number of Chapters in one county in order that all who seek the privileges of the Royal Craft may be accommodated. The maintenance of a Chapter requires the devotion and self-sacrifice of many members, and to maintain a good Chapter requires these qualities in a larger membership than can usually be obtained in the smallest communities." These are wise words. They were approved by Grand Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer's Report for the year ending on the 15th October, 1920, evidenced financial prosperity—a balance of $6,489.85.

The Grand Secretary's report showed 126 active Chapters on the 20th October, 1920; total number of members on the 1st January, 1920, 25,856; net increase in a year, 3,306—by far the largest growth that this Grand Chapter had had in any one year, said the Grand High Priest.

The report of the Grand Inspector, Past Grand High Priest John J. Glendening—his 12th—was full of detailed information regarding the work of the constituent Chapters. "The condition of Capitular Masonry is better than it has ever been before. . . . An improved condition in the work of our Chapters" was manifest, he said. He was at this Convocation appointed Grand Inspector emeritus ad vitam; but the appointment is not to become effective as long as he continues in active service.
"The 75th Anniversary Exercises" are described in the report. There were addresses, mostly of an historical character, and a banquet at which the distinguished visitors already mentioned were among the speakers.

The report of a special committee recommended that the delegates from this Grand Chapter to the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States to be held at Asheville in 1921, "vote against all sections of the draft constitution which propose the assumption of absolute and sovereign powers, and that this Grand Chapter and all other Grand Chapters be left free to carry out their purposes and discharge their duties, each in its own way, without let or hindrance," and also to vote against the proposal to make the convocations biennial instead of triennial. The report was adopted by Grand Chapter.

An interesting report of the Centennial Celebration of Madison Chapter No. 1, the oldest in Indiana, was presented.

Robert Archer Woods, P.G.H.P. and now Grand Secretary, to whom we have already referred, presented his 10th report of the doings of the Capitular world. "Rather uneventful" was his characterisation of the year which had passed since his last review, though the record was one of "unprecedented progress, arising doubtless because of the new outlook upon human affairs occasioned by the world-war." His review covered 58 Jurisdictions, and left nothing to be desired. We are grateful for his very appreciative notice of our proceedings of 1920. With some pride—well justified—he points out that Indiana's addition of 3,306 members in a year places her fifth among the State Grand Chapters in the matter of net annual increases; and her total membership, 25,856, gives her eighth place when populations of State Grand Chapters are compared. Floreat Indiana!

Thomas F. Spink, Washington, Indiana, Grand High Priest.

Robert Archer Woods, Princeton, Indiana, Grand Secretary.
Iowa.

Eugene Schaffter, of Eagle Grove, Grand High Priest, 1918-19, no doubt added to his reputation by the excellent address which he made at the 66th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, in the Masonic Temple, Cedar Falls, on the 9th October, 1919. We find his portrait at the beginning of the volume of proceedings and a sketch of his life in the appendix, towards the end. He was born in Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1864; began active life in 1880 as a newspaper reporter in Paxton, Illinois; and in 1882 went to Eagle Grove, Iowa, where he studied law, was admitted to practise, and has since continued to live and practise. Not Germany, but Switzerland, was the native country of his father. He is a State Senator of Iowa; is deeply interested in history, art, and archaeology, and of course in Masonry. He is high up in all the Masonic Orders, and is a most useful and highly esteemed member of the Craft and of the general community. In the course of his address he said:

"Companions, we must bear our part in this new world. We may no longer cling to the past, but look to the future. We have a great work to do, and if we cannot do it under the old forms we must adopt new ones. The young world is looking to us for guidance. The soldiers are coming to our altars. If our tree is to bear any fruit in these changed conditions, we must meet them with a determination that the time-honoured principles of our Order shall be enlarged to fit the hour."

Companion Schaffter, as recorded in our review of 1920, presided as Deputy Grand High Priest over the Grand Chapter at the Convocation of November, 1918, the then Grand High Priest, Isaac T. Forbes, being at the time seriously ill. Companion Forbes died on the 7th December, 1918, at the age of 66, greatly lamented, for the aim of his life was to help others.

Past Grand High Priest Homer H. Hemenway died in Los Angeles, California, on the 23rd July, 1919. He was born in 1831. In 1858 he settled in Lansing, Iowa, where in 1859 he organised a Blue Lodge, which he had the honour of naming "Evergreen," as he stated in an interesting memorandum written on his 86th birthday.
and filed among the records of that Lodge—Evergreen Lodge, No. 144 on the register of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. He was elected Grand High Priest in 1866 and again in 1867, serving from June, 1866, to October, 1868.

The deaths of the oldest and youngest Past Grand High Priests of Iowa thus occurred in the same Masonic year.

The revised ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter has become, by virtue of sec. 34 of the laws of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, the ritual of the Iowa Jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest decided several knotty points of law during his year of office, and reported his decisions, in law-reporting form. We are sorry to see that the laws of the Iowa Grand Chapter with respect to candidates do not admit of an interpretation favouring relaxation of stringent requirements as to physical perfection.

The membership records are for the calendar year 1918. At the end of that year there were 126 Chapters on the roll, with a total membership of 16,813, the net gain for the year being 525.

It is quite clear that the Grand Chapter is working well and is prosperous and harmonious.

Edward M. Willard, P.G.H.P., whose first report on correspondence we noticed a year ago, is again seated at the Round Table. He is a ready writer and a competent compiler. The proceedings of our Grand Lodge in 1919 are briefly reviewed. The reviewer quotes a sentence from our R.E. Comp. Dunstan’s Report on the Condition of Masonry which is striking and may bear re-repetition: “There cannot have been, is not now, and never will be a period when man has not craved or does not or will not crave for the love and comradeship of his fellow-man.”

Forty-six Grand Chapters are noticed more or less fully by Comp. Willard.

Charles Clyde Hunt, of Cedar Rapids, elected Grand High Priest at the Convocation of 1919, presided at the 67th Annual Convocation, held at Ames on the 14th and 15th October, 1920. We gather impressions of him from a portrait and an excellent biography, the work of Past Grand High Priest George A. Riemcke. Com-
Companion Hunt was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1866, the son of a physician. He went to work early in a factory, but he had an aptitude for study, and read much in his spare hours, put himself through college, became a schoolmaster and afterwards Treasurer of Poweshiek County and a member of the Board of Examiners of County Officers. He is active in all branches of Masonry. A close student, a man of wide reading, an idealist, but intensely practical in his idealism, he is just the man to be head of the Royal Craft in Iowa or elsewhere. His biographer says that he "is a man who accepts no position of honour or trust to which he does not give faithful and conscientious service."

In his address read at this Convocation he said that the year just ended had been a prosperous one in Capitular Masonry, not only by reason of increasing numbers, but also and more especially in the awakened interest on the part of the Companions and Chapters generally. While in a few Chapters there was apathy, the vast majority reported a quickened interest and awakened activity. The Grand High Priest went somewhat fully into the records of the constituent Chapters. Of the 137 which had been chartered by Grand Chapter, 12 were extinct. Dispensations for two new Chapters were granted, which makes the number now 127. But the statistics given by the Grand Secretary are for the calendar year 1919; at the end of that year, 125 Chapters; total membership, 18,229; net increase, 1,416—no doubt the largest growth in the history of the Grand Chapter. Some of the weak Chapters revived during the year, and one of them especially received large accessions to its ranks.

Francis Hanmer Loring, born in 1832, died on the 6th May, 1920; he was Grand High Priest in 1889 and 1890; "an ideal citizen, a wonderful influence in Masonic circles."

The Grand High Priest spoke of his attendance at the second annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. He was impressed with the fact that Masonry had become a united force and that the great purpose of the organisation was to be of service.
An important amendment to the Iowa code, relaxing the rule as to physical perfection, was recommended by the Grand High Priest: "The substitution of artificial parts or limbs for portions of his natural person shall not be a bar, provided such are under practical control of the petitioner." This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which reported as follows: "Your Committee regards the present law in regard to physical qualification in the Chapter as sufficient and recommends no change therein." The report, which was adopted, was signed by the Chairman, Frederick W. Craig, Past Grand High Priest of Iowa, who is also General Grand High Priest.

Another report of the Jurisprudence Committee dealt with a resolution which had been proposed by Companion Bence at the Convocation of 1919. The purpose of the resolution, as the committee viewed it, was to upset and change the present law upon ritual and make a local ritual and have its wording correspond as far as might be with the ritual of the Lodge in this Jurisdiction. "Summing up the whole situation, for the good of Royal Arch Masonry in Iowa, this committee is opposed to again disturbing the work of the Grand Jurisdiction; opposed to returning to the unsettled condition of the work that prevailed for some time prior to 1908; opposed to becoming a Jurisdiction that is isolated, alone, and local in its work. The committee returns the Bence resolution with the recommendation that it be not adopted." The report was adopted by a vote of 87 to 22.

For a specimen of a jocular and perhaps somewhat undignified report, we refer to the report of the Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest and Doings of Grand Officers.

There is much more in the volume of proceedings which deserves attention; but we must hasten on to the Correspondence Report, a very able and interesting one, written by Past Grand High Priest Willard, his third, as we understand, though he says it is his fourth. Perhaps he helped Companion Lee with his report of 1917.

"The spirit of co-operation," says Companion Willard in his introduction, "is a wonderful influence to Chapters. Let each Companion do his part, be it ever
so humble. Let not selfishness or personal ambition be
the controlling influence of your labours. Let us just
do the best we can, for there all the honour lies.'" Fifty-five sets of proceedings are reviewed by this industrious and well-skilled Craftsman. When he comes to "Canada 1920," he rejoices in the eloquent address of Grand First Principal Ponton, and expresses most friendly sentiments towards all Canadian Companions.

Charles C. Schrader, Iowa City, Grand High Priest.

Orvis F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.

Ireland.

In this distressful country—it seems almost incredihle—Royal Arch Masonry is more than flourishing, it is at the height of popularity and prosperity. The report of the Grand Registrar of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland for the year 1919 is before us, and the following paragraph, taken therefrom, expresses, no doubt, the simple truth:

"The marvellous prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry during the past four or five years has been well maintained in the year 1919, and a reference to the attached balance-sheet will show that a fresh record in respect to receipts has been attained for the year just closed. The membership of the Chapters naturally depends on the influx of new members in the Craft Lodges; and, as this has been of late of a magnitude unprecedented in the history of Freemasonry in Ireland, the various Chapters throughout the country have benefited by the rising tide, and the returns from all districts tell the same tale of material progress."

The Lord Muskerry, Springfield Castle, Grand King.
H. E. Flavelle, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, Grand Registrar.

Kansas.

In the volume before us, a more than usually full biographical sketch accompanies the portrait of John Appley Ferrell, who was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Kansas in February, 1919, and presided at the 55th Annual Convocation, held in Topeka, on the 15th and 16th March, 1920. This dis-
tinguished Royal Craftsman was born in 1865, in Maries County, Missouri, the son of a minister. He graduated from Valparaiso University, Indiana, as Bachelor of Science and Civil Engineer, and began active life as a teacher or lecturer in mathematics and physics. He was afterwards superintendent of schools in Sedan, Kansas, and while holding that position studied law and was admitted to the Bar. In 1906 he began to practise law in Sedan and still lives and practises there. He is a member of the State Senate and prominent in many walks of life. An affectionate Brother Mason writes of him as follows:—

"A man in stature, being 6 feet in height and large in proportion, he is equipped with an equally strong and well-balanced intellect, which is constantly tuned to the perfect rhythm of his splendid physique. Of a friendly, cheerful, and optimistic disposition, he possesses a keen and analytical mind, and a sterling character which commands the respect of his opponents and endears him to all his friends. Reared in humble but respectable surroundings, he, practically unaided, worked out his own career, raised a splendid family, established himself in his profession and in the hearts of the citizens of his adopted State and city; and, through all the vicissitudes and battles of life, has remained the same cheerful, self-reliant, lovable, sympathetic, clear-sighted, honest man."

The address read by this Ruler of the Craft was, as might be expected, eloquent and forceful. Alluding to the growth of Capitular Masonry in Kansas, he said that the membership at the end of 1919 was 13,460 and the net increase for the year 1,301, adding:—

"This is a splendid showing of the growth of the Craft as to members, and we believe that it also represents an equally splendid growth as to intellectual and moral strength. If we have added 1,301 men to our membership in Kansas who have been imbued with the thought that the great 'object of our search and our labour is Truth, Divine Truth,' we have accomplished a work immeasurable in its results for good in our State and in our nation. We cannot be too thankful for this great increase in our ranks."

"The most urgent need in Capitular Masonry in Kansas," said the Grand High Priest, "is a closer super-
vision;" and he recommended some changes in the by-laws of Grand Chapter which would have the effect of imposing new duties upon the Grand Lecturer under the direction of the Grand High Priest, and of providing compensation to the Grand Lecturer for his work. This recommendation was taken up by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and drafts of changes in the by-laws were made, which, after discussion and some amendments, were adopted by Grand Chapter.

"Pilgrimages" subject to proper restrictions were approved by the Grand High Priest and by Grand Chapter. As we gather, a "Pilgrimage" is a visit made by one Chapter to another at which the work is done by the visiting Chapter; this may sometimes mean that a Chapter is doing its own work in a place other than the place prescribed for it, that is, its own Chapter-room; and that, it seems, requires a dispensation. No dispensation for such a purpose had for many years been granted in Kansas; now dispensations are to be granted under proper restrictions, two of which are that no pilgrimage shall be made for the purpose of conferring any but the three preliminary degrees, and that the place or shrine to which the pilgrimage is made, and in which the work is done, shall be a Masonic Lodge-room or Chapter-room.

We called the Grand High Priest's address an eloquent one. Did not space-limitations forbid, we should give the whole of that portion of his address which deals with patriotic duty, organisation, and class-hatred; but the following three paragraphs must not be withheld:—

"In this nation (a free, neighbourly, democratic people) our enemies are at work organising us into a nation of classes, among whom hatred and strife alone prevail. An internal war of hatred among classes of our people is far more dangerous than a war with a foreign foe.

"Our intelligence and our judgment must save us from this hypocritical anarchy; we must pierce this armour of deception, and discover the real enemy who would lead us into believing that our own brother is our foe and that our Government is our worst enemy.

"You, my Companions, have been taught the lessons of fraternity, honesty, morality, and fidelity; you have
been taught that our mission is the search for Truth. Let not envy, discord, or strife prevail in your councils. When the clouds of hatred, selfishness, and anarchy which are now hovering over our beloved State and nation shall have cleared away (and I have confidence to believe that they will soon go), and the bright sum of truth shall shine upon a fraternal, liberty-loving, and democratic people, may we not have been weighed in the balance and found wanting, may the Royal Craft of Kansas be found to have been 100 per cent. American in our loyalty to our homes, our State, our institutions, our flag, and our nation!"

The death on the 13th April, 1919, at his home in Seattle, Washington, of George C. Kenyon, Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter in 1892, was fittingly recorded by the Grand High Priest and the Committee on Necrology.

The great gain in membership in 1919 was the more remarkable because, as shown by the Grand Secretary's report, the charters of four Chapters were surrendered during the year. In 1920 there were 91 chartered Chapters.

The work of 52 Grand Chapters is reviewed by R.E. Comp. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. Canada (1919) is treated with consideration. The whole report is not long, but is able and judicious.

Joseph D. Fell, Concordia, Grand High Priest.
Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

**Kentucky.**

It is perhaps rather curious that in our last review of Kentucky (1920, p. xlv.) we should have been made to say that the 101st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky was held in 1919, instead of 1918, as was the fact, and that in the same review (p. xlvi.) we try and convict a Kentucky writer or printer for referring to our Convocation of 1918 as 1917. Mistakes will occur, and sometimes they are not the printer's mistakes, as we well know.

The 102nd Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, on the 21st and 22nd
October, 1919, and was well attended. Grand High Priest Sidney S. Pinney, of Mount Sterling, presided, and in his address said:

"We come together under happy auspices. The year has had its trials and misfortunes, but it has been the bearer of good tidings. As we assemble we have cause to congratulate ourselves that the Grand Chapter of Kentucky is stronger than it was last year by over 1,300 Royal Arch Masons. This is the largest growth in any one year in our entire history. These hundreds have joined our solid ranks—the ranks of good citizenship, loyal manhood, and 100 per cent. Americans."

The Grand Secretary's statistics show 61 active Chapters; 11,726 members on the 30th September, 1919; and a net gain of 1,335 in a year.

All the reports show prosperity and progress, as well as harmony.

A special committee was appointed to examine the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter and report to this Grand Chapter at its next Convocation as to the advisability of adopting the aforesaid ritual.

Much attention was given to the two Masonic Homes in Kentucky, the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home and the Old Masons' Home at Shelbyville. Both need additional buildings—dormitories, school-rooms, and infirmaries. The claims of these institutions for aid were pressed upon Royal Arch Masons.

Past Grand High Priest W. W. Clarke, of Owensboro, takes the place of Past Grand High Priest George B. Winslow as correspondent or reviewer. His "Report on the Doings of other Grand Chapters" is in the old style, the Grand Chapters being taken up in turn alphabetically. Companion Clarke is evidently an old hand at the work, for under "California" we find this paragraph in his report:

"The first reports on Correspondence written in topical form were written a quarter of a century ago by Past Grand Master Flowers, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and wonderful reports they were. Some 20 years ago, the writer of this report, as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, wrote some of his reports in that form. A few years
since Brother McElwhimey, of Alabama, adopted that form. While not popular, as a matter of fact, it is the logical form for such reports."

Canada (1919) is among the 29 Grand Chapters whose proceedings are noticed. The reviewer is quite enthusiastic in writing of some of the things which he finds in our little book. We are flattered by his commendation.

Sam K. Veach, Carlisle, Grand High Priest.
G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana.

This Grand Chapter meets early in February, and the financial and statistical returns are for the calendar year. On the 31st December, 1919, there were 44 chartered Chapters and 3 under dispensation, with a total membership of 5,020, showing a net gain of 461 for the year. The three unchartered Chapters were chartered at the Grand Convocation held in the Masonic Temple, New Orleans, on the 3rd and 4th February, 1920.

A particularly lucid and well-worded address was read by Grand High Priest W. M. Washburn, of Monroe.

The tragic death of Past Grand High Priest Gus D. Levy on the 9th May, 1919, was the subject of a touching paragraph in the address and of a report by the Committee on Necrology. He was born at Plaquemine in 1870, and was, therefore, in the prime of his manhood when, on his way from a meeting of a body having some connection with Freemasonry, he was, without warning, shot down by a footpad in a public street in New Orleans. The Grand High Priest alluded to the "wonderful brain" by which Companion Levy "had become master of the secrets of Masonry in its varied branches and which had enabled him to climb step by step the ladder of fame in our mystic circles," "the charming voice which had thrilled so many seekers after Masonic knowledge with its calm utterance of the truths they sought," and "the friendly hand which had reached out so often to a needy Companion." Companion Levy was Grand High Priest in 1909
Speaking of the state of the Order in Louisiana, the Grand High Priest said that the Chapters, as a rule, were in healthy condition and steadily increasing in membership; but there were exceptions, and he found an alarming lethargy among Chapter members. The remarks which follow are so true and of such general application that we quote them in full:

"The degrees, I believe, are often simply taken as stepping stones to the Commandery and thence on to the Shrine, and after taking them the beautiful lessons and rules for moral and spiritual betterment are unheeded and soon forgotten. This condition is to be deplored; and, as a means of overcoming it, I suggest that the work be not confined to the ritualistic opening and closing and conferring degrees, but that discussions as to the meaning and teachings of the work and the historical incidents connected with it be held at each meeting, or that lectures be given along that line by the better informed members, or invited guests. Let us better understand why we are Royal Arch Masons and by being such what we have gained. I would further urge that the ritual be memorised and all ciphers or codes be excluded from the Chapter. We certainly cannot expect to impress a candidate by reading the work from a book in the same degree as if delivered orally and forcefully by an officer knowing his words and speaking them with confidence and fervour."

The Grand Chapter was invited to consider the question of adopting the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter; and the Committee on Work, after due consideration, recommended the acceptance of this ritual as "the basis for our Capitular ceremonies." The report of the committee was adopted.

The new constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which will come up for acceptance or rejection at the Triennial Convocation in 1921, was discussed at considerable length by the Grand High Priest, although he said that no action was necessary or advisable until the Louisiana Convocation of 1921. We have not seen a clearer exposition of the subject, and we quote again from the address of Grand High Priest Washburn:

"The points that may be urged against its adoption are: that it means a surrender of the sovereignty of each
State Grand Chapter; that we surrender the right to make our own laws without interference or criticism; that we become subject to admonition and instruction from the General Grand Chapter; that all questions of Capitular Masonry that may arise between different Grand Chapters shall be settled by the General Grand Chapter, which acts as a final arbiter and court of final resort; that the ritual of the General Grand Chapter must be used whether we approve of it or not; that the General Grand Chapter has the right to fix the dues of Grand Chapters to be paid to it.

"The arguments in favour of the new constitution are: that it provides uniformity of customs, usages, and ritual throughout the country; that it is a strong, compact body with centralised government, capable of taking action on matters affecting the Royal Craft as a whole; that it establishes a court of final resort to settle any disputes arising between Grand Chapters, thus furnishing means of disposing of such disputes rather than have them continue as open sores and causes of dissension; that the authority over Grand Chapters is limited, and it has no power to suspend their proceedings nor entertain complaints of individuals or of constituent Chapters of the State Grand Chapters.

"It seems to me that the points in favour of the new constitution are greater than those in opposition. It is true that we surrender some of our prerogatives in accepting it, and in that sense it may be said that we lose our sovereignty. The Grand Chapter of Texas does not acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Chapter and is sovereign in itself; just as is the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. It makes its own laws, its own ritual, and its own rules of conduct, but is it a gainer or loser by this exclusiveness?"

Herman C. Duncan, P.G.H.P., Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, briefly reviews the proceedings of 50 Grand Chapters. Canada is not one of these, but Alberta, Nova Scotia, and Quebec are included.

John W. Armstrong, Welsh, Grand High Priest.

John A. Davilla, Room 301, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.
Maine.

The list of distinguished dead in the Maine Jurisdiction in 1919 is a long one: Manley Greenleaf Trask, Grand High Priest in 1885; Clifford J. Pattee, Grand High Priest in 1918; Judson Boardman Dunbar, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1892-3; Herbert Harris, Grand King in 1903; George W. McClain, Grand Scribe in 1906; and James H. Witherell, Grand Scribe in 1915. The death of Comp. Pattee, a few months after he had laid down the sceptre of the Grand High Priest, was a great blow to the Grand Chapter. He was a comparatively young man, having been born in 1874.

His successor, Samuel Benson Furbish, who presided at the 95th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maine, held in Portland on the 4th and 5th May, 1920, was born in the same year, 1874, in Brunswick, Maine. He graduated from Amherst College in 1898; in 1901 he entered the office of the Treasurer of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, as assistant, and since 1913 has been Treasurer of that college, "a position for which," as we are told in a short biography, "he has proven himself most admirably fitted." He is also marked as a devoted student of the Masonic art. During his year of office he visited officially every one of the 65 Chapters in the State, and at all these visits "carried to the Companions new thoughts and ideas connected with Capitular Masonry, gathered by diligent research and study, and imparted interestingly and instructively to his Companions. His administration will pass into history as a most successful one."

In his address Companion Furbish reviewed the events of the year and said: "Taken all in all the past year has been one of great success, and the future is indeed urging us on to greater deeds."

From an excellent summary prepared by the Grand Secretary we give some figures showing the year's success: Chapters enrolled 68, consolidated 3, working 65, represented at this Convocation 57, making returns in time 60; exalted, 1,449; died, 177; members on the 1st April, 1920, 12,660; net increase in a year, 1,208; Grand Chapter receipts, $5,083.39; disbursements, $3,233.44; amount of Charity Fund, $20,089.71; paid in charity from income, $450.
A special committee appointed to consider a proposal to divide the subordinate Chapters into districts recommended that no change be made in the general plan of inspections. The inspecting is done by the principal officers of the Grand Chapter and 4 specially appointed Deputies—7 of the inspectors taking each 8 Chapters and one of them 9. The division or distribution is made each year by the Grand High Priest, who consults the convenience of all the inspecting officers. There is a Grand Lecturer, but his duties seem to be confined to Schools of Instruction, which are regularly held.

Past Grand High Priest Thomas H. Bodge, in presenting his Report on Fraternal Correspondence, "completed and ready in bound form," made an interesting statement of his view of the function and scope of such a report. Different opinions have been expressed by other writers, as we have noted from time to time. We give Companion Bodge's own words:—

"I have endeavoured to make such abstracts from the proceedings of the 53 Grand Jurisdictions reviewed as will give you the best idea of what is going on in the Capitular world, and to comment in the manner that will best present our position when our customs differ from those of others. I do not advance my opinions as irrevocably and absolutely the undivided opinion of all Royal Arch Masons in Maine, but I intend correctly to state our laws in all comments where law and customs are being debated. Should any find cause to disagree with me, it will be esteemed a favour if he will speak or write to me, that we may come to a proper understanding."

We may say that the same practice of having the report completed and ready, in bound form, for distribution at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, is followed in the Grand Chapter of Canada, though we may hazard a guess that it is not the general or usual custom in Grand Chapters which have a correspondence reports.

Companion Bodge has spared no pains with his report, and no better one has come to our table. The proceedings of our Grand Lodge in 1919 have not failed to interest the reviewer. He makes several quotations and comments. Reading that "for distinguished ser-
vices to Grand Chapter the honorary rank of Past Grand Z." was "conferred upon R. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone," the correspondence scribe asks: "Why not elect him Grand Z.? Then he would be a Past Grand Z. indeed." There may be more than one answer to this conundrum; but it will suffice to say that the intention was to honour Companion Malone without imposing heavy duties upon him.

Fred C. Chalmers, Bangor, Grand High Priest.
Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Maryland.

Two Rulers of the Royal Craft are phototyped and described in words for the benefit of the reader in the volume of the Maryland proceedings for 1919.

Oliver C. Warehime, who was born in Maryland in 1859, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest in November, 1918. He lives in Frederick, Maryland, where he formerly published and edited a newspaper. He is now secretary and treasurer of the Mutual Insurance Company of Frederick County and secretary of the Frederick County Agricultural Society. An important and useful man in his own community, he is also a power in Masonry.

Charles Christopher Homer was born in 1870, the grandson of a man of the same name, who came from Germany in his youth and became a successful business man in Baltimore. The present Charles Christopher took his degree in law from the University of Maryland in 1894, was called to the Maryland bar, and began to practise law in Baltimore in the same year. He ceased to practise after a few years, taking up his father's banking interests, and becoming, upon his father's death in 1914, president of the Second National Bank of Baltimore. He is also a director of many other financial institutions and member of many learned societies. He was Grand Master of the Maryland Grand Lodge in 1918, was re-elected in 1919, and was elected Grand High Priest on the 20th November, 1919. "As Grand Master of Masons in Maryland he has demonstrated the possession of those attributes which eminently fit him to be a leader of men."
It is with the address of Grand High Priest Warehime, delivered at the 122nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, in Baltimore, on the 20th November, 1919, that we have to deal. It was at that meeting that Companion Homer was taken, as it were, from the floor of Grand Chapter, not being in the line for advancement, and installed as Grand High Priest.

Companion Warehime made a very good address. He said that the Chapter year closed with greatly aroused interest in Capitular Masonry and noticeable concern in those things that make for advancement and perfection in Masonic life, as well as a significant increase in the numerical strength of the Craft.

Death had been busy among Grand Chapter notables. John H. Miller, for 18 years Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, had succumbed to an attack of pneumonia in January, 1919; and the Grand Chapter was further afflicted by the untimely death of Past Grand High Priest William H. Martin, which occurred in the streets of Baltimore on the 19th February, 1919, the result of a fall; by the death of Past Grand High Priest James F. Allan, who entered into rest at his home in Rockville, Maryland, on the 12th March, 1919; and the demise of Past Grand High Priest Edward R. Trippe, who passed to his reward on the 28th July, 1919, at his home in Easton, Maryland, where for some time previous to his death he awaited, with calmness and fortitude, the final summons.

The Grand Lecturer, Warren S. Seipps, who had filled the office acceptably for 8 years, declared himself unable to continue to perform the duties; nevertheless he was re-appointed Grand Lecturer, and his name appears among the officers for 1919-1920, both as Grand Master of the 2nd Veil and as Grand Lecturer.

The place of Comp. Miller as Grand Secretary was temporarily filled by the appointment of Companion Charles P. Morningstar, who performed the duties of the office until this Convocation, when Past Grand High Priest Gustave A. Eitel was regularly elected and installed as Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest visited every one of the 24 subordinate Chapters of the Jurisdiction.
The annual returns from these Chapters showed that the condition of Capitular Masonry in Maryland was excellent. At the beginning of the year the total membership was 4,767. There were exalted during the year 924, affiliated 25, reinstated 3, a total of 952. Deducting the losses by death and by other causes, the membership at the time of the meeting was 5,590, which indicates a net increase of 823.

The Grand Chapter expressed its firm determination to adhere to the ritual which had been in use for many years in Maryland—the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter was before the meeting, but its adoption was not favoured.

The new officers were installed by M.E. Comp. George E. Corson, Past General Grand High Priest.

The printed Report on Correspondence was distributed in pamphlet form among the Companions.

This report was prepared by Companion Henry Branch, a Doctor of Divinity, with whose previous judicious reviews we have made ourselves familiar. He has compressed his account of the doings of 47 Grand bodies into 72 pages. Canada (1919), to which a page and a half is appropriated, has no reason to feel neglected. Indeed Comp. Branch, after quoting from the address of Grand First Principal Gorrell and from Companion Dunstan's Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, wishes "to recognise the high aim and inspiration of these addresses and reports."

Last year we have no volume from Maryland, but in 1919 we had two, 1917 and 1918. We have hopes of 1920 before we go to press.

Charles C. Homer, Second National Bank, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.

Gustav A. Eitel, Masonic Temple, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts.

The proceedings of 1918 in some way escaped us. In 1919 we reviewed the proceedings of 1917 and now (1921) we have the proceedings in 1919 of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and find the same progress and prosperity there as in other parts of the Capitular world.
At the first Quarterly Convocation of 1919, held on the 11th March, in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston, Grand High Priest John J. Van Valkenburgh presided.

In the report of the Committee on the address of Grand High Priest Arthur D. Prince, the immediate predecessor of the presiding officer, we find a reference to the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States and "the proposed change in the general regulations by which the General Grand Chapter assumes supreme authority over all forms, ceremonies, and rituals." A special committee, consisting of all the Past Grand High Priests of Massachusetts, was appointed to consider the proposed new constitution and report its findings to this Grand Chapter.

Another committee appointed to consider ways and means of increasing the revenue of this Grand Chapter found that the present revenue received from the subordinate Chapters was not sufficient to meet the running expenses of the Grand body. They recommended an assessment of 10 cents per annum on every affiliated Royal Arch Mason within the Jurisdiction, to be paid by the several Chapters when making their annual returns. This was adopted.

The second Quarterly Convocation was held in the same place, on the 10th June, 1919. Here we find nothing to interest outsiders unless it be the closing statement: "The Companions then repaired to the banquet-hall, where the enjoyment of the evening terminated."

The same may be said of the third Quarterly Convocation, on the 9th September, 1919, whereat "the customary dinner followed."

At all these Quarterly Convocations, at two Special Convocations held for the purpose of constituting new Chapters, and at the Annual Convocation, held on the 9th December, 1919, Grand High Priest Van Valkenburgh presided.

At the Annual Convocation a memorial of R.E. Comp. William Edward Livingston, one of Lowell's prominent business men, and Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts in 1890, was read. He died in Lowell in July, 1919, having been born there in 1832.
The address of Grand High Priest Van Valkenburgh was a good one. He said that the increased growth of Capitular Masonry in Massachusetts during the year had been remarkable, and that nothing had occurred to mar the harmony which had so long prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction. The total membership on the 31st August, 1919, of the 85 constituent Chapters, was 28,037, and the net gain in the year was 1,212. This increase was nearly three times that of the preceding year. We take leave to quote the eminently sane and thoroughly Masonic remarks with which the Grand High Priest concluded his address:—

"But, Companions, an increased membership is not so much to be desired and sought for as an increased interest and activity in performing the duties incumbent on us as Royal Arch Masons. Masonry has a definite, positive, and serious purpose, and that purpose is manifest in the lessons of each degree. The real genius of Masonry is to help others, and the addition to our membership of one Companion who will adopt that principle and make it the ruling motive of his daily life is worth much more to Capitular Masonry than the addition of a much larger number who may seek the degrees for personal benefit or sociability. I believe in sociability, Companions, and would encourage it in every reasonable way, but I would not have it the most prominent feature of our gatherings. Let it always be secondary to the real intent and meaning of Masonry. Let it be an auxiliary in bringing Companions together that they may better understand the sublime teachings of Masonry, with the hope that that understanding will develope in every one of us thoughts that will lead to nobler and better lives, which will be richer in service and in making a reality of a true Universal Brotherhood of Man."

The "Capitular Review of Proceedings Received to December 1, 1919," by Frederick T. Comee, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary, includes 47 Grand Chapters, of which Canada (1919) is one. The reviewer does not often express his own opinions, but when he does state his views there can be no mistake about them. Under Wyoming, speaking of the proposed new constitution of
the General Grand Chapter of the United States, he says:—

"I am somewhat alarmed about the effect the adoption of that constitution would have on the General Grand Body, as I know its adoption would displace perfect harmony and peace and substitute discontent and discord if not withdrawal of some Grand Chapters. . . . This is a fair expression of the opinion of the General Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and I believe the same opinion is held in some other Jurisdictions."

John J. Van Valkenburgh, Framingham, Grand High Priest.

Frederick T. Comee, Masonic Temple, Boston, Grand Secretary.

**Michigan.**

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are, as usual, highly interesting. The 72nd Annual Convocation was held in Saginaw on the 18th and 19th May, 1920; George William Leedle, Grand High Priest, presiding.

This eminent Mason was born on a farm near Fowlerville, Michigan, in 1871. He worked on the farm, attended school, and taught school until 1893, when he began to learn the retail hardware business. He settled in Marshall, Michigan, achieved success in business, has been Mayor of Marshall, and is of course an active Craftsman.

Among several distinguished visitors at this Convocation was Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The notables whose deaths were recorded at this Convocation included the Deputy Grand High Priest, Frank Hawley Williams, of Detroit, and Charles Milan Norton, of Lansing, who was Grand High Priest in 1898.

Grand High Priest Leedle in his address said that the past year had been a very prosperous one in all branches of Masonry. Capitular Masonry had far outdone any previous year. The records showed that 3,814 Brethren had been exalted, that there were now 30,961 Royal Arch Masons in Michigan, and that the net gain for the
year was 3,201. At this Convocation three Chapters under dispensation were chartered, making the number of chartered Chapters 158. One Chapter had 278 exaltations. Only 5 did not work at all.

The address contained a businesslike account of the Grand High Priest's official acts. He said that the past year had been one of the most enjoyable of his life, and he dwelt upon the kindness and good-fellowship which were everywhere manifest.

John H. Kingsley, P.G.H.P., presented an excellent report as Grand Lecturer. He has retired from that office, and has been succeeded by George William Leedle, now the Immediate Past Grand High Priest.

The widely-known Grand Secretary of the Michigan Grand Chapter and of the General Grand Chapter, Charles A. Conover, made a report in his capacity of Committee on Correspondence. He gave his blessing to the newly formed Grand Chapter of British Columbia, and withheld it for the present from that of Queensland. His report was adopted.

That is one function of this committee. Another is to review the proceedings of sister Grand Chapters. But, as we noted a year ago, the review has been discontinued by this Grand Chapter. Is Charlie Conover's occupation gone? Not a bit of it. He reverts to his famous scrap-book and produces a remarkable article, or collection of articles, on "The Mason's Mark and the Mark Master Mason Degree," which is printed in the appendix to the proceedings for 1920, and is a very valuable contribution to Masonic literature. By way of postscript he says, inter alia:—

"I believe no degree in Masonry is more pregnant with truths, lessons, and instructions than the degree of Mark Master Mason. Its antiquity is unquestioned, and its speculative lessons are unsurpassed. I sincerely hope that the members of the Capitular Craft in Michigan may devote more time to the reading and study of this intensely interesting and highly profitable subject."

Charles J. Gray, Petoskey, Grand High Priest.
Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.
Minnesota,

George M. Stowe, of Wadena, Grand High Priest for the year 1918-19, presided at the 58th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, held in St. Paul, on the 14th October, 1919. We have in the volume of proceedings a portrait of this distinguished Mason, but no biography; and so we turn to the admirable address which he read at this Convocation, and find him strongly urging the duty of loyalty and support of constituted authority.

On the afternoon of Sunday the 22nd June, 1919, a terrible cyclone swept over a part of Minnesota, and visited Fergus Falls about 4.30 p.m. Alonzo Brandenburg, a resident of Fergus Falls, who was Grand Master of Minnesota Masons in 1900 and Grand High Priest in 1890, was one of the victims. He was on his way to his own house when the storm came upon him; he sought shelter in front of the Grand Hotel, where he was caught beneath the débris when that building was wrecked by the cyclone. He was born in 1849, and so had entered upon his 71st year when death came to him in this tragic shape. Of this slain veteran, the Grand High Priest wrote:—

"Our lamented Companion was a man of splendid character and sterling qualities, broad-minded, affable, courteous, and kind. He had opinions of his own and courage of purpose to maintain them, but was ever ready to listen to the opinions of others. His conduct in life was dictated by the highest and most worthy motives. He was a companionable and lovable man, and his presence will be sadly missed from our councils, of which he was a regular attendant, and where he made his presence felt."

Minnesota was grievously afflicted in 1919. There was the cyclone in June; and in October the villages of Cloquet and Moose Lake were laid waste by forest fires. Much was done for the sufferers from both calamities by the Masons of the State—the Royal Arch Masons taking a leading part. The Masonic Temple at Cloquet was destroyed; and Masons throughout the State were invited to aid in rebuilding it.
The Masonic Home, for which a site had been purchased, was commended to the liberality of all Royal Craftsmen.

Notwithstanding the handicap for the first three months of the Chapter year, on account of the epidemic of influenza, the returns showed a material increase in both members and finances. During the year there had been 815 exaltations in the 77 Chapters, and the total membership at the end of the year was 10,935, the net gain being 505. About $1,000 had been added to the cash assets, which amounted in round figures to $25,000.

The sum of $3,000 was appropriated to the Masonic Home.

The "Foreign Correspondence" Report, by Comp. Irving Todd, of Hastings, deals with the doings of 52 Grand Chapters, including the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Quoting secs. 10, 13, and 14 of the proposed new constitution of the General Grand Chapter, which purport to give it some new powers, the reviewer opines:

"If this unlimited accession of supreme power is voted at the next triennial, the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Texas are likely to have plenty of company.

"In order to make it easier to receive the title of General Grand High Priest, the Committee proposes to abolish the office of Deputy, to begin the voting with Royal Arch Captain, and to hold biennial Convocations. The objection to the latter is a 50 per cent. increase in expense. Many thousands of dollars are now wasted by the Craft in the towns where the sessions are held and by the Grand Chapters in paying the expenses of their representatives. We have always held that the General Grand Chapter should pay per diem and mileage to one delegate from each State out of its own treasury, and if others want to go it should be at their own cost. In other words, those who dance should pay the fiddler."

The proceedings of our own Grand Chapter in 1919 are admirably summarised. Companion Todd is an adept in condensation.

Ira E. King, Stillwater, Grand High Priest.
John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.
Mississippi.

This Grand Chapter has a penchant for parsons as Grand High Priests, even as our own seems to run to lawyers and doctors. A year ago we recorded the election as Grand High Priest in 1919 of Joseph J. Brooks, of Dublin, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and this year we find that in 1920 a Baptist minister was elected to the same high position.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi held its 72nd Annual Convocation in Vicksburg, on the 26th February, 1920.

The address of Grand High Priest Joseph J. Brooks was a powerful one. We quote the exordium:—

"I rejoice with you that the past year has been a most active one for Mississippi Masons. Men in great numbers are knocking at our doors and asking for a place among us. Thinking men of sound, moral principle are coming to see that a permanent foundation for peace and prosperity, if it ever is established, must be built on the principles of Free and Accepted Masonry. Our teachings are working on the hearts and minds of good men and forming an ever-increasing power for righteousness in this country. The old theory of the power of Commerce and Education and Science to prevent war has been exploded, and men, in looking for means of establishing an enduring peace, recognise that it can be built only on moral character. Our Institution exists to develope, foster, and protect moral character. Ideals of human brotherhood are being dreamed and proposed. For many, many years our Order has been promoting genuine fraternity, and we welcome these national attempts to weld the human race into a law-abiding brotherhood.

"I rejoice with you that the principles of the Masonic fraternity are taking such a firm hold on the minds of our people and that our visions of Brotherhood are being realised. Those who have gone this way before us have wrought nobly. But, my fellow Companions, I look to the future with confidence and see the coming of a new day of democracy and fraternity. I believe that we are in the early morning of our Masonic day, and that the glory of the past is not to be compared with the achieve-
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ment of the future. I charge you to preserve the good name, influence, and power for good of Royal Arch Masonry, and I assure you that in so doing you will work under the plans of the Supreme Architect and with His help."

By the death of Past Grand High Priest Edwin J. Martin, the children of the Mississippi Masonic Home at Meridian lost a good friend. He was Grand Master in 1908 and Grand High Priest in 1909. In 1910 he became Superintendent of the Masonic Home, and held that position up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 24th November, 1919, in New Orleans, where he had been taken a few days before, to undergo an operation. He was born in Mississippi in 1854, and was widely known and highly esteemed.

Frederick Gordon Speed, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council, and Past Grand Recorder of the Knights Templar, of Mississippi, died at his home in Vicksburg, on the 19th October, 1919. He was only 40 years old, having been born in Vicksburg in 1879. He was general manager of a comp- press company, and was active in other spheres of work. His must indeed have been a busy life. The Grand High Priest described him as "genial, efficient, patient, and true."

Our old friend Past Grand High Priest Oliver Lee McKay was appointed Grand Secretary for the remainder of Companion Speed's term, and, it need hardly be said, did his duty well. At this Convocation he was elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing year. His report covered the calendar year 1919, in which there were 813 exaltations; the total membership at the end of the year (63 constituent Chapters) was 5,275, and the net gain, 736.

The Grand Lecturer, Companion W. H. Carter, made a very full and careful report of the year's work. He travelled during the year 10,000 miles, and visited all the Chapters but one. He is evidently a tower of strength to Royal Arch Masonry in his State.

A special committee, after consideration of the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter, reported against its adoption in Mississippi. The report was approved.
The Report of the Committee on Finance recommended that the sum of $6,000 be set aside for the purpose of improvements and repairs to the Masonic Home. The report was adopted.

In the roll of Grand Chapters and addresses of Grand Secretaries, on p. 45 of this 1920 report, we find that George J. Bennett is set down as Grand Secretary (or Grand Scribe E.) of the Grand Chapter of Canada, whereas Henry T. Smith has been Grand Scribe E. for several years.

Martin Ball, who was elected Grand High Priest for the ensuing year, was born in Mississippi in 1850. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and, as we have said, a Baptist minister; he is in charge of a congregation at Clarksdale. (Portrait and biographical sketch.)

Oliver Lee McKay, Past Grand High Priest and now Grand Secretary, presents his 11th Annual Report on Foreign Correspondence. The doings of 48 Grand Chapters are described very fully and with discrimination. Under "Canada" (1919) he writes:—

"We have always admired and felt very close to our Companions of the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada, 'our neighbours of the North,' but since the World War, in which the blood of the 'Yankee doughboy,' mingling with that of his Canadian comrades, bathed the beautiful valleys of France, 'on Flanders fields where poppies grow,' in defence of universal democracy and the liberties of the nations of the world, we know, as the blood pulsates in our veins with patriotic fervour, that we are, indeed, Brethren and Companions, with a common heritage and a common destiny. God grant that it may ever be so."

Companion McKay's graceful "Conclusion" may also be given:—

"A careful review of the Capitular field reveals little out of the ordinary routine, and an unanimity of opinion quite refreshing. So much so that there remains no cause for argument—a very fortunate condition indeed, reflecting, as it does, that harmony which is the strength and support of all institutions, particularly that of ours."
"In this frame of mind, I greet you and extend to you and the Companions of the Guild assurances of continued fraternal regard."

The Rev. Martin Ball, Clarksdale, Grand High Priest.

Oliver Lee McKay, Meridian, Grand Secretary.

Missouri.

In the volume now before us—the Official Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri at its 74th Annual Convocation, held in St. Louis, on the 27th and 28th April, 1920—there is much that is interesting and important and a good deal that is novel.

Ray Vaughn Denslow, Grand High Priest for 1919-1920, interested us as soon as we saw his phototype in the front of the volume, for youth and vigour were instinct in the lineaments presented; and, on turning to an unusually full biographical sketch which, not without some difficulty, we found about the middle of the book, we learned that he was born in 1885, and so, on the date of his election and installation, had not reached the middle point of the journey of life. He is a native Missourian, of New England (and indeed Old England) ancestry. He has been a soldier, a business man, and the editor of a newspaper, and is now Assistant Postmaster of the City of Trenton, in which he settled in 1909. He lost no time in becoming a Mason, for he was initiated in 1906, and exalted in the same year. He was made High Priest of Trenton Chapter in 1909, and took office in Grand Chapter in 1912. His advancement in the other branches of Masonry has been concurrent. His biographer, Past Grand High Priest David M. Wilson, writes:—

"Whatever our Companion finds to do, he does with his might. Companionable, enthusiastic, and tactful, he not only works himself, but has the happy faculty of surrounding himself with others as willing to work as he is. When he moved to Trenton, the Chapter there had only 88 members; now it has 289. It is as well equipped to confer degrees as any Chapter in the State. He has carried his enthusiasm into the year just closed. His visitations have equalled, if not exceeded, those of
any of his predecessors, and the record he has made has been a most splendid one. He has a brilliant future before him."

William F. Kuhn, who was Grand High Priest of Missouri in 1897, and is now Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was received as a distinguished visitor at this Convocation.

The address read by Companion Denslow was an inspiring one. He insisted on the necessity for progress in ideals and in service, and finely said that Masonry had "a power which, if properly bridled and controlled, would prove a real stabiliser in this world of economic unrest."

Proceeding to consider the condition of the Royal Craft, he said:—

"Never was Royal Arch Masonry in a more flourishing condition than it is to-day; never, so far as I can learn, has there been manifest the interest, the zeal, the desire to do better work, than there has been in the past year, for the year just closed shows that the Chapters of Missouri exalted 3,741 candidates—more than two and one-half times that of any previous year. The net gain was 3,322, while the total membership on the 31st December, 1919, was 21,097.

"Unfortunately, there are in Missouri a few Chapters 'which toil not, neither do they spin,' but rather keep other Chapters from toiling, in that they retain jurisdiction over a territory rich in Masonic material. Charters were once scattered broadcast over Missouri as so many handbills, and the Grand Chapter of Missouri is even yet reaping the rewards of its generosity. Dead Chapters are only so much poison, which creeps into the whole system, leaving its poison everywhere. Whether it is best to let them rest in peace and erect their own tombstone, or take from them the only evidence of their existence—their charters—is a question which is soon going to occupy the attention of this Grand Chapter."

The growth is most remarkable. It appears that there are 109 Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

The list of distinguished dead included M.E. Companions Martin Toner Balsley and Nathan J. Swetland,
who respectively enjoyed the office of Grand High Priest in 1914 and 1905.

The Grand High Priest asked the Grand Chapter to support two institutions which are new to us—the Acacia Fraternity and the Order of De Molay. It may interest our readers to learn something about these two societies, and so we give the words used by the Most Excellent in presenting their claims:

"Most of the members of the Grand Chapter are familiar with the conditions which exist at the University of Missouri. For that reason I shall not go into detail, but only suggest that the members of the Acacia Fraternity, a national organisation of Freemasons who are students at that institution, are endeavouring to erect a dormitory to house its members, the cost of which has been estimated at $200,000. I believe in the duty and privilege of every Freemason—and of every Masonic body—to become sustaining members of this 'proposition,' and I therefore recommend that this Grand Chapter go on record by making a substantial donation to so worthy a cause; although there are more than 100 Freemasons in attendance at the University, the present rented quarters will not accommodate one-third of the members, handicapping their work."

"During the past year, several of the Brethren of the Scottish Rite in Kansas City fostered an organisation of young men between the ages of 16 and 21, giving them the use of their rooms under legitimate restrictions. This organisation grew so fast and became so popular that Excellent Companion Frank Marshall, of Westport Chapter, was asked to prepare a ritual for the Order. It is called the Order of DeMolay, and already a number of Chapters have been organised, fostered by both York and Scottish Rite bodies. I want to recommend the work of this Order to the Capitular Freemasons of Missouri and urge that every Chapter of consequence take the lead in organising Chapters in their territory. I have never known a time when the young men of our country needed the advice, help, and support of their elders more than now, and I firmly believe that such an organisation as I know this to be, properly supervised, may become a credit to our Order and possibly lead many young men to lives of usefulness and honour."
The Grand High Priest also urged the Grand Chapter to become a member of the Masonic Temple Association of St. Louis. A new Masonic Temple is in contemplation, and Grand Chapter, if it becomes a member, may find quarters therein for its officers and for its Convocations.

Grand Treasurer George Coslow showed large cash assets and more than $200,000 invested.

Sedalia, a city in the centre of the State, invited the Grand Chapter to meet there in 1921, and it was so ordered.

The Grand Lecturer, Companion George C. Marquis, reported that "Festivals," continuing through several days, during which all degrees of the various Masonic bodies were conferred, had proved very popular, were of great benefit, and should be encouraged.

The following report of a special committee was adopted by Grand Chapter:

"Your committee has carefully read the proposed constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, U.S.A., and beg leave to report: Since this document would, if adopted, give to the General Grand Chapter despotic power over the ritual, ceremonial, constitution, laws, and methods of procedure of the constituent Grand Chapters, and their subordinate Chapters, your committee recommends that this Grand Chapter go on record as emphatically disapproving this proposed constitution."

There is nothing uncertain about this.

Another special committee recommended that the ritual of the General Grand Chapter should not be adopted by the Missouri Grand Chapter; nevertheless the ritual was adopted by an overwhelming majority upon a vote of the Grand Chapter being taken.

It was determined by vote that the Grand Chapter should become an active member of the St. Louis Masonic Temple Association and should make an annual payment of $3,000 for 15 years.

We do not find in the proceedings that any action was taken in regard to the Acacia Fraternity, the Order of De Molay, or "Festivals."

A great deal may be learned from the Report on Fraternal Correspondence, prepared with consummate
skill and great care by John Henderson Miller, Fraternal Correspondent. We have had occasion to remark upon his work in former reports. In his preface or introduction he gives a list of 40 Chapters which have very large membership rolls. The largest is Lincoln Park Chapter, Chicago, Illinois, which actually has 2,906 members!

Canada (1919) is one of the 47 Grand Chapters whose proceedings are reviewed by Companion Miller. The review is quite lengthy and is both appreciative and discriminating.

Companion Miller has a liking for statistics. In his conclusion he gives a list of 10 Grand Chapters which have memberships of at least 20,000. Illinois is the largest, with 52,463, and Canada the smallest of the 10, with 20,404—but we have grown "some" since 1919, despite the fact that two of our daughters have set up housekeeping for themselves.

The last words written by Comp. Miller in this report sound a note of alarm:

"It is a serious question as to the standing of Chapter members who may have been swept along on the wave of a large class, but who seldom attend the regular Convocations after they are exalted. It looks as if there can be but one explanation, which is a desire to reach degrees which lie beyond the Chapter. Will this prove a menace to the great mission of Royal Arch Masonry?"

This meeting of the Grand Chapter was prefaced by a symphony concert, both vocal and instrumental, in which some of the country's greatest musical artists participated, under the direction of the Grand Organist, E. Comp. Percy B. Eversden. It was a successful effort and much appreciated.

Herbert W. Powers, 1015, Holland Building, St. Louis, Grand High Priest.

Robert F. Stevenson, 911, Locust Street, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

**Nebraska.**

The 53rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska was opened in Omaha on the 10th December, 1919, and continued and closed on the following day. It was noted in the minutes that, owing to the fuel situation, the extremely cold weather, and the annulling
of passenger trains, several of the Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, and representatives, were unable to reach Omaha in time for the meeting, and had wired greetings and regrets. The representatives of 23 of the 53 chartered Chapters were present, however; and, the meeting being thus duly constituted, business was proceeded with.

The first number on the programme was the address of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. William D. Funk, of Bloomfield. He spoke of the peace, goodfellowship, and general prosperity of the Order in Nebraska, and mentioned that that great State had been blessed with an abundant harvest, and the people were generally happy and contented.

The next note was one of sorrow: Past Grand High Priest James Tyler, it was said, "departed this life at his home in Lincoln, Nebraska, on the 1st day of November, 1919. Companion Tyler had been for many years a faithful, active, and leading member of our Royal Craft; having filled the office of Grand High Priest, with ability and distinction, in 1914."

The Grand High Priest took up the question of delinquent dues in the subordinate Chapters. In this regard, he opined, Grand Chapter had no power to do more than advise the subordinate Chapters—had no power to compel the Chapters to suspend members for non-payment. No action apparently was taken by Grand Chapter in regard to this, though it was left open for discussion.

The admirable Masonic Homes of Nebraska were referred to, and the Companions were reminded of their responsibility for the ever-increasing expenses of maintenance.

The 53 Chapters had on the 1st November, 1919, a membership of 6,128. There were 496 exaltations during the year, and a net gain in membership of 374. The statistics are given in the report of Francis E. White, Grand Secretary; and he also supplies some interesting information about the Homes. There are in them 20 men, 18 women, 14 boys, and 18 girls. In addition, 29 Brethren, their widows or orphans, are being assisted at their own homes. The total cost of maintenance in 1918 was $14,308.30, an increase of $1,879.46 over the
previous year. The endowment funds amount to a little more than $150,000.

The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation of $1,500 for 15 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home. This was adopted; and an appropriation of $500 for 10 shares of the stock of the Nebraska Eastern Star Home was, upon motion, added.

A good deal of business was transacted, to which it is unnecessary to refer.

There is no Report on Correspondence, and nothing else which would, as we think, be of interest outside of Nebraska.

Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow, Grand High Priest.
Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

Nevada.

The 46th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nevada was held in Reno on the 10th and 11th June, 1919. The volume containing the proceedings of that Convocation is now before us as we write at the end of 1920; but we have also the proceedings for 1920.

Grand High Priest Thomas Lindsay presided in June, 1919, and read a short address. Unfortunately he had not been able to visit any of the Chapters during the year.

Companion Edward D. Vanderlieth, Grand Secretary, reported that the fatal effects of the epidemic of influenza had doubled the death rate, notwithstanding which a net gain of 16 had been made, and the outlook for a new Chapter or two and an increased membership was favourable. There are 9 Chapters, with a total membership of 545.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is also by Companion Vanderlieth, and is, as usual, excellent. Something is told of the Grand Chapter of Canada, but it is Canada in 1918—a long time ago. The General Grand Chapter of the United States is one of the 53 Grand Bodies brought up for review. The reviewer does not favour the proposed addition to the powers of this federal association.
At the 47th Annual Convocation, held in Reno, on the 8th June, 1920, we find Grand High Priest Edward C. Peterson, of Carson City, presiding and reading a rather sadly-worded address. We quote:—

"It gives one a heartache to note that two of our Chapters, located in mining towns, that were once among our liveliest and best working Chapters, are hanging on by a thread, and will, ere long (unless something unforeseen happens), like Virginia No. 2 and Austin No. 3, be obliged to close 'sine die.' On the other hand, agriculture is fast coming into its own in this State, and the prosperity once due to mining, and that always fades away as the mines are worked out, will, in the near future, be replaced by the lasting prosperity gained by agriculture. Numerous growing agricultural communities will soon be strong enough to support good, lasting Chapters. I do not believe, though, that the best results come from coaxing on the part of the Grand Officers. Let the enthusiasm on the part of the Companions who want a Chapter in their locality be such as to bring them to the Grand Chapter, with a willingness to serve; then shall we have the kind of Chapters we need to carry on the great work. If we have to coax them to form a Chapter, we shall very likely have to coax them to keep it going.

"From the answers to the personal letter that I mailed to each High Priest, I learned that the majority of our Chapters are prosperous, have efficient officers, hold their stated Convocations regularly, and have prospects of a prosperous year ahead. Only two Chapters are on the down grade."

The Grand Secretary stated that the total membership of the 9 Chapters had been increased to 562, a gain of 17 for the year.

One of the two Chapters referred to by the Grand High Priest as in a dying condition was Keystone, No. 6, of Pioche. The Committee on Charters recommended that that Chapter be removed to Las Vegas, Nevada, and that the incoming Grand High Priest be authorised to consummate the removal, upon the written request and approval of 9 members of Keystone Chapter. The recommendation was adopted.
The Grand Orator, M.E. Comp. Henry W. Miles, made a telling speech, taking for his subjects Royal Arch Masonry, the dedication of King Solomon's Temple, true religion, and charity or love.

The revised ritual of the General Grand Chapter was adopted, after an earnest discussion.

Companion Yanderlieth has in this volume another highly interesting and carefully prepared Fraternal Correspondence Report, reviewing the proceedings of 51 Grand Chapters, of which Canada (1919) is one, and perhaps one of the chief in the estimation of the reviewer, for he allot two whole pages to it and praises its work with (we think) discrimination.

George W. Robinson, Reno, Grand High Priest.
Edward D. Vanderlieth, Reno, Grand Secretary.

New Brunswick.

In 1919 we noticed the New Brunswick proceedings of 1917 and 1918; in 1920 we received nothing from New Brunswick. Now, in 1921, we have the proceedings of 1919, and live in hope of receiving those of 1920 before we apply the closure.

The tale of 1919 is a short one and soon told. The 32nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick was held in St. John on the 21st April, 1919. The presiding Grand High Priest, Horace A. Porter, made an address in which he stated that harmony and peace prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction, and that the several Chapters on the roll were doing their utmost to forward the interests of Royal Arch Masonry. He had visited all the Chapters but one. There are 8 Chapters, with an aggregate membership on the 31st December, 1918, of 863. The exaltations and reinstatements of the year amounted to 40, and these were evenly balanced by the withdrawals, suspensions, and deaths, leaving the membership where it was at the end of 1917.

There is no Correspondence Report and nothing more than the above to interest those outside the Jurisdiction.

Horace A. Porter, St. John, Grand High Priest (re-elected).
In our review of 1920 we gave some account of the centennial celebration of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire. We now have the proceedings at the 101st Annual Convocation, held in Concord on the 18th May, 1920. Arthur Charles Stewart, of Concord, was Grand High Priest, and presided over a large assemblage of permanent members of Grand Chapter and representatives of the constituent Chapters. In his address he said:

"In pleasing contrast to the strife and turmoil in the outside world, it gives me the greatest satisfaction to report that most harmonious and prosperous conditions exist in and among the Chapters of this State.

"Never before was such an influx of new members known; never before has there been such a universal manifestation of enthusiasm and love for Masonry. I trust that the sublime lessons of the Capitular degrees have kindled in the hearts of this new membership a broader conception of the term, 'Masonic Brotherhood,' and a more complete realisation that in its mysterious workings the influence of Masonry, as a power for good, is being exerted to-day more than ever before for the peace of the world and the betterment of mankind."

Among several deceased Companions of note whose decease was referred to by the Grand High Priest, perhaps the most eminent was Jesse Murton Durrell, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1843, and died in Tilton, New Hampshire, on the 8th October, 1919. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter from 1898 until death called him.

The Grand High Priest recommended the adoption of the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter, and this was (we think) approved by Grand Chapter.

The Most Excellent gave a very clear account of the proceedings at the 10th Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, which was held at Alexandria, Virginia, in February.
1920. It appears that $2,000,000 will be required to erect the memorial building. The amount was at first put at $750,000, but that was 10 years ago. Apparently only $220,000 has been raised. At the end of another 10 years—but it is really not our affair.

The Masonic Home at Manchester was highly commended, and the Grand High Priest suggested that the Grand Chapter should appropriate $100 towards an improvement fund. This suggestion met with the approval of the Grand body.

We find the membership statistics in the report of the Committee on Chapters and Returns: 26 Chapters on the roll, all making returns; total membership, 4,956; net gain in a year, 264.

Past Grand High Priest Charles B. Spofford, Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, presents his 3rd report or review. In his opening remarks he deals with two matters which are of general interest, thus:—

"From an unprejudiced review it would appear that much opposition is held to the new or revised ritual as well as the new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter. Open criticism in several, the passing over by many others until the next Grand Convocation. The threatened secession of Massachusetts, Arkansas, Vermont, and Maine, and the lack of approval by Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, Wyoming, and Connecticut, would indicate that our next General Grand Chapter Convocation will dwell not altogether in harmony. With Texas and Pennsylvania, both large and influential Grand Chapters, outside the fold, and apparent dissension within, it would not be surprising if a new revision of the General Regulations was effected to compromise the disaffection.

"The recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland has met with little success, so far only North Dakota and Missouri having granted their request. The fact that only 5 of the 39 warranted Chapters of Queensland are affiliated with the Supreme Grand Chapter would leave a question as to the strength of the lesser number in its claims to organise."

Forty-eight volumes of proceedings are reviewed, thoroughly and well, by Companion Spofford. Canada
(1919) receives considerable attention—Canada (1920) rather less.

Bert Lawrence Stebbins, Claremont, Grand High Priest.

Harry Morrison Cheney, Concord, Grand Secretary.

**New Jersey.**

As one of the Past Grand High Priests of this Jurisdiction said, the Grand Chapter of New Jersey could hardly hold a session without the presence of distinguished visitors. At the 64th Annual Convocation, held in Trenton, on the 12th May, 1920, there was a large delegation from the Grand Chapter of New York, including the Grand High Priest, the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was represented by a Past Grand High Priest, Delaware by a Past Grand Scribe, and our own Grand Chapter by the Grand First Principal, William Nisbet Ponton. Speeches were of course made by the guests; these were taken down and set out in the printed proceedings. M.E. Comp. Ponton excelled himself—his speech was full of fervid eloquence and lofty thought.

The address of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. Richard C. Woodward, was a brief one, confined, as he said, to making the Companions acquainted with the condition of Capitular Masonry in New Jersey and bringing to their attention such other matters as required consideration and action.

The death of M.E. Comp. Frederick Theron Crane, who was Grand High Priest in 1916, was deplored as a distinct loss to Royal Arch Masonry. Born in New Jersey in 1854, he was by profession a civil engineer. At the time of his death he was and had for many years been city engineer of Orange, New Jersey.

The Grand High Priest spoke of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. In his opinion, the object of the association was now fully assured. He recommended that the Grand Chapter of New Jersey should assume membership in the association and should also contribute $1,000 to the building fund. This was adopted by Grand Chapter.

A Chapter warranted at the last Convocation had been duly constituted by the Grand High Priest during
his term of office, and dispensations had been granted for two new Chapters, which were active and flourishing, and were chartered at this Convocation.

The report of Peter McGill, Grand Secretary, showed 44 chartered Chapters, two under dispensation—chartered at this Convocation—a present membership of 10,603, and a net gain of 1,257 in a year.

New Jersey's Grand Chapter is deservedly sharing in the progress and prosperity of the Order which is manifest everywhere.

We find Past Grand High Priest Henry S. Haines still hard at work as Grand Lecturer, Chairman of more than one committee of Grand Chapter, and reviewer of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. The value of his Reports on Foreign Correspondence seems to grow as the years roll on. The impress of his style—"so quiet and so sweet a style"—is upon all his readers, we doubt not. We should like all our Canadian Companions to read the whole of his latest report, if that were possible. We shall merely whet their appetites by reproducing parts of the introduction and conclusion:—

"We conceive it to be our duty, as a reviewer, to present to our readers a record of the Capitular doings of the world in such a manner as to lead them to observe the wholesome injunction of our installation ceremonies: 'What you have seen praiseworthy in others, you should carefully imitate; and what in them has appeared defective, you should, in yourselves, amend.'

"This, although a perfunctory and by some considered an onerous and unprofitable duty, is not devoid of enjoyment for those who delight in holding intercourse with cultivated minds and companionship with true Masonic hearts.

"While we are painfully conscious that the merit of our humble production may fall far short of reasonable expectation, we are sure that we shall be credited with an honest endeavour to present our work in as inviting form as in us lies, and with a conscientious effort to emphasise the golden maxims and ennobling precepts that have fallen from the lips of the wise and good."

"Thousands upon thousands have been added to the ranks of our Fraternity, each avowing its sublime principles, and pledging himself to observe its precepts.
If this vast array of professing Masons are really imbued with the spirit they profess, what a power must thereby be exercised towards the uplift of mankind! We have reason to believe that, for a cause we can really divine, a fraternal disposition has prevailed in all these hosts in a remarkable degree, and we therefore regret to notice an element of discord threatening Royal Arch Masonry in the proposed attempt of the General Grand Chapter to assert disciplinary authority over the Chapters allegiant thereto. In the opinion of the writer, it would be better to make an effort to abolish the General Grand Chapter than to submit to such a measure as thus proposed.

"At the Triennial Session of that body held at Hartford in 1856, Companion Albert Pike, with wise forethought and sense of justice, offered the resolution, seconded by Companion Albert G. Mackey, which resulted in the session of 1859 in the surrender of this dictatorial power. The scene attending this act, as described by its participants from New Jersey, was of a very pathetic character, in which persuasion and mutual concession were so pronounced as to move many of those present to tears; but right triumphantly prevailed, and for more than two-thirds of a century the power and the influence of the General Grand Chapter has been, as never before, promotive of the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

"That the wild vagaries of a few malcontents may not succeed in disturbing this desirable condition is our earnest hope and prayer."

The Grand Chapter of Canada—it is 1919 and we regret that it is not 1920 also—receives much attention; the proceedings are most thoroughly and attentively reviewed; and a noble tribute to the memory of John Ross Robertson is paid in the following words:—

"Another theme of the discourse" (the address of Grand First Principal Gorrell) "brought sadness to his hearers, for it announced the decease of one long loved, and looked to as a sure Masonic guide. M.E. Comp. John Ross Robertson was a man of superior attainments, and of inestimable value to the Fraternity, to which he gave freely of his talents and his time, and we feel somewhat disappointed to find so little said of him by way
of eulogy in the chronicles reviewed. To us he needed no panegyric, for his name has been long known to us as that of one in whom were enshrined the noblest principles that can actuate a human heart, and indeed all is said that can be said in the committee's declaration: 'He lived his life with forward face and unreluctant soul, not hurrying to, or turning from the goal. He did not hold back in fear from what the future veils, though his sudden going came as a great shock. He had so lived that the road's last turn was the best. We mourn him with true Masonic sorrow, reverencing his memory, endeavouring that he shall not have lived in vain.'

J. Vreeland Haring, Newark, Grand High Priest.
Peter McGill, 225, Somerset Street, Bound Brook, Grand Secretary.

**New Mexico**

We found upon our table (in November, 1920) two volumes of proceedings of New Mexico: one was marked 1918 and the other 1920. Suspecting a hiatus, we looked at our two last reports, and found that our 1920 one contained nothing about New Mexico, but in 1919 we had before us the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico at its 20th Annual Convocation, held on the 11th October, 1917. The proceedings at the 21st and 22nd Annual Convocations are recorded in the two volumes now before us. The omission of 1919 is explained by a change in the dates of meetings. The 21st Annual Convocation was adjourned from October and held on the 13th December, 1918; and the 22nd was not held until the 18th March, 1920.

The Convocation of December, 1918, was held in the City of Tucuman; 11 chartered Chapters were represented. The Grand High Priest, Herbert B. Holt, presided, and read an excellent address, which naturally dealt with the war and the peace which was expected to follow upon the then recent armistice. The remarks made in this regard were sensible and forcible, but need not now be repeated. The remainder of the address was confined strictly to the business of the Grand Chapter.
The Grand Secretary's report showed 17 constituent Chapters; total membership, 1,268; net gain in a year, 51.

R.E. Comp. James H. Wroth, of Albuquerque, continues to write the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Fifty-two Grand Chapters come under his notice, and something of interest is told about each one. Canada is not forgotten, but it is of course rather ancient history, 1918.

Richard M. Thorne, of Carlsbad, was in 1918 elected and installed as Grand High Priest, and we find him presiding at the 22nd Annual Convocation, held in Albuquerque, on the 18th March, 1920, at which 14 chartered Chapters were represented. A very good address was delivered by the Grand High Priest, and reports were read and resolutions passed, but nothing of interest to outsiders transpired.

The Chapters have not increased in number, but the membership has advanced to 1,344, the net gain for 1919 being 76.

The 23rd Annual Convocation will be held in Albuquerque on the 24th February, 1921.

The Correspondence Report has been discontinued—which we regret.

Reuben Perry, Albuquerque, Grand High Priest.
Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

New York.

We are tempted to repeat a remark which we have made before, perhaps more than once, viz., that it would be well if all Grand Chapters did what some do, that is, give an account of the life and work of the presiding officer, in addition to or in interpretation of the portrait or phototype which usually prefaces the volume of proceedings. We have introduced the brief biography in the reports of our own Grand Chapter—we should like to see it introduced everywhere. It is rather tantalising to look upon the picture of Percy W. Willard, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York for 1919-1920, and then find that nothing is told about him. The annual address read by the presiding Ruler sometimes reveals the man, more often not. M.E. Comp. Willard looks like a professional man, but we are told
nothing of him, and the address which he read is not of
the self-revealing order.

The 123rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter
of New York was held in the Masonic Temple, Albany,
on the 3rd and 4th February, 1920.

Among distinguished visitors were Frederick W.
Craig, General Grand High Priest, and William Nisbet
Ponton, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada,
both of whom, as well as other visitors, made addresses
or speeches which were "took down" and appear in the
proceedings.

The General Grand High Priest, perhaps signifi-
cantly, limited the sovereignty of the General Grand
Chapter to "a sort of friendly oversight of the Grand
Chapters under its jurisdiction." He made another
remark which we think it well to quote:—

"I take it that these conferences of Masons are very
valuable at all times, and especially so at this particular
time. I think the conferences being held by the leading
Masons of America have a very important influence
upon the affairs of the nation. However much this
Government may have been founded upon Masonic
principles, it certainly can do no harm, but will strength-
en the Government, if those principles are told again
and again, and our zeal for them is increased so that as
individuals we may assert our strongest influence for
the principles of good government and good citizenship."

Surely that is well put. Most Excellent Companion
Craig, it will be remembered, is a lawyer in Des Moines,
Iowa.

Our own Grand Z.'s speech was, needless to say,
eloquent and full of goodwill and zeal for Masonry. It
was quite a different speech from that which he made in
New Jersey, some months later, but was equally exalted
and inspiring.

The Grand High Priest of New York, in his address,
referred to the sad loss to the Grand Chapter in the
removal by death of two eminent Royal Craftsmen and
Past Grand High Priests.

M.E. Comp. Willis Wood Rice died on the 2nd
October, 1919, at his home in Watertown, New York,
after a brief illness—pneumonia. He had been a member
of Grand Chapter since 1885 and was Grand High Priest
in 1908. He was born in 1858, and was therefore not quite an old man at the time of his death. "He was absolutely reliable and dependable," wrote the Grand High Priest, "and his constant cheerfulness and unfailing kindness made him universally beloved." He was cashier of a bank in Watertown.

M.E. Comp. Seymour H. Stone was really an old man when death called him. Marvellous to relate, he lived for 53 years after filling and laying down the office of Grand High Priest, and until 1909 was in regular attendance at the Convocations of Grand Chapter. He was born in 1831, at Homer, New York, removed to Syracuse when he was 14 years old, and there spent the remainder of his life. From 1904 to 1917 he was manager of a cemetery association. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1854, and was Grand High Priest in 1867 and 1868.

A significant passage in the address of the Grand High Priest was that in which he referred to a report received from Past Grand High Priest Prouse, of Buffalo, who stated that he had visited Germania Chapter, No. 256, in April, 1919, and found that the work was done in the English language, as directed by the Grand Chapter.

A resident of the City of New York, the Grand High Priest visited many of the Chapters there and in other parts of the State, some of them two or three times. The visits made by the Most Excellent and other Grand Chapter officers had, as it is recorded, good effects in some cases of dormant Chapters, where fresh interest was aroused.

Grand Secretary Charles C. Hunt reported that returns had been received from all of the 213 chartered Chapters, and all had paid their dues. The past year, he said, had been one of unparalleled growth. The total membership on the 27th December, 1919, was 48,495, and the net increase in that year 4,003. The exaltations numbered 5,065; the deaths, 717; the dimits and suspensions together amounted to 754. There are 4 Chapters with memberships of more than 1,000 each; Hamilton, No. 62, of Rochester, leads with 1,603.

An incident related by the Grand Lecturer, M.E. Comp. Marshall F. Hemingway, is worth recording:—
The convention held at Ogdensburgh was during one of the delightful blizzards which visit that northern country, yet 8 Companions, most of them officers of Wanneta Chapter, located at Saranac Lake, about 140 miles distant, drove in autos from Saranac Lake to Ogdensburgh to be present at that meeting. They came all the way in a blinding snow-storm, and arrived in time to participate in the afternoon exercises, and at the close of the meeting, about 11 o'clock in the evening, started on the long drive back to their homes. Companions who have that interest in Capitular Masonry are deserving of commendation.

The sum of $5,000 was appropriated from the general fund of the Grand Chapter for the furnishing of wards in the hospital building in course of erection on the grounds of the Masonic Home at Utica.

A resolution making American citizenship a prerequisite for admission to the Capitular degrees was adopted by a majority vote, and held over for final action at the next Convocation, as provided for by the section of the constitution applicable to constitutional amendments.

The R.E. and Reverend Companion Pierre Cushing, Grand Chaplain, delivered an inspiring address on the theme "The Leaven of Masonry." This was listened to, says the record, with rapt attention; a copy is printed in the proceedings.

Arthur Warren, Past Grand High Priest, presented his first report as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. It is a very good report, if that may be said with deference by one who is not himself a veteran. The new reviewer writes with ease and distinction and gives the fruits of a manifestly diligent perusal of the proceedings of 52 Grand Chapters. His introductory remarks—evidently penned after he had completed his reviews—are most interesting. He emphatically states his "belief in the inestimable value of the system of reviews of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters adopted by practically all Capitular Jurisdictions." Canada—the proceedings of 1919—receives much attention and some commendation.

Jerome E. Cheney, First Trust and Deposit Building, Syracuse, Grand High Priest.
APPENDIX

Charles C. Hunt, Masonic Hall, New York, Grand Secretary.

New Zealand.

The 28th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand was held in the Victoria Masonic Hall, Napier, on the 20th January, 1920. The 26th Annual Convocation was held in January, 1918, and it was then resolved, in order to save expense, not to hold the Annual Convocation in 1919. It appears, however, from a statement in the pamphlet before us—"Journal of Proceedings, January, 1920"—that a special meeting was held in Nelson, on the 23rd January, 1919, for the election and installation of officers, "so that," the record reads, "though no business was transacted, the machinery of Grand Chapter was not dislocated in any way." It is intended, no doubt, that that special meeting shall be regarded as the 27th Annual Convocation. The information we have given was obtained from the report of the Supreme Committee for 1918; but the principal feature of that report was the correspondence in regard to the institution of the new Grand Chapter of Queensland, which has not yet been generally recognised.

At this 28th Annual Convocation, M.E. Comp. J. Moncrieff, Grand Z., presided. We find that he was elected and installed at the "special meeting" in January, 1919.

The report of the Supreme Committee for 1919 was also presented to the Grand Chapter in January, 1920. This report contains the following interesting statement:

"Since the conclusion of peace, New Zealand appears to be enjoying a season of very great prosperity. Notwithstanding the universal cries of exploitation, cost of living, and clothing of all kinds, there appears to be plenty of money to burn, or, as Sir Robert Stout has it, extravagance is rampant among all classes. In any case, Freemasonry participates in the general prosperity, and appears to flourish even as the green bay tree. If we may judge from general results, it would seem that Royal Arch Freemasonry has shared in the general
Applications for admission into the Capitular rites have been numerous, and some Chapters find it difficult to overtake the work. Though no further charters have been issued, inquiries have been received from several places in the Dominion. The Supreme Committee, however, true to its policy, does not encourage any unless there appear to be good prospects of ultimate success."

Among the amendments to the constitution and laws proposed by the Committee was one making the Grand Convocations biennial instead of annual, in accordance with the resolution of 1918; but the proposed amendment was rejected by Grand Chapter.

Right Excellent Companion T. Hobson was elected, enthroned, and proclaimed as First Grand Principal for the year 1920, and made an address.

There appear to be 36 constituent Chapters in the Jurisdiction, with a total membership of 1905—a gain of about 300 since 1918.

T. Hobson, Levin, Grand Z.
H. J. Williams, Wellington, Grand Scribe E.

North Carolina.

Two North Carolina volumes are on our table—the proceedings of 1919 and 1920.

The 71st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina was held in Greensboro on the 13th and 14th May, 1919, Grand High Priest J. F. Rhem, of Newbern, presiding.

The General Grand High Priest, Frederick W. Craig, of Des Moines, Iowa, was a visitor at this Convocation, was duly honoured, and made "a few timely remarks."

In the address of the Grand High Priest of North Carolina, the deaths of two of the Grand Officers were mentioned and deplored. "On the 17th day of May, 1918, in the City of Raleigh, died our beloved friend and Companion, Robert H. Bradley, for many years Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Grand Sentinel of this Grand Chapter, . . . probably the best known Mason in the State, and loved by all who knew him." The other was the Deputy Grand High Priest, Reuben Hosea Pickett, who was born in 1856 and died
in December, 1918. He was a successful business man in Wilmington, and enjoyed the respect and affection of the Companions and of the whole community.

As the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter is to be held in North Carolina—in Asheville, not Raleigh, as at first proposed—the Grand High Priest recommended that the sum of $3,000 be set aside for the entertainment of the delegates. This was agreed to by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary's report gives the statistics: 51 Chapters; total membership, 4,847; net gain in a year, 427; total amount collected for 1919, $4,245.50; gain, $390.27.

The Grand Chapter appropriated a sum of $500 for educational work. It is the custom to expend this sum annually in contributing to the expense of sending a boy and girl, the children of deceased Royal Arch Masons, to college—a good work.

The Masonic Home is in Greensboro. During 1918 it cared for 30 guests. Grand Chapter and the constituent Chapters were large contributors to the funds of the Home—another good work.

W. B. McKoy, a Companion well-equipped for the work, presented his second report on Fraternal Correspondence. His idea that "Masonry is a school of moral philosophy," if not precisely novel, is well-explained and illustrated by him in the preface to his report. His review comprehends only 28 Grand Chapters. Canada is not one, and indeed the only British proceedings noticed are those of New Brunswick and Victoria. We are not told on what principle the selection is made.

John H. Anderson, of Fayetteville, was elected and installed as Grand High Priest at this Convocation, and we find him presiding at the 72nd Annual Convocation, held in Wilmington on the 11th and 12th May, 1920. In his address he said that the year had been a successful one as to gain in numbers and finances; but he feared that many had sought the Chapter degrees merely that they might go on to the Shrine—which is very sad.

He recommended an appropriation of $500 as a contribution to the building fund of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, and this was sanctioned by Grand Chapter.
There were 823 exaltations in 1919, and the total membership of the 51 constituent Chapters grew to 5,618, a net gain of 771 in a year.

There is no Correspondence Report. The Grand High Priest said that about the 15th January, 1920, he learned that W. B. McKoy, whose second annual report is referred to above, had declined to serve any longer as Foreign Correspondent, on account of ill-health. On the 26th January, the Grand High Priest appointed our old friend and comrade—if we may call him so—Leon Cash, against the wishes of that eminent Craftsman. "But I trust he will respond to the call and furnish us with a report," said the Most Excellent. There is no further explanation, and we can only hope for a report in 1921.

J. M. Oldham, Charlotte, Grand High Priest.
John B. Griggs, Elizabeth City, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are always interesting. It is not a large body numerically, but it is fortunate above most Grand Chapters in the character and ability of its principal officers. We already know the Grand Secretary and the Past Grand High Priest who writes the Correspondence Reports, and are never disappointed in the expectation of something good from them. The Presiding officer, the Grand High Priest, changes every year; indeed the Ruler who was installed in June, 1919, did not rule even for a year. By reason of a change in the date of the Annual Convocation, his year of office was shortened to less than seven months. Nevertheless, Most Excellent Companion Adolph M. Christianson, for he it was who had the short term, must have left a distinct impression upon Royal Arch Masonry in North Dakota. We have a portrait and biography of him, the latter written by Grand Secretary Stockwell, and it is not too much to say that it is the biography of a remarkable man. Leaving out some of the particulars, we quote the biography:—

"Adolph M. Christianson is one of North Dakota's foremost citizens, a fine example of the possibilities that come to the aspiring and industrious youth, be he native
or foreign born. Hard work, good ability, and high character are the elements which have made our Companion’s career so far one of fine achievement.

“Adolph M. Christianson is a native of Norway, born in the land of the mid-night sun, August 11th, 1877. He came with his parents, when a child, to this land of the free, this land of opportunity. They settled on a farm in Polk County, Minnesota, which is located in this far-famed Red river valley. Here our Companion grew to young manhood and received his elementary education. He determined to become a lawyer, and received his legal education in the University of Tennessee.

“In March, 1900, he cast his lot with North Dakota, and Towner, McHenry county, has been his home and legal residence ever since. So quickly did he impress himself upon this community that that same year he was elected State’s Attorney; and, though not technically qualified by residence to hold the office, no one contested his election. From that day to this there has been no doubt about his skill, integrity, and learning either as a practitioner at the bar or as a Judge upon the bench.

“In 1914 our Companion was elected Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and during 1919 and 1920 he occupied the position of Chief Justice. As a Judge he is known to be an indefatigable worker, with a sharply discriminating open mind that analyses every proposition which come before him.

“Companion Christianson is a typical product of this great North-west. He has all those qualities which make a real man: strength of character, genial personality, high ideals, and an exalted appreciation of the blessings of American citizenship. It is greatly to be desired that he be retained a member of the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth.”

The first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota was held in the Masonic Temple, Fargo, on the 13th and 14th January, 1920. This was the first time that the Grand Chapter had ever met apart from the Grand Lodge, and there was much interest in seeing how the plan would work out. It seemed to be the general opinion that the change was advantageous. The interest was centred in Capitular Masonry,
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and the representatives were not tired out from the usually strenuous session of the Grand Lodge.

On the first day, after the transaction of some formal business, the officers of Keystone Chapter, No. 5, Fargo, assumed the several stations for the purpose of conferring the Royal Arch degree upon three candidates, in accordance with the new General Grand Chapter ritual. All Companions who witnessed the work were convinced that the new ritual was a great improvement.

The first feature of the second day was the reception of M.E. Comp. Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, who spoke briefly in acknowledgement of a hearty greeting and all the honours due to his exalted station. Among other things he said that in this great country there were "neighbourhood groups," States which had the same manners, customs, and traditions; and the Grand Jurisdictions of Minnesota, the two Dakotas, and Iowa (his own State) formed one of those groups. He felt at home in this place. He was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.

The address of Chief Justice Christianson as Grand High Priest was divided into two parts. One dealt with his official acts, and the other was a discussion and analysis of the proposed new constitution of the General Grand Chapter. The first part was not, however, confined to purely business matters. He had this to say:

"In conclusion let me say that I am strongly impressed with the need of a closer union, not only of all American Royal Arch Masons, but of all American Masons, especially as regards matters of national scope. Its membership and interests are co-extensive with our country—its sympathies as wide as humanity. We need not only a General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, but we need a General Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the United States of America.

"Upon the roll of our membership, we find the names of Washington, Hamilton, Franklin, Hancock, Madison, LaFayette, Warren, Revere, and DeKalb—men who staked or gave their lives to create this great country. Yet to-day American Masonry has no national
organisation. It is divided into as many Grand Jurisdictions as there are States. During the great war, it became necessary to improvise a national organisation. While the war is over, the need of Masonic unity continues. It is, it will be, greater than ever. Earnestly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that an American Grand Lodge may soon be a reality."

Companion Christianson's brief of the new constitution is an important document. It is not possible to do more than indicate his conclusions. He was of opinion that the General Grand Chapter should be vested with the additional powers proposed. The result of giving those powers would be to stabilise and strengthen Capitular Masonry in the United States. It would ensure uniformity in ceremonies throughout practically the entire country, and would doubtless tend to bring about a closer union and co-operation of the several Grand Chapters. The General Grand Chapter would, by the addition of those powers, become a more important body than it had been. He gave no opinion as to the advisability of holding biennial instead of triennial Convocations and decreasing the number of elective officers of the General Grand Chapter. "It may be," he said, "that these changes are desirable, but the reasons advanced by the Committee on Revision in their support do not appeal to me as being sound." An entirely new provision (sec. 11) of the proposed constitution is, that where Grand Chapters have been or may hereafter be formed in any of the States, Dependencies, or Territories by the consent and authority of the General Grand Chapter, such Grand Chapters shall not have the right to withdraw from or deny the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter without its consent. It seemed to the learned commentator that this provision was essential to the maintenance and enforcement of the powers conferred upon the General Grand Chapter.

We regret that we cannot find space for all the arguments by which this pronounced federalist supports his conclusions. They are at the very least such as will require earnest consideration from the advocates of untrammelled State sovereignty.
Grand Secretary Walter L. Stockwell’s 10th annual report is delightful reading. His figures are for the short term from the 30th April to the 31st December, 1919. All the 24 Chapters made returns in time, and nearly all reported increased membership. The aggregate membership of the Chapters was 3,448, and the net gain for the short term was 177. Two new Chapters were in contemplation, and the future of Capitular Masonry was hopeful. In the Grand Secretary’s opinion, the new ritual “promises to dignify the degrees materially. Let us all endeavour to think of these degrees as worthy of our best efforts, and not as degrees which at best must be taken that we may perchance become Knights of the Temple.”

There is much more that is interesting in the reports and resolutions which came before Grand Chapter, but we must hasten on.

The next Annual Convocation is to be held in Grand Forks on the Tuesday before the 4th Thursday in January, 1921.

A complimentary dinner was given to the General Grand High Priest after the close of Grand Chapter on the second day, at which the newly installed Grand High Priest of North Dakota, John H. G. Turner, presided, and Companions Craig and Christianson were the principal speakers. This was the first visit of a General Grand High Priest to this Grand Chapter.

We still have much matter for consideration in the Fraternal Correspondence review of Past Grand High Priest E. George Guthrie, of Fargo, with whose excellent writings we are already familiar, but who, we think, excelled himself in this his 6th report. We must quote his humorous opening remarks:—

“We had to make a beginning somewhere after we had again been delegated to take up the Correspondence Report for the 6th time, so we reached out for a book and found that our hands had clasped around Maine. We adjourned with Tom Bodge, Al. Penley, and other Pine-tree friends; then journeyed to Alberta to pay a greeting to Fred English and other good Provincials; then to Mississippi, where we chatted with Robert Somerville and Oliver Lee McKay; thence to Vermont to
ride up and down the hills that are in the valley of the Merrimac, camping with George Kinsley and other choice Companions of the Green Mountain State; over to get a good drink of Coldwater Michigan with Charlie Conover and Lou Winsor, who represent every Jurisdiction but not any one in particular; slipping along to enjoy the full free ozone of the West with Park Hays and Adrian Parshall of Wyoming; then on and on, back and forth, across and ferninst, until the Grand Convocation is here, and a halt is called in our perambulations, to render an account of our wanderings and explain how the expense account has been spent."

Only 31 Grand Chapters come within the length of the learned writer's cable-tow, but he promises to let us have more next year. We are glad to find that Companion Guthrie finds himself very much at home in Canada—his review is of our 1919 proceedings—and in sympathy with the forceful utterances of our then Grand Z. Gorrell, whose "address glistened, gleamed, and glowed with so many gems of pregnant thought." He compliments the present writer as a "zealous reviewer," and, we believe, finds himself in agreement with the dictum (which is not ours alone) that something of interest is to be found in each of the volumes of proceedings which reach the reviewer's table. The following, one of a few "Afterthoughts" with which Companion Guthrie closes his epistle, presents a more optimistic view than is usual of a much-discussed tendency to use the Chapter as no more than a lane leading to other and wider places:

"The large increase of membership in Capitular Masonry, reported in almost every Jurisdiction, affords hope that much new life will be injected in many nearly dormant Chapters, if good impressions have been created by persistent, decisive, dignified illustration of the Capitular plan. Even if the craze for other titles has occasioned this wonderful growth, by the strong desire to mount the ladder that leads to the roof-garden of Masonry, there is the possibility that enough lasting impressions have been made on some of the postulants to compel them to let their minds revert to the delightful climb they had, so that they will remember some of the
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John H. G. Turner, Bottineau, Grand High Priest.
Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

Nova Scotia.

It is a pleasure to note that Royal Arch Masonry continues to flourish in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and in Newfoundland, all of which are included in the territory of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. We were much impressed with the proceedings of 1918 and 1919—the Golden Jubilee year—when we reviewed them a year ago, and now we have before us a substantial volume containing the proceedings of 1920.

The 51st Annual Grand Convocation was held in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, on the 8th June, 1920. The attendance was not large, but much business was transacted, and harmony and good feeling prevailed.

The first duty of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion John C. MacKay, after the ceremonial opening, was to welcome the Grand High Priest of the sister Grand Chapter of New Brunswick, M.E. Companion Daniel W. Kyle, and the pro-Deputy Grand High Priest, who accompanied him.

In his address, Companion MacKay alluded to Yarmouth as "one of the beauty-spots of this fair Province, rich in natural resources and unsurpassed in scenic charm."

The death in September, 1919, of Past Grand High Priest William Crowe, was feelingly alluded to in the address. Born at Guelph, Ontario, in 1843, William Crowe settled in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1868, and there his long and useful life was spent. Successful in commercial business, his foremost avocation was Masonry; in all branches of the institution he did good service and held high office. He was Grand High Priest in 1891 and Grand Treasurer from 1904 to 1911.

"The past year," said the Grand High Priest, "has been one of unparalleled prosperity and progress in Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction. The returns of our subordinate Chapters show a total of 448 exaltations,
and a net gain of 403 in membership. No doubt this splendid growth is, in a large measure, due to the beneficent influences of peace after several war-torn years, as well as to the fact that our active Companions now realise that it is their duty, as well as their privilege, to invite our Brethren to seek still further light and to complete their Masonic education by receiving the Royal Arch and intermediate degrees. Another contributing factor to our increased strength has been the addition to our roster of three new Chapters.

"This 'forward movement' shows no sign of abatement, and, from evidence in my possession, I feel confident that our successors will, a year hence, present an even better report of increased membership."

The Grand High Priest said that he had officially visited all but one of the 18 chartered Chapters, and found in nearly every case a highly satisfactory condition of internal affairs. He had, much to his regret, failed to visit the Newfoundland Chapter, Shannon, No. 9. A combination of adverse circumstances rendered it impossible for him to journey to Newfoundland, as he had intended.

R.E. Companion William Barker, Past Grand Scribe, and Grand Representative in Newfoundland of the Grand High Priest, made a report upon Shannon Chapter. It has a membership of 156; 10 new members were added during the year.

Grand Secretary Brenton F. Porter gave the statistics more fully than the Grand High Priest. There were 448 exaltations during the year preceding this Convocation, and the total number of members on the roll was 2,211.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is the work of Grand Secretary Porter. He tells something—often very much—of the work of 52 Grand Chapters, but makes few comments. Canada (1919) receives the compliment of extensive quotation. We find evidence here and elsewhere that the remarks of our Grand Z. of 1918 and 1919, M.E. Companion Gorrell, upon the subject of Charity, are highly valued by the scribes of the Round Table.

Wilbert A. Creelman, Truro, Nova Scotia, Grand High Priest.
Ohio.

This is one of the big Jurisdictions—perhaps the biggest. The membership on the 31st July, 1919, was 51,848; the number of active chartered Chapters, 189, plus 2 under dispensation; net gain for one year, 4,155, or 1,052 more than in the previous year, which was much the largest up to that time.

We had no report of Ohio in 1920; in 1919, we discussed of the 102nd Annual Convocation, held in October, 1918; and now we have the proceedings of the 103rd Annual Convocation, held in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, in Toledo, on the 24th and 25th September, 1919.

The presiding officer was Harry W. Lloyd, Grand High Priest; we have his portrait and his address, but no word describing his life or indicating his character. His address was patriotic and inspiring. He spoke of war and peace, Masonry and service, and admonished the Companions to greater endeavour in defence of liberty, justice, and truth. He then explained his view of the scope of a Grand High Priest’s address by saying that he proposed to submit a report of the proceedings had and taken by him in performing the duties of his office and the year just at its close, and to refer to such matters and occurrences as were deserving of interest and attention.

He said that there had been 5,126 exaltations and 763 deaths.

Among the distinguished dead was R. Ex. Comp. Ralph Reamer Rickly, Grand Treasurer, who was born at Tarlton, Ohio, in 1851, and died in Columbus; Ohio, on the 16th January, 1919. He was a graduate of Yale and an eminent banker in Columbus. He became Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter in 1907, and continued in that office during the remainder of his life. Companion Wilden E. Joseph was appointed Grand Treasurer and acted as such until this Convocation, when he was elected to serve for another year and duly installed.
The Grand High Priest had much to tell about Inspections, Dispensations, Waivers of Jurisdiction, Chapters on Probation, and Visits to Subordinate Chapters, and gave a full account of his stewardship in regard to these and some other matters.

A year ago we noted that the Grand Chapter of Ohio was to be incorporated. Letters of incorporation, however, had not been obtained. The specific purpose in view, as the Grand High Priest explained, was to vest in the Grand Chapter the title to the property at Worthington, Ohio, known as "the John Snow property," which the present owner had offered to convey to the Grand Chapter, on condition that she be allowed to occupy it during her life, without expense to her for taxes, insurance, or repairs. It was thought desirable to accept this offer and acquire this property, for the reason that it was the first meeting-place of this Grand Chapter. The owner had (we shall not say womanlike, but for some unknown reason) changed her mind as to the conveyance of the property; and there was, therefore, no necessity for proceeding at once to execute the expressed wish of Grand Chapter as to incorporation; for this and other reasons, it had been determined to hold the matter in abeyance for further consideration. This was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who recommended that the Grand Chapter should not at present become incorporated, as there appeared to be no immediate or proximate reason for such action; and the recommendation was adopted.

The volume of proceedings contains full reports of the Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield. There appear to be 210 inmates, men, women, boys, and girls. The institution is well-managed and doing a great work.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand High Priest Orion P. Sperra, who tells us that his effort is to review such printed proceedings of the various Grand Jurisdictions as have been received by him and "to give to the Ohio Companions the salient facts and happenings of general interest." That, we think, well expresses what should be the aim of every reviewer. The proceedings of 51 Grand bodies are noticed with more or less particularity. The reviewer says (appendix, p. 14), "We part from Canada with our hat in our hand."
He has before him our proceedings of June, 1919, and quotes liberally from the spirited address of M.E. Comp. Arthur S. Gorrell. Comp. Sperra's "conclusion" is brief and well worthy of perusal:—

"We again close our account and review of the various Royal Arch Jurisdictions, with no misgivings of effort to obtain the best, and with the hope that, notwithstanding required brevity, there may result to those who read a little of entertainment outside of official facts. Patriotism and Masonry are the twin attributes seen in the reports to-day. Speed the day when Patriotism and Masonic ideals, with the moral grandeur of their lessons, will be the final word with us all. When Masonry with its cap-stone of culture and refinement sees the completion with splendour of its moral edifice, there will be restored to the world order and right living."

Joseph T. Croxall, East Liverpool, Grand High Priest.

Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.

**Oklahoma.**

More than "a word of commendation" is written by W. L. Eagleton, Past Grand High Priest of Oklahoma, of his close personal friend John Angus Gillis, who was elected Grand High Priest in 1919, and presided at the 31st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, held in Oklahoma City, on the 19th and 20th April, 1920. Companion Eagleton agrees with what we have often said, that something should be told of the living as well as of the dead, and that all the kind words of appreciation should not be reserved until a man has passed into the beyond. We feel grateful for the particulars of the career of Companion Gillis which have been given us. He is a man of mark among Masons. Born in 1866, he graduated in medicine in the nineties, and practised his profession in Texas until he moved to Oklahoma in 1902. He lived one year in Lawton, and from there moved to Frederick, where he has since lived and practised with much success. Having entered Masonry in 1895, he has been hard at it ever since—"into everything," even the Mystic Shrine and the
Eastern Star. He is a patriotic citizen and an active public service worker. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about him, in his character of Mason, is that he is still working actively in all the subordinate bodies. During his year of office as Grand High Priest, he assisted in giving 848 degrees and orders, in Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Companion Eagleton, enthusiastic biographer as he is, feels "that it would be unjust to work well done, to good service performed, to zeal and effort, to remain quiet at this time and allow Companion Gillis to retire as Grand High Priest without letting the Companions of this State"—and he might add "of the Masonic world"—"know who he is, what he has done, and what he will possibly do in the future." With this we most cordially agree—our sentiments to a dot.

In Grand High Priest Gillis's address, he singled out for special mention three eminent Royal Craftsmen whose deaths occurred during his year of office:—

Otto Albert Shuttee, Grand Treasurer, died on the 23rd June, 1919. We are told very little about his life, but his character is described for us—"a Christian gentleman and a patriotic citizen." He lived in El Reno.

John Coyle, Past Grand High Priest, who died on the 14th August, 1919, at Chickasha, was a Scotsman. He was one of the pioneers of the Indian Territory, which became the State of Oklahoma. He was Grand High Priest in 1904.

Daniel Morris Hailey was Grand High Priest in 1909. He died at McAlester on the 14th October, 1919. He also was a pioneer, an exemplary citizen, and an ardent Mason.

Grand High Priest Gillis had made many visits, but the only one of which he gave an account was that to Bartlesville, "the place of Masonic accomplishment," on the occasion of the formal opening in June, 1919, of the Chapter and Commandery rooms, in a Masonic Temple erected at a cost of $525,000.

A great part of the Grand High Priest's address was taken up with references to the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter, the difficulties which attended its introduction into Oklahoma, the division of the State into
districts, and the subdivision of the districts into triple triangles with attendant Convocations of each group of three Chapters.

Companion Ralph Vernon Downing, of Norman, was appointed Grand Treasurer for the remainder of the lamented Companion Shuttee’s term of office; and we see that at this Convocation he was elected and installed as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The address of the Grand High Priest was perhaps over-elaborate—but we are impressed with the zeal and enthusiasm of this Ruler of the Royal Craft.

The Grand Secretary reported 68 chartered Chapters and 2 under dispensation, and 1,671 exaltations and joinings during the preceding year, more than twice the number ever before received. The net gain was 1,362, and the total membership at the end of 1919 was 8,146.

It is, we think, everywhere recognised as the duty of a Grand Representative of a foreign Grand Chapter near the home Grand Chapter to report to the foreign body after a regular Convocation of the home body; this duty was crystallised into law by a resolution of Grand Chapter passed at this Convocation.

There were several distinguished visitors at this Convocation, all of whom made speeches, and these were taken down by stenographers and are printed in full in the volume of proceedings. Let us quote two or three paragraphs from the address of the General Grand High Priest, Frederick W. Craig, of Des Moines, Iowa, the most distinguished of the Chapter notables:

“I wonder sometimes why it is that there is so strong a trend toward Masonry. Of course I have my views of the various reasons. I think one reason is that the Protestant world recognises a friend in the Masonic Fraternity. I think that has much to do with it. I think the benefits received and possibly imagined by the non-Mason as being received by the Mason in the great war have drawn the attention of the men that were overseas, as well as those who were not, to the Fraternity, and has caused a turning to us.

“Be that as it may, in this country Masonry to-day is popular, wonderfully popular, gaining, gaining very rapidly. There is not much about it that is secret any more. The meetings are advertised, the membership is
advertised, great buildings have been erected, devoted to the interests of the Fraternity, and so far as America is concerned it is an open book as to Masonic matters.

“It occurs to me that another reason that causes men to seek membership in the Masonic fraternity is the reputation that it has for being patriotic. Now Masonry is not a patriotic society. It is true that you can hardly think that a man who has received instruction even in the symbolic degrees can be otherwise than loyal to his country. I think knowledge of that in a general way has reached the public ear; the Masonic Fraternity has a reputation for being composed of people who are loyal to the country. We have had the principles of loyalty brought to us more prominently during the last few years than formerly, and yet these principles have been inculcated all through our Masonic life, and the display of the flag upon another occasion or two does not have any particular influence upon your belief and mine or upon your action and mine, and yet it has been brought to the general attention of the people that the Masons are loyal citizens. I think that has helped to call attention to us.”

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is by Companion William Noble—his second annual report. He reviews the proceedings of 54 Grand Chapters, of which Canada (1919) is one. He is a conscientious reviewer; he evidently reads the printed proceedings of other Grand Chapters with care, and in describing them omits nothing that may be of interest. We quote a paragraph from his “Afterthoughts:"

“The large increase in membership in Capitular Masonry reported in almost every Jurisdiction is hopeful that much new life will be injected in many nearly dormant Chapters, if good impressions have been created by persistent, decisive, dignified illustration of the Capitular plan. Even if the craze for other titles has occasioned this wonderful growth, by the strong desire to mount the ladder that leads to the roof-garden of Masonry, there is the possibility that enough lasting impressions have been made on some of the postulants to compel them to let their minds revert to the delightful climb they had, so that they will remember some of the
rungs in the ladder as being worthy of their notice and attention.

This has point and delicacy.

Harold B. Downing, Atoka, Grand High Priest.
James A. Scott, Muskogee, Grand Secretary.

Oregon.

The 60th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oregon was largely a business session. We find prosperity and progress, but little to comment upon.

This Grand Convocation was held in Portland, Oregon, on the 14th June, 1920. Grand High Priest J. H. Richmond, who presided and read a very good address, is recommended to us by a portrait and a biographical sketch. He was born in New York in 1861, educated there and in Kansas, and in 1885 went to Oregon, settled in Portland, and was there initiated into Masonry in 1898. We are not told what his business is, but his character is described. He is modest, helpful, self-sacrificing, and a devoted Mason, always taking a little more than his share of the burden. "His record has merited the unanimous approval of the Craft, and his term of service has fitted him for future usefulness." He will, if he is spared, be Grand Master of Oregon Masons within a few years.

A distinguished visitor at this Convocation was M.E. Comp. W. Irving Latimer, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, a Royal Arch Mason of 58 years' standing, and 83 years of age.

The Grand High Priest said that for the past year great activity had prevailed throughout the entire State—many of the Chapters being so busy that uncommon demands had been made on both officers and private members.

The Grand Secretary's statistics showed 37 chartered Chapters and one under dispensation; 556 exaltations during 1919; present membership, 4,979; net gain in a year, 481; average membership of the Chapters, 39; largest Chapter, Washington, No. 18, at Portland, with 795 members.

The following resolution was adopted:—
"This Grand Chapter hereby condemns as contrary to the dignity, principles, and traditions of the Masonic Fraternity the practice resorted to by some candidates for public office, of advertising in the newspapers the fact that the aspirant for political preferment is a member of the Fraternity, or of any branch or rite thereof."

The Grand Orator, Companion J. H. Ackerman, spoke eloquently on the Mission of Masonry, its faith, its philosophy, its demand for freedom, and its plea for universal friendship.

A special committee, appointed to consider the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, recommended that it should not be adopted in Oregon; and the recommendation was approved by Grand Chapter.

Past Grand High Priests' jewels were presented to 12 Companions who had filled the station in the Grand East.

There is no correspondence report.


Pennsylvania.

The proceedings are those of 1919; and there are, as usual, four Quarterly Communications and an Annual Communication to reckon with. In addition, there was in 1919 an Emergency Communication, held for a very special purpose, of which more anon. All the Communications were held in Philadelphia.

The Quarterly meetings are chiefly for business, but at most of them something of interest crops up.

At the first Quarterly, held on the 6th March, 1919, the death of Edward B. Spencer, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Treasurer, which occurred on the 15th February, 1919, was announced. A memorial was subsequently prepared by Past Grand High Priest A. G. Criswell Smith, which is printed in the proceedings, and from which we learn that Edward B. Spencer was born in Dunmore, Pennsylvania, in 1842, and died in Philadelphia, where he had lived since early manhood. We
are not told that he had any profession or business—perhaps he had a private fortune. He was a musician of rare quality—both a performer and a composer—and versed in others of the fine arts. He was a gentleman of pleasing manners and dignified bearing, the friend of every one and loved by all who knew him. He had a great career as a Mason; he loved Freemasonry, believed sincerely in its teachings, and practised them faithfully in his life. He was Grand High Priest in 1901 and 1902, and Grand Treasurer from 1907 until 1918, rendering true and laudable service.

On the 24th October, 1919, J. Henry Williams, who was Grand High Priest in 1905 and 1906, died in Philadelphia. He was born in England in 1856, was brought early in life by his parents to Philadelphia, and lived there until his death. He was admitted to the Bar in 1877, became a successful advocate, and was raised to the Bench as an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania in 1916. He was a strong man intellectually, and, as his memorialist, Past Grand High Priest Thomas McConnell, wrote, had a passion for Freemasonry. The record of his work for the Fraternity is a remarkable one.

At the Quarterly Communication of June, 1919, the M.E. Grand High Priest, Comp. David J. Davis, presided. Attention was drawn to the fact that in 1920 this Grand Chapter would be 125 years old, and a committee was appointed to arrange for a fitting observance of the anniversary. At a subsequent meeting, the sum of $10,000 was appropriated for the expenses of the celebration.

Among distinguished visitors at the September quarterly were William F. Kuhn, Past Grand High Priest of Missouri and Deputy General Grand High Priest, and Abraham Shaw, of Kingston, Ontario, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The remarks of Companion Kuhn, the record says, "were intensely interesting and most helpful."

The Emergency Communication above referred to was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the 21st November, 1919, and was largely attended by members of Grand Chapter and distinguished visitors from other Jurisdictions, including delegations from
New York, Connecticut, Delaware, and New Jersey. Grand Chapter was opened at 2.20 p.m., and was then "called off" for the purpose of conferring the Capitular degrees upon Brother William C. Sproul. Lodges of Mark Master Masons and Most Excellent Masters were then successively opened and the two minor degrees conferred. After these Lodges had been closed, Grand Chapter was "called on" and the candidate exalted by the Grand High Priest and Grand Officers. Most interesting addresses were made by the visitors from other Jurisdictions, expressing their pleasure at being present also by Companion Edgar Fahs Smith, Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and the candidate, Companion William C. Sproul, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, indicative of their appreciation of and interest in this most unusual Communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Further the record sayeth not, but we may infer that there was a banquet, for the Grand Chapter was not closed until 11.03 p.m.

At the last Quarterly Communication of 1919, held on the 4th December, the annual reports of the Trustees of the Grand Chapter, the Committee on Finance, and other Committees, were received. Among them was that of the Committee on Correspondence, recommending the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and the exchange of representatives. This is an echo of a now almost forgotten controversy. It seems that in 1914 the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania resolved that, "owing to the fact that the Grand Chapter of Alberta has not secured the allegiance of all the Chapters within the territory, it cannot receive the recognition of this Grand Chapter." After careful investigation the Pennsylvania Committee had found that the Grand Chapter of Alberta had now the allegiance of all the subordinate Chapters within its territory. By some miscarriage, the news of this did not reach Philadelphia until October, 1919, though in fact it was accomplished in 1917.

The following letter, read at this Communication, is from the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Scotland to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania; it has a certain interest for those who
have followed the process of banning Scotland in the General Grand Chapter of the United States and many of the State Grand Chapters:—

"Referring to your letter of the 29th July . . . our Most Excellent First Grand Principal was present with us on the 19th September, when he was pleased to accept your nomination and to appoint M.E. Companion John S. Wallace as our Grand Representative at your Grand Chapter.

"His Lordship specially desired me to convey to you our good wishes.

"Some of the Grand Chapters in America do not unfortunately understand our rules and system, which are not quite the same as the American ones, but at the same time we are most anxious to preserve a position of friendliness and goodwill.

"In this your Grand Chapter has shown a spirit which is greatly appreciated.

"We are hopeful here, after difficult conditions have passed away, to have a conference with American Masonry, which will lead to a settlement of all differences.

"I am proud myself to be your representative here, and it is the dream of my life to visit your Temple."

The Annual Grand Communication (the 124th) was held in the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on St. John the Evangelist's Day, the 27th December, 1919, Grand High Priest Davis presiding in the Grand East, and presenting, as the record says, an "unusually interesting and forceful annual address, giving a most complete and thorough review of the work of the past Masonic year." While we agree with this statement, we do not find much in the address which should interest our readers. Two short paragraphs may be quoted:—

"The Capitular Schools of Instruction at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are still energetic and loyal. The accurate work as taught by the schools, coupled with the warm fraternal spirit in which it is imparted throughout the Jurisdiction, is superbly commendable and worthy of the highest praise."

"We have admitted during the year approximately 4,500 new members, making our present numerical strength greater than any period in the history of Grand
Chapter. We now have two Mark Lodges and 145 Chapters, with a total membership of approximately 44,000."

In the report of the Committee on Correspondence, which is composed of 5 Royal Craftsmen, only 36 Grand Jurisdictions are accounted for, but the work is excellently well done, as might be expected. There is an introduction by the senior reviewer, Past Grand High Priest William B. Meredith, in which he says:—

"Without doubt 1919 is the banner year in Capitular Masonry. All Chapters (with but rare exceptions) in our Jurisdiction have made a healthy and substantial growth. In fact, the Chapter which has not made considerable growth has but little interest in Ancient Masonry, and the members will be found to be worshiping strange Gods."

The review of "Canada" (1919) is also by Companion Meredith. It is, while justly discriminating, both appreciative and complimentary. Nothing better could be desired.

We have said nothing about the Masonic Home nor about finances; be it understood that the Home at Elizabethtown is of the very best, and that the Grand Chapter is wealthy.

David J. Davis, 339, South Main Avenue, Scranton. Grand High Priest (re-elected).

George B. Wells, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. Grand Secretary.

Quebec.

The volume for 1920, though not large, is full of meaty discourse.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec assembled in 43rd Annual Grand Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, Montreal, on the 24th March, 1920. M.E. Comp. Richard S. Kinghorn, at the end of his second term as Grand Z., was stationed in the Grand East. A delegation from the Grand Chapter of Canada, composed of William Nisbet Ponton, Grand Z., R. H. Spencer, Grand J., and H. J. Milne, Grand Scribe N., was introduced by M.E. Comp. Isaac H. Stearns, Senior Past Grand Z. of Quebec and representative of the
Grand Chapter of Canada, "in the most feeling, fraternal, and affectionate words," whereupon, says the record, "our Grand Z. extended a welcome in words of warmth, courtesy, and brotherly love, and recalled the occasion of his recent visit to the Grand Chapter of Canada." After Grand Honours had been given and the visitors conducted to the Grand East, Companion Ponton returned thanks "and delivered an oration brimful of sentiments of brotherly love, esteem, and affection, showing forth the fraternal relationship existing between these Grand Chapters and cemented, never to be broken, by these visits of the Grand Z. of each Grand Chapter."

Grand Z. Kinghorn in his address said:

"In spite of the period of unrest through which we are passing, our Order continues to advance in a most healthy manner. During the past year more candidates have been exalted than in any previous year, and the summonses received by me to this date indicate that this progress is being maintained. It is sincerely to be hoped that the newly exalted Companions by their regular attendance will show their appreciation and desire for knowledge, and encourage the presiding officers to increase their efforts to make these meetings more interesting, instructive, and enjoyable."

Reference was made in the address to the annual church service of the Royal Arch Masons of Montreal District, held on the 9th November, 1919, in the Church of St. James the Apostle; there was a very large attendance, and the Rector of the church, Ex. Comp. The Reverend Allan P. Shatford, preached a most eloquent and instructive sermon on "The Three Stones." The sermon is printed in an appendix to the proceedings. The three stones are the cubical stone, the keystone, and the capestone (capstone or copestone, there are three forms of the same word). The text was from 1 Chronicles, c. 22, v. 2: "He set Masons to hew wrought stones to build the House of God."

The Grand Z. told also of a visit made by him to Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Grand Chapter of Canada, Kingston, Ontario, on the 17th October, 1919. On this occasion the Grand First Principal of Canada was in the East, and received the eminent visitor from Quebec. Companion Kinghorn
said that he looked back with pride to this visit as one of the greatest events in his Masonic life, not only for the privilege of attending, as Grand Z. of another Grand Chapter, the Chapter of which his father had been a member, but also because, as he believed, it was the first occasion on which the Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapters of Canada and Quebec had met as such.

On the 25th February, the Most Excellent visited the Grand Chapter of Canada, and was warmly welcomed, as he said; but of course he does not tell all that was thought and spoken of him. The members of our Grand Chapter rejoiced and were exceeding glad because of his genial and dignified presence among them.

Having completed his two years of office, and being about, as he said, to return, as it were, to private life, he left a parting word—truly a good word—with his Companions.

"Remember that which is the highest conception of Masonry—service, first to the Brotherhood, afterwards to mankind. Keep that ever before you."

The report of Grand Scribe E. Couper showed 14 Chapters on the roll, with a total membership on the 31st December, 1919, of 2,176—a net increase in a year of 205.

The annual elections resulted in the advancement of the Grand H., Walter J. Francis, of Montreal, to the great office of Grand Z.; Henry Willis, Grand J., becoming Grand H.; and W. M. Couper becoming Grand J., having served for two years and a half as Grand Scribe E.


The Report of Foreign Correspondence by M.E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, Past Grand Z., is, as usual, brimful of interest. Upon the burning question of the "Form of the Report," he says, in his introduction, with no uncertain sound:

"Because we are jealous to see in the hands of reading Masons the most readable and informative literature available upon the Masonry and Masonic conditions of the present day, we have expressed the opinion upon several occasions that these searchers after facts are entitled to the best that can be made available to them. We believe that they are entitled to know something of
what is going on in every part of the world where legitimate Masonry, as we know it, is taught, and we have not hesitated to say that in our humble opinion Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Reviewers who shirk the labour of furnishing this information and substitute for it nothing beyond a mere essay upon some few of the topics that furnish themes for present-day discussion, are depriving many Masonic students in their respective Jurisdictions of the opportunity of keeping thoroughly posted in the Masonic work and movements of the day."

With this we agree. But we wish to add, not as qualifying what is so well said, but as constituting perhaps an exception to a rule, that some of the so-called "topical reviews" which we have had to consider could not have been produced without a great deal of labour. The majority of the labourers in the reviewing vineyard take up each Jurisdiction in turn and tell something about it under its name; the best of the topical reviewers extract perhaps the same information, or some of it, and then arrange it under heads, instead of under the names of Grand Chapters. Taking that method and our own, the question is, which is the better? And, while we adhere to the old form of report, we are not persuaded that there is no merit in the new.

Forty-three Grand Chapters are included in the report of this very learned reviewer. To Canada (1919) not much space is accorded, but still more than to most of the Jurisdictions, for the reviews are commendably brief. Our Grand Chapter receives courteous and indeed flattering notice.

Walter J. Francis, Montreal, Grand Z.
W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

Scotland.

There is a lamentable omission in the reports we have received from Auld Scotia. The reports come to us in pamphlet form and at intervals. We have now before us certain reports of 1919, to wit, of the Quarterly Convocations of the 19th September, 1919, and the 19th December, 1919, supplemented by reports of later meetings of the Supreme Grand Committee, and "Provincial Reports." We are informed that the minutes of the
proceedings at the Annual Convocation of March, 1920, are in type and will soon be printed off, but we cannot wait longer for them. In previous years we have had before us reports of the Annual Convocation of the year before in time for our review.

We make two extracts from the pamphlets received:

"Correspondence was submitted with reference to Chapter Columbia, No. 120, from which it appeared that they had resolved to cast in their lot with the newly formed Grand Chapter of British Columbia. The Committee would have desired that before voting on this subject the Chapter should have asked permission to do so, which would not have been refused, but they recommend that the Grand Chapter of British Columbia should be recognised, and that the action of our Chapter in seceding and adhering to that Grand Chapter should be sanctioned.

"As regards the funds which would fall to be returned to Supreme Grand Chapter, they recommend that they should be granted as a gift to the Benevolent Fund of Chapter Columbia.

"As regards the charter, they suggest that it might be returned to have an endorsement put upon it and then sent back to the Chapter.

"As regards the books, they suggest that they should be returned also for the purpose of endorsement.

"As regards all jewels, paraphernalia, etc., belonging to the Chapter, they suggest that they should be made a free gift to the Chapter under the new Constitution, and they also desire to express their best wishes for the prosperity of the Chapter under the new rule which they have adopted."

This report of the Supreme Grand Committee was adopted at the Quarterly Convocation of September, 1919. The treatment accorded to Chapter Columbia is quite generous.

The following is found in the "Provincial Reports," under the heading "Queensland:"—

"The Annual Convocation of the District Grand Chapter was held at Brisbane on 11th April, 1918, M.E. Companion Thomas S. Burstow, Grand Superintendent, presiding."
"District Grand Scribe E. read a copy of the correspondence with which M. E. Companion H. Courtenay Luck, Grand Superintendent of Queensland, had favoured us, between the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England and the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England in reference to the action of the Grand Chapter of New South Wales in chartering four Chapters in Queensland, and also in connection with the invitation issued by the Hiram Royal Arch Chapter, No. 283, L.C., to the Chapters in Queensland to appoint delegates to attend a meeting on 14th May to consider the question of establishing a Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Queensland, which had resulted in a cablegram to Grand Scribe E., Edinburgh, to which reply had been received, 'Meeting 14th May grossly irregular, attenders liable discipline,' on receipt of which a circular letter was sent on the 25th ult. to all our Chapters in Queensland explanatory of the situation, and forbidding inter-visitation between the members thereof and Companions holding under the Grand Chapter of New South Wales.'

We have already heard much of the new Grand Chapter of Queensland, which has not yet received much recognition. The attitude of both England and Scotland is indicated in the above. The Grand Chapter of New South Wales was instrumental in starting the new body thus regarded as schismatic.

No doubt we shall hear more of Queensland when we receive full reports from Scotland.

The Earl of Cassilis, Grand Z.
Alfred A. Arbuthnot Murray, 76 Queen's Street, Edinburgh, Grand Scribe E.

South Carolina.

The 109th Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina was held in the Masonic Temple, Georgetown, on the 13th April, 1920, Grand High Priest Samuel T. Lanham (of Spartanburg) presiding. Of this Ruler of the Royal Craft we find no portrait and no biography, but the main feature of the recorded proceedings is his excellent address read to the assembled Companions, after the introduction and reception of the Grand High Priest of North Carolina,
John H. Anderson, who, it is said, "addressed the Craft in his usual forceful manner."

Companion Lanham at the outset, while acknowledging the phenomenal growth in numbers, felt that there might in this be cause for concern as well as congratulation, and urged the Companions to redouble their efforts to scrutinise each petition most carefully. He quoted the following from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

"At the stated Communication of the Grand Lodge, held December 29, 1919, M.W. Arthur D. Prince, immediately after being installed Grand Master, warned the Craft that he had reason to believe that attempts would be made to poison the Fraternity by the introduction of members opposed to those fundamental tenets of our Order, obedience to God, service to men, and liberty under law. In one of our industrial centres, where there are 4 Lodges, 8 applications were recently simultaneously presented, two in each Lodge, coming from persons known to be radical agitators. Great care must be taken to prevent persons whose ideals and ideas are different from those which are at once the foundation of Masonry and of Americanism from gaining admission to our Order. All applicants must be carefully investigated with a view to certainty on this point."

The Grand High Priest told of the constitution of the two new Chapters which had been chartered at the Convocation of 1919. He had been fully convinced of the wisdom shown by this Grand Body when it adopted the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter; and called attention to the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, to be held in the City of Asheville, one of the most beautiful places in America.

A special report was read by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Eustace P. Miller (of Bennetsville), of the 10th Annual Convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, held in Alexandria, Virginia, in February, 1920. Companion Miller was in attendance as representative of South Carolina. He said that South Carolina Masons were among the first to enlist in this undertaking. The 10th Annual Convention had been held, but the work had only begun. There was now a nucleus of a fund—more than $200,000
—but much more was needed, and every individual Mason in the United States would be called upon for assistance. He respectfully recommended the appropriation to this fund by this Grand Chapter of so much money as the Finance Committee should deem proper. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation of $250, and the recommendation was adopted.

The Grand Secretary reported that the membership was 4,799, and the net gain in a year was 1,029. There appear to be now 40 Chapters, including the two lately chartered and constituted and two still newer ones under dispensation. All the Chapters had made their returns and paid their dues in full; and there was a very satisfactory statement from the Grand Treasurer, J. Halsey Mallory, who brought forward a balance of $9,227.93. The sum of $500 was appropriated to the work carried on by the Masonic Relief Board.

The Companions of Georgetown were thanked "for the true Southern hospitality" accorded to the delegates from other points.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in Newberry.

Apparently all the Grand Officers were re-elected.

Companion William W. Wannamaker, Canada’s representative near the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, is Grand King, and a very active member of Grand Chapter.

We have begun to think of Past Grand High Priest James L. Michie (of Darlington) as our old friend. This is his 10th Annual Review of Royal Arch Proceedings—54 Grand Chapters are covered. The report is as usual both instructive and entertaining. The (shall we say?) "pawky" humour of Companion Michie enlivens each page. The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Canada in June, 1919, receive a considerable amount of attention. The "sash" incident appears to afford Companion Michie some amusement. He trusts "that our Canadian Companions will sleep easy now that this momentous question has been settled to their satisfaction."

The conclusion of the report is largely devoted to the new ritual and proposed new Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. He says that "the said constitution has as little chance of being adopted
in its present form as a cow has of jumping over the moon;'' and, ''When it comes to mistakes and errors, said new ritual beats any book I have ever seen.''

Samuel T. Lanham, Spartanburg, Grand High Priest.
O. Frank Hart, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

South Dakota.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota met in 31st Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, Pierre, on the 10th June, 1920.

Frederick Treon, presiding Grand High Priest (portrait but no biography), made a brief address, in which he said, among other things:—

''It is time for thoughtful deliberation and economy. Already financial conditions are becoming serious, and we must expect from the wonderful times of plenty and high wages some radical change. During all the uncertainty of the times an increased activity in Masonry has been going on, and we close the books with a most healthful growth. During the year preceding this we gained 186 members, while now the record shows a gain of 543 for the year just ended.''

Grand Secretary George A. Pettigrew in his report—his 30th annual—gave the number of chartered Chapters as 35 and 2 under dispensation; 682 exaltations; total membership, 4,853. Notwithstanding that owing to the epidemic of influenza some of the Chapter-rooms were closed during the winter months, when degree-work would be the most active, the result of the year’s work was very gratifying, as the net gain (543) was the largest in the history of the Grand Chapter.

Past Grand High Priest Louis G. Levoy, Committee on Correspondence, presented his report in printed form, stating that it would be his last, as he was removing from South Dakota to California, where he intended to live permanently. Grand Chapter thanked him for his many years of service and regretted that it had become necessary for him to sever his relations with the Companions of this Jurisdiction.

The venerable Companion Benjamin F. Ives, Grand Lecturer for many years, was elected Grand Lecture emeritus ad vitam at a salary of $350 a year.
The Correspondence Report presented by Companion Levoy, being his last, merits attention. He is a clear and forceful writer, making no pretence of literary skill, not a Haines or a Chambers, but a faithful narrator and a shrewd commentator. The doings of 46 Grand Chapters, of which Canada (1919) is one, are briefly recounted. The conclusion is so interesting and so full of the best Masonic sentiment that we transcribe it almost in full:—

"This is the 30th report participated in and presented to Grand Chapter.

"Grand Secretary Pettigrew was appointed the committee in 1890; the first report was edited by him in 1891, in the preparation of which I assisted, as also those of 1892 and 1893; I was then appointed as the committee, and have prepared and presented all reports to date.

"Since I have been writing these reports many of the eminent Craftsmen who had this work in hand for the various Jurisdiction have completed their labours and gone to their reward.

"Of those still serving when we commenced writing are only the following: Companions Chambers of Quebec, Foster of Colorado, and Todd of Minnesota. They are still writing, and I sincerely hope they will be spared to continue for many years in the good work.

"We have enjoyed the communion of kindred spirits at the Round Table for all these years and profited by the experience, acknowledging also the courteous reviews as related to South Dakota from their pens. It is quite a strain to tear myself away, and I shall surely miss the work, but duty calls and I must away.

"To the Guild generally, and particularly to those remaining of the Old Guard, I say 'Hail and Farewell.' May health, wealth, and prosperity be yours in the years to come.

"Companions of Grand Chapter, for your confidence in me for all these years in permitting me to do this work, accept the undying thanks of one who more than appreciates your kindness and courtesy at all times, and an only say: May He who holds the destiny of man in the hollow of His hand have you in His holy keeping, guard and preserve you and the Grand Chapter of South Dakota to continued usefulness in the years that follow."
Undoubtedly Companion Levoy will be sadly missed by the two classes with whom he leaves his benediction. The new Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence is Charles Brockway, Sioux Falls. Arthur B. McKeel, Mitchell, Grand High Priest. George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee.

Joseph A. Fowler, of Memphis, Grand High Priest of Tennessee during 1919, was, and no doubt still is, what is sometimes termed a “live wire.” We were much impressed by his address read at the 91st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, held in Nashville on the 26th and 27th January, 1920; and, upon turning to our review of a year ago, we found that we had set down some facts about him, the custom in Tennessee (and a very good custom) being to give in each volume of proceedings a portrait and a biography of the Ruler most recently elected and installed. It appears, then, that Companion Fowler is what we may term a young man, having been born in 1883, in Memphis, where he is prominent as a director of many electrical and industrial corporations.

In opening his address this able Ruler said that Royal Craftsmen were inspired by the great revival which was sweeping over the Fraternity throughout the world. “Selfishness,” he said, “is the contributing vice to most of the ills from which mankind is suffering in this hour of international unrest. . . . ‘Service not self’ must become a living doctrine behind the influences at work in the world. . . . Surely our organisation was not raised to look with neutral eyes upon a bonfire of the fabric of civilisation. The time has passed when we might with propriety hold ourselves aloof. We must emerge from the secluded atmosphere of our traditional aloofness to a publicly acknowledged interest in and concern for religious and political liberty.” The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, while deploiring the unrest that is sweeping over the nations of the earth, “cannot agree . . . that it is the duty of Freemasonry to abandon the ancient landmarks and traditions of our Order and engage in political or religious strife; but, as
individuals, we should walk the straight path of duty and by our example show the world that the highway to happiness and contentment is in duty well done."

The report of the committee was adopted.

Freemasons must of course be on the side of order and settled government; but we question whether, even if it were conceded that the "traditional aloofness" of which Companion Fowler speaks should be abandoned, much force would be added to that which Masons as individuals are exerting.

The Grand High Priest referred feelingly to the death on the 19th September, 1919, of Past Grand High Priest George Limerick Fowler, after a useful life of 77 years. He was born in Ireland, passed most of his life in Tennessee, was Grand High Priest in 1906, and died in Franklin, Tennessee.

Two new Chapters were set to work under dispensation during 1919 and were chartered at this Convocation, and the charter of one Chapter, which had been inactive for several years, was arrested.

The appointment of Past Grand High Priest James H. McClister as Grand Lecturer (recorded a year ago) was referred to by the Grand High Priest. Much good had apparently resulted from the work of the new officer. The Grand High Priest said:—

"With the acquisition of an official Lecturer, I determined to delegate to him much of the personal inspection of subordinate Chapters, believing that the usual visitations of a Grand High Priest are largely social in nature. Caring little for that sort of thing, I have, with one exception, limited my visits to such Chapters as required my services as a worker, and it was as such only that I presented myself. While my personal appearances in subordinate Chapters number less than a score, yet I have visited by correspondence all the Chapters more than once, and many of them monthly, receiving in this manner an audience which, if the records are indicative, might have been denied your Grand High Priest in person."

Upon the recommendation of the Grand High Priest the office of Deputy Grand High Priest was abolished.

The Widows and Orphans Home of Tennessee being in need of funds, a campaign was started in the summer
of 1919, in which members of the Grand Chapter took part. Their zeal was commended by the Grand High Priest, who said that the amount raised, when all the returns should be in, would probably reach $115,000.

A relaxation of the strict requirements of the statutes in regard to physical perfection was recommended by the Grand High Priest and approved by Grand Chapter.

"During the 10 months of our fiscal year," said the Grand High Priest, "the Craft enjoyed an unprecedented growth—Chapters inactive for years came to life. Approximately 850 Companions were exalted during the 10 months, as against less than 400 for any previous year. The revenues of the Grand Chapter increased about $2,500." Particular attention was directed to the splendid record of Washington Chapter, No. 21, which had 36 members at the beginning of the year, had no new members in 1918, but which reported for 1919 no less than 27 exaltations, an increase of 80 per cent.—almost every member brought in a petition. There were a few dormant organisations, with which the Grand High Priest wrought constantly in the endeavour to turn them from the error of their way.

The Grand Secretary's figures are: 82 Chapters on the roll; total membership at the end of October, 1919, 6,881; net gain in a year, 510.

The latter part of the Grand High Priest's address is most interesting. We quote it almost in full:

"I am strongly impressed with the need of greater educational facilities in Tennessee. In certain parts of this great State the illiteracy among our people is astounding. This condition is particularly distressing in view of the fact that most of our population is native-born. People cannot be expected to stand to and abide by their obligations as citizens unless given an opportunity to learn of them.

"Compulsory education may be the answer, but more schools and roads leading to them will go far toward solving the problem.

"Certainly Masonry could champion no more worthy cause. Fundamentally our institution is devoted to the principle of making darkness light.

"I recommend that a commission be appointed to make a study of this condition, and instructed to support
in an active manner every effort made to improve the same, and that a sum of $1,000 be set aside for the use of the commission. I further recommend that the M.W. Grand Lodge be apprised of this action and invited to co-operate with the Grand Chapter.

"The importance of Capitular Masonry to the knowledge of every informed Mason cannot be overestimated. It is my firm conviction that an especial effort should be made to bring this subject to the attention of Symbolic Lodges throughout Tennessee.

"I recommend that a pamphlet similar to that issued by the Grand Chapter of Missouri be printed and distributed as a part of our educational programme."

These recommendations were adopted.

Grand Lecturer McClister reported that half of the Chapters were almost dormant, not because there was no material to work on, but because the officers did not know the work well enough to want applications and rather discouraged than encouraged petitions. The officers of many of the Chapters did not attempt to confer degrees, but sent for some one to do the work. He visited every Chapter in the State except 5—of these 5, 3 were of the dormant type, but he could not arrange a date to suit them. In his work during the year he travelled 9,932 miles and assisted in conferring 961 degrees, doing most of the work himself. There had been an awakening in all the Chapters; and the Grand Lecturer felt that another year would show still better results.

The Committee on Ritual not only recommended that the new ritual of the General Grand Chapter should not be adopted, but "slated" that august production in these words:—

"We have very carefully examined the General Grand Chapter ritual, adopted in 1918, and must express our emphatic disapproval of it as a whole, and would recommend that this Grand Chapter instruct its Representatives to the next General Grand Convocation to vote against that section of the new constitution which gives that body the power to force Grand Chapters to use that ritual and no other.

"It is an extremely radical change of almost the entire phraseology of the present ritual from the opening
of the Mark Degree to the closing of the Royal Arch. It contains on nearly every page errors of one kind or another, and should have been placed in the hands of a school teacher for correction before any attempt was made to promulgate it to the Craft for their information and guidance."

The report included a "revised ritual" prepared by the committee—they had added some things from the new General Grand Chapter ritual; but their main idea was to preserve the present ritual, as far as possible, and that they had done, while shortening it to some extent. Grand Chapter approved the ritual as revised and adopted the report.

Companion Angus Gordon Bowen was elected and installed as Grand High Priest for 1920. He was born in Alabama in 1863. He has been a schoolmaster and is now a banker in Nashville. As depicted in phototype, he seems of the kind of strong men of whom Rulers of the Craft should be made, but he has not yet held high office in other branches of Masonry.

Companion McClister desired to be relieved of the Correspondence Report, finding the duties of Grand Lecturer enough to occupy his time. A worthy successor was found in Past Grand High Priest C. H. Smart, who makes his first report or series of reviews, in the good old alphabetical order and established form. Companion Smart is already known to the present members of the Correspondence Guild, he having been Grand High Priest as recently as 1918. His reviews, we think, will be generally pronounced good. He has a crisp, semi-jocular style of writing, which will attract attention to his opinions, of which he, perhaps naturally, does not give many in this his initial work. Fifty-three Grand Chapters come within the length of his cable-tow, and he does justice to all. Of Canada (1919) he has a good deal to say. In one respect he "gets even" with us. If we wrote, or if the printer printed "A. G. McClister" instead of "J. H. McClister," that is atoned for by the substitution of "Garrett" for "Gorrell" when speaking of our Grand Z. of 1919.

A. G. Bowen, Nashville, Grand High Priest.
Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.
Vermont.

George I. Whitney, of Bellows Falls, Grand High Priest (portrait but no biography), presided at the 103rd Annual Convention of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, in the Masonic Temple, Burlington, on the 11th June, 1920. After opening and roll-call, a distinguished visitor was introduced—William Nisbet Ponton, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada. He was heartily welcomed and escorted to the East. "Later in the session, he addressed the Grand Chapter in a ringing speech that merited and received sincere applause. That he may soon be our guest again is the hearty wish of every Companion then present." The quotation is from the Grand Secretary's minutes.

Among the distinguished members of this Grand Chapter who departed this life between June, 1919, and June, 1920, the Grand High Priest, in his address, mentioned William H. Brewster, Immediate Past Grand High Priest, whose address we referred to a year ago. He was engaged in business in Middlebury, Vermont, and was a very useful member of all the Masonic bodies to which he belonged. He died on the 13th February, 1920, at the age of 59. "A loyal and enthusiastic Mason whose loss will be deeply felt."

"Capitular Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is in a very satisfactory condition," said the Grand High Priest, and he commended the efforts of the Grand Lecturer, E. Comp. Edward W. Crannell, who, in his report, gave an account of the work he had done, with particular mention of the 8 district meetings which had been held in December, 1919. The report says "1920," but that is a clear impossibility.

H. H. Ross, Grand Secretary, reported 30 chartered Chapters, all making returns; 330 exaltations during the year; total membership, 4,893; net gain, 178; and the Grand Treasurer stated a cash balance of $6,263.55 and investments amounting to $9,000.

A code of general regulations and standing resolutions, and a digest of decisions and resolutions, had been prepared by a special committee, and were recommended by the Committee on Jurisprudence for adoption. Grand Chapter adopted them.
We find nothing else in the regular proceedings of this Grand Chapter which should interest our readers; but the appendix contains good matter—the report of the Committee on Correspondence. Past Grand High Priest Eugene S. Weston is again the writer; this is his fourth annual report, and it is as good as or better than the other three. "With the typewriter freshly oiled, scissors newly ground, and a fresh pot of paste, we begin our journey, visiting the various Grand Chapters throughout the world. As has been our custom, we visit them in alphabetical order, beginning with Alabama." Thus pleasantly does he start on his journey and proceed deliberately as far as Wyoming, making a notable stop at Canada, where he was fed with the products of two years, 1919 and 1920, and apparently approved of what he received. The complete journey from terminus to terminus was made with 45 stops at way-stations. It is all smooth travelling. The conclusion of the journey brings forth the following reflections:—

"The burning question among the Royal Craft has been whether to adopt the new constitution proposed for the General Grand Chapter. We have found it discussed in some of the addresses of Grand High Priests and very generally by the reviewers. Two Grand High Priests have come out squarely in favour of its adoption, while most have recommended a very careful examination before granting the added powers asked for by the General Grand Chapter. Almost without exception, it has been opposed by the Correspondents, most of whom have laboured long and faithfully for the good of Capitular Masonry. Those who have favoured its adoption have considered that it gave no extraordinary powers to the General Grand Chapter and that it would bind the several Grand Chapters in a closer bond. Those opposed have taken the ground that it will take away the sovereignty of the Grand Chapters and make them simply vassals of the General Grand. It would oblige all Grand Jurisdictions to use the ritual of the General Grand, which has to be frequently revised. Those who believe in stability in our work do not want to be obliged to have it subject to the whims of those who are tinkering with it. We, in Vermont, believe we have as good a work as exists, and I am of the opinion that we shall be
loath to change. While assuming certain new powers, the new constitution says that the General Grand Chapter shall not have authority to suspend a Grand Chapter. It would require but little amendment to strike out the word not after the lapse of a little time. From our review, we do not believe the consensus of opinion will be in favour of making any radical change in the law that has prevailed for more than 60 years.”

Charles A. Lang, Montpelier, Grand High Priest.
Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Victoria.

The “Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Victoria, 1919-1920,” are contained in a very neat volume, printed in red ink, which found its way to our table in January, 1921. The recorded proceedings are those of Convocations held in Melbourne on the 16th July, 1919, the 15th October, 1919, the 21st January, 1920, and the 21st April, 1920. At each of these Convocations a communication from the First Grand Principal, William Player Bice, was read or an address was made by him in person. At the last of these meetings he was re-elected and re-installed as the head of the Grand Chapter. At this Convocation in April, 1920, also, Most Eminent Companion A. T. Holden, P.G.Z., was welcomed by the Grand Z., on his return from England, where he had been so long engaged in his important duties as Chaplain-General in the Australian Forces. The accomplishments of Companion Holden had been recognised by the British Government by the bestowal of a Companionship in the Order of the British Empire, a distinction which he well merited.

The Grand Z. referred to the activities of Royal Arch Freemasonry throughout the territory during the preceding 12 months. On the 31st December, 1919, there were 1,374 Companions on the register, the net gain in a year being 177. There were 12 metropolitan Chapters, with a membership of 734, and 13 country Chapters, with a membership of 640. All the Chapters were working on a good foundation and would continue to prosper.

A Service of Thanksgiving for Peace was held on the 16th July, 1919.
The proceedings before us are those of the 112th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, held in the Masonic Temple, Richmond, on the 28th and 29th November, 1919. The volume contains three portraits, one being that of the Chief Ruler elected at that Convocation, John T. Cochran, of The Plains. The other two have a peculiar significance, marking the retirement of the veteran Grand Secretary, James Braxton Blanks, and the election of a new one, J. Gus. Hankins. Of Companion Blanks we have generally had something to record when writing of Virginia; but perhaps we have not told that he has been in office since 1895. His portrait reveals him in an old age, frosty but kindly, and we can well understand the love which his Companions have for him. His successor appears to be almost a youth, but he cannot be very young, for he has made a name for himself as a member of the Grand Chapter and as Chairman of the Finance Committee. “In grateful recognition of the long and faithful services of our beloved Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. James Braxton Blanks, who has so efficiently served this Grand Chapter in that capacity for the last 24 years,” he was created Grand Secretary emeritus ad vitam, his salary being fixed at $600 per annum during life.

James Hubert Price, of Richmond, presided as Grand High Priest at this Convocation and read a most interesting address. He was glad to be able to report that peace and harmony prevailed in the Grand Jurisdiction, and that Capitular Masonry had made wonderful progress during the year. Masonry, he felt, was destined to fill a vital place in the future welfare of the world.

Stanley Watkins Martin was a particularly useful, eminent, and much loved member of the Grand Chapter. He died at his home in Lynchburg, Virginia, on the 20th August, 1919, having been born in Virginia in 1867. He had been in his country’s services as an officer in the National Guard of Virginia ever since the Spanish-
American war. In 1918 he was retired on account of physical disability. Connected as he was with every branch of the Craft in Virginia, the cause of Masonry was ever near and dear to his heart. He was Grand High Priest in 1911. The ruling Grand High Priest referred to Companion Martin as "one of the brightest jewels in this Grand Chapter."

The numerical strength of the Chapters was referred to in the address. Two charters were surrendered during the year; and a new Chapter was set to work under dispensation. There were at the time of this Convocation 67 Chapters, and all of them had made their returns and paid their dues. The aggregate membership of the Chapters on the 1st October, 1919, was 9,671; and the net gain for 1919 was the largest in the history of the Grand Chapter, 946.

The retiring Grand Secretary gave some interesting statistics for the 24 years of his service. The net gain in these years was more than 300 per cent. It had been the privilege of Companion Blanks to sign 43 of the 67 charters now held by the constituent Chapters. The largest membership (431) is fittingly possessed by Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 14, at Alexandria.

The new Chapter is Highland Park Chapter, in the City of Richmond. The dispensation was granted on the 26th June, 1919, to 9 petitioners; and the return made at the end of October showed 23 additional affiliations and 42 exaltations, making a total membership of 74. A wonderful record! The Chapter of course got its charter.

The Grand High Priest had something to say of the Masonic Home. The contributions in 1919 from the constituent Chapters amounted to $1,334, the largest sum ever contributed. The Home was filled to its capacity, and the Most Excellent intimated that efforts, in which Royal Arch Masons would participate, must be made to provide for an enlarged sphere of usefulness.

The Grand Chapter of Virginia, though not a constituent of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, is on friendly terms with it. A year ago we noted that the installation of Henry De Witt Hamilton, of New York, as General Grand Principal Sojourner, took place (by request) in the Grand Chapter of Virginia;
and in these proceedings we find gracious acknowledgment from the head of the General Grand Chapter and from the General Grand Principal Sojourner himself.

The Report of the Grand Lecturer, John T. Cochran, shows a very systematic course of visiting and instruction, with beneficial results. We note that this eminent Royal Craftsman has been elected and installed as Grand High Priest, but still continues, with of course the approbation of the Companions, to be Grand Lecturer.

There remains the Report on Fraternal Correspondence of R.E. Comp. Joseph W. Eggleston, whose work we know and regard as of the best. He deals with 44 Grand Chapters. In every case the proceedings reviewed are those of 1918. We are led to believe that he purposely confines himself each year to the reports of the previous calendar year, which course makes for symmetry, but, we think, detracts from the interest of the reviews by giving an effect of staleness. The reports of Grand Chapters meeting in the first half of the calendar year may well be brought before a Grand Chapter meeting at the end of November. Companion Eggleston writes entertainingly of our proceedings of 1918, and does them full justice.


J. Gus. Hankins, P.O. Box 542, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

Washington.

The story is short. The 36th Annual Convocation was held at Spokane on the 3rd and 4th May, 1920. The Grand High Priest, Edwin Hugh Van Patten, presided and read an address in which he gave a very good and businesslike summary of the affairs of the Grand Chapter. Grievous personal affliction and loss had prevented him from being as active among the Companions as he had wished. Great sympathy for him was expressed by all. Royal Arch Masonry, he said, has prospered exceedingly during his year of office—indeed the growth in membership was unprecedented in the history of the Grand Chapter. This highly gratifying condition encouraged the hope for prosperous times in the future.
The Grand Secretary's report gave the statistics. One Chapter had surrendered its charter during the year. There remained 37 Chapters, and returns had been made and dues paid by all. During the year there were 626 exaltations and 53 deaths. The total membership at the end of the year was 5,436, and the net gain in a year was 557.

An excellent address was given by Ex. Comp. James Hoffer Johnson, Grand Orator, upon the "Mission of Masons." He said, with emphasis, that our greatest obligation is to those yet unborn.

The Report on Correspondence is by Grand Secretary Yancey Crawford Blalock, of Walla Walla. He is, as we have found, an able writer and reviewer, but this year's report must not be taken as a test of his quality. It is his 30th annual report. "On account of the high cost of printing," he says, "I have made it mainly statistical, except in cases where there is some unusual action by the Grand Chapter in review. Very briefly, he refers to the doings of 51 Grand Chapters, and in some cases he quotes from addresses and reports. "Canada" covers the Convocations of both 1919 and 1920.

Frederick Lau Janeck, Yakima, Grand High Priest.
Yancey Crawford Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

West Virginia.

Perhaps the most distinctive features of the volume before us—the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia for 1919—are some well-executed phototypes of the notables of that year. We have thus in counterfeit presentment: Benjamin Alexander Caruthers, Grand High Priest for 1918-1919; Thomas Martin Turner, Grand High Priest for 1919-1920; George M. Ford, P.G.H.P., elected Grand Secretary in 1919; and Prescott C. White, appointed Grand Lecture in 1919.

A year ago we gave some account of the career of Companion Caruthers; and now we find a brief biography of the new chief ruler. Thomas Martin Turner was born in Jefferson County, West Virginia, in 1855,
and moved to Martinsburg, Berkeley County, in 1873. He apparently lives there still, but what his occupation is we are not told.

Of George M. Ford, who succeeds D. K. Reed as Grand Secretary, we are told nothing, nor are we informed of the reason for Companion Reed’s retirement from office. The same may be said of the new Grand Lecturer and of his predecessor, John M. McConihay, P.G.H.P. But it is worth noting that two changes have been made in the permanent or quasi-permanent officers of the Grand Chapter.

A third change came about by the death, on the 11th September, 1919, of Kephart Delwar Walker, P.G.H.P., whose “Review of other Grand Chapters” we noticed last year, giving also his prophetic anticipation of his speedy demise. He was 82 years old, having been born, in Pennsylvania, in 1837. The greater part of his life was spent in the telegraph and railway service, from which he retired in 1906. He held the highest stations in all branches of Masonry, was a man of culture and wide reading, and greatly beloved by his Brethren and Companions.

Grand Treasurer Samuel N. Myers, P.G.H.P., still continues in office and so does Bishop Gravatt, Grand Chaplain.

The Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia of 1919 was the 49th Annual, and was held in Charleston, on the 10th and 11th November.

In the address of Grand High Priest Caruthers we find the following trenchant passage:

“From the information at hand it would appear that Royal Arch Masonry has flourished during the year as never before in the history of the rite, and we may feel proud of the fact that Masonry has never been more popular and more sought after than since the war closed.

“This goes to show that our institution is founded upon the basic principles that appeal to men who come into contact with men and things on a large scale, and that they may turn to our Order and find the principles and fundamentals of brotherhood.

“The broadening influences of the war have taught our soldiers that only through service—personal service—can they come into close relations with their fellow-
men, and by that means to command them, to influence them, to love them, to know them, and commune in Truth with one another. This has brought the soldier boy, as it should, to knock at our door for admission to an institution that was old before the Anglo-Saxon formed his speech, and one worthy of men in every walk of life.

"It is, therefore, our duty, as Royal Arch Masons, by our conduct and example to endeavour to make our Fraternity greater and better, and so deport ourselves that the world may know that our teachings make better men of us."

There appear to be 43 constituent Chapters, with a total membership in 1919 of 8,156—net increase in a year, 624.

There is a Committee on Correspondence, a committee of two, and we gather that a report was expected from them, but it was probably not ready in time to be printed in the proceedings—at all events we find no report.

Thomas Martin Turner, Martinsburg, Grand High Priest.
George M. Ford, Wheeling, Grand Secretary.

**Wisconsin.**

The net gain in membership in this Grand Jurisdiction in 1918 was hardly 400, but in 1919 it ran up to 1,264; there were 1,556 exaltations in 1919; and the total membership on the 1st January, 1920, was 14,879. At that date there were 99 Chapters, including 4 under dispensation. The Grand Treasurer reports a good surplus. This Grand Chapter is waxing great, and harmony prevails as well as prosperity.

The 76th Annual Convocation, held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Milwaukee, on the 17th and 18th February, 1920, was well-attended, and was ruled by George H. Keenan, Grand High Priest, who read a concise and businesslike address, dealing shrewdly with the affairs of the Grand Chapter. He did not forget the distinguished men who had passed away—no less than three Past Grand High Priests died in 1919. The oldest was Jonathan H. Evans, born in Westchester, Pennsyl-
vania, in 1830. He was identified with the growth of Platteville, in Southwest Wisconsin, where he made his home, and laboured incessantly for the benefit of the community. He was Grand High Priest in 1874 and 1875. Andrew J. Wallace was Grand High Priest in 1897. A native Canadian, he went to Wisconsin in early manhood and settled in Durand, where he was president of the principal bank at the time of his death. All three of these veteran Masons served in the civil war. Frederick S. Veeder was born in New York in 1847. After the war had ended, he studied law and practised successfully in Juneau County, where he was District Attorney for several terms. He was Grand High Priest in 1902.

From the conclusion of the Report on Foreign Correspondence, by Samuel Wright, P.G.H.P., who tells of the doings of 52 Grand Chapters, Canada (1919) being one, we take the following:—

"In the examination of the proceedings of the various Grand Jurisdictions, the most striking feature that catches our attention is the remarkable increase in the work, and consequently the membership, and a corresponding decrease in loss by N.P.D., indicating a Capitular interest never so generally attained before."

Edward T. Hayhurst, Watertown, Grand High Priest.
William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

**Wyoming.**

Adrian Jefferson Parshall, the able and learned Grand Secretary and Grand Reviewer of Wyoming, died on the 15th November, 1919, at his home in Cheyenne. He was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1849, and graduated from the University there in 1871. He became a Deputy United States Surveyor, settled in Cheyenne in 1872, and followed the profession of a surveyor all his life. He was a lover of Masonry, was the first Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming when it was organised in 1909, became Grand Secretary in 1910, and in that year also began the series of Correspondence Reviews which made him famous throughout the Capitular world.
Mention of the life and work of this beloved Companion is frequent in the volume of proceedings before us—those of the 12th Annual Convocation, held in Rawlins, Wyoming, on the 15th July, 1920. The Grand High Priest, William Pugh, in the course of his annual address, said:

"He was a learned and accomplished Mason, and his natural kindness of heart and disposition caused him to be universally loved and respected among his Companions."

The successor of Companion Parshall, both as Grand Secretary and Reviewer, feelingly wrote:

"He brought us into closer touch with our sister Grand Jurisdictions, by giving us in concise and concrete form an intelligent synopsis of their proceedings, together with decisions of points of law, and the leading events in the sphere of Capitular Masonry. He was a devoted Masonic student, and was recognised amongst us as a safe guide and counsellor in all our Masonic labours and deliberations. His memory will remain green and his name will be affectionately cherished by the Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction for many long years to come."

And two Past Grand High Priests, specially deputed to prepare a memorial, added this fine tribute:

"He had, by his happy and cheerful disposition and by the active and engaging manner in which he discharged the duties of his office, endeared himself to every Royal Arch Mason in the State of Wyoming, and as we meet to-day his place is vacant, nor can we look toward it without a feeling of sadness. We shall hear no more the tones of that magnetic and persuasive voice, filled with enthusiasm and love for the Order—no more grasp the hand that so fondly gave with it the kindly heart.

"It is with no ordinary emotion of sorrow that we offer this tribute to the memory of the dead. Our Companion was with us for many years, while Capitular Masonry in Wyoming was in its infancy and through storm and sunshine guarded it as it grew to manhood. We came to look upon his energetic presence as one of the fixed events of our annual meetings, his influence in
all of our affairs was an element of growth and progress
that, so far as we could see, would continue indefinitely;
but, while he has fulfilled his mission among us and his
Companions mourn, the influence of his personality, of
his rare devotion to the cause of Masonry, will never be
lost or forgotten."

The Companions of the Round Table will feel that
a great one in Israel has fallen.

The Convocation of July, 1919, was presided over by
Grand High Priest Pugh, who, addressing the assembled
Companions, said that reports from the various Chapters
in the State indicated a good growth in Capitular
Masonry and that the Chapters were generally pro-
sperous and working harmoniously.

Past Grand High Priest Samuel Corson, who was
appointed Grand Secretary for the unexpired portion of
Companion Parshall's term, reported 13 chartered Chap-
ters and one under dispensation, with a total mem-
bership (1920) of 1,469 and a net gain of 191 in a year.
All the Chapters had made returns and paid their dues.
Companion Corson was elected Grand Secretary for
1920-21, and re-appointed also as the Committee on
Correspondence.

This Grand Body has adopted the ritual authorised
by the General Grand Chapter of the United States;
but we do not find that it has approved of the proposed
extension of the powers of the General Grand Chapter.
A special committee appointed to consider the proposals
did not, so far as appears, report at this Convocation.

The Report on Correspondence is, as has been said,
written by Companion Corson, the new Grand Secretary,
who reviews the proceedings of 52 Grand bodies with
evident joymen in the work, and with discernment. Out
of abundant, perhaps excessive, caution—for we can see
that he is a practised writer—he gives us very little of
his own. We have a taste of his quality, however, in the
words we have quoted above relating to his lamented
predecessor. Canada—it is 1919, but might have been
1920—receives a flattering share of attention.

Charles W. Sheldon, Sheridan, Grand High Priest.
Samuel Corson, Cheyenne, Grand Secretary.
Conclusion.

The pleasure which we anticipated in the perusal of these volumes has been ours to the fullest extent, and yet we fear that we have failed to attain the great object of communicating happiness to others. The impression left after reading over what has been written above is that, while we have not been unmindful of the dignity and high importance of Masonry, we have been over-elaborate in quotation, and have seldom condescended to touch upon the lighter side of things. One anecdote will be found, under "Illinois," and we have quoted some of the scintillations of the champion humourist, Roe Fulkerson, of the District of Columbia, who, by the way has laid down the Correspondent's pen, we hope not for ever. The rest is serious to a degree, and perhaps necessarily so, for the Companions with whom we have been in converse have written seriously upon the Masonic topics of the period, which is, roughly, the second half of 1919 and the first half of 1920, though we have reviewed some proceedings of a later date.

We remark again upon the numerical preponderance of the reports of the State Grand Chapters of the United States over those of the British Empire; and, while we do not seek to disparage the reports which come to us from other parts of the British Empire, it must be said that it is only in the reports from the United States and in those of the Grand Chapters of the Provinces of Canada—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Alberta and British Columbia—that we find much matter for review. What we receive from Scotland, Ireland, and the Australasian Dominions, is so meagre that it does not afford much opportunity for quotation or comment.

This explanation will suffice perhaps to show why, in the few disjointed observations now to be made, our concern is chiefly with the Grand Chapters of the United States.

In the foregoing pages we have omitted reference to the unanimity of all Grand Chapters in recognising and welcoming the new Grand Chapter of British Columbia;
and the practical unanimity with which recognition of the Grand Chapter of Queensland has been refused or deferred. In nearly every volume before us something is said about one or both of these Grand bodies. It is to be regretted that unhappy differences exist in Queensland which make it necessary to defer action until the clouds roll by. But British Columbia starts on her career with a hearty God-speed from all quarters and with excellent prospects.

All the reports of 1920 which have reached us tell of a still more wonderful increase in the number of Royal Arch Masons than in 1919; this applies not only to Canada and the United States, but to the other countries from which we have reports. The tale of incessant hard work in conferring degrees and of swollen treasuries is quite general.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States is to meet in September, 1921, for a momentous triennial session. Important constitutional changes are to be considered, and these are much discussed in the State Grand Chapters: see especially Louisiana and North Dakota.

The duties of Grand Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions are ably suggested in the Idaho proceedings. For a discussion of the proper policy in regard to dead or dying Chapters, see Missouri.

The office of Deputy Grand High Priest has been abolished in several of the State Grand Chapters.

Directly opposite views as to the propriety of inviting or soliciting Master Masons to become Royal Arch Masons are found to exist in State Grand Masters.

The proposed George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, is being "boomed" throughout the State Grand Chapters. It seems that a good deal more money is required; and it is not coming in so quickly as is desirable. The project is a magnificent one, and we hope it will be fully carried out.

The "friendliness of Masonry to Protestantism" is assigned by General Grand High Priest Frederick W.
Craig as one of the causes of the increasing popularity of our institution among Protestants. There was a time when we had Roman Catholic members; and that we have them no longer is due chiefly to a misunderstanding. Members of the Church of England and of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States who hold "Catholic" opinions, popularly called "High Churchmen," which is really so indefinite a term as to have little meaning in these days, are by no means averse to Masonry. That patriotism and loyalty have ever been advocated in Masonic Lodges is pretty well known to outsiders; and that knowledge, too, is a factor in the popularity of Masonry to-day.

Fraternally submitted by

EDWARD B. BROWN,
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
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The Hiram Chapter
Royal Arch Masons, No. 2. G.R.C.
Hamilton, Ontario


There is nothing that solidifies and strengthens a body, be what it may, like the recalling of past historical events, whether those events be presented in books, embodied in customs, or manifested in monuments, especially when, amid the vicissitudes of time, a Chapter is able to survive and to celebrate its one hundredth anniversary in a befitting manner.

The early history of The Hiram Chapter is identified with the Village of Ancaster, Ontario, known in the year 1820 as Ancaster, Upper Canada. It is said that Ancaster originally was the selected City of the West, being the county town, and the only one of importance west of Niagara (or Newark) and Toronto (or Muddy York); Hamilton then being only a forest, supplied with plenty of streams, and having an abundance of game and fish.

Ancaster, in the days referred to, possessed about thirty stores, eight or ten taverns, several saw and grist mills, machine and blacksmiths' shops, a brewery and distillery, where pure whiskey sold at twenty-five cents per gallon, paid for in grain or farm produce. A little later there came into being knitting and carding mills, plough, carriage, shoe and fruit factories, as well as a printing office. These are now gone, only a few stores and offices remain, and to-day we find Ancaster, owing to lack of industrial activity, has become a fashionable residential centre, but a few miles distant from the beautiful and prosperous City of Hamilton.

The first recorded intimation we have of The Hiram Chapter coming into existence is from the minutes of Union Lodge, No. 24, Flamboro' West, as shown in the minutes of a meeting, held in Dundas Village, January 8th, 1820, when
a motion was made and seconded, "that fifty dollars be loaned to the petitioners for a Royal Arch Chapter, namely, Bro. Herman Barlow and Bro. Nathaniel Tomlinson."

At this period we find the Craft in a disorganized condition, and a Masonic Convention met at Kingston, in August, 1817, to reorganize the Craft, and have a Grand Lodge established under the leadership of R.W. Bro. Ziba M. Phillips, when it was determined to form a Provincial Grand Chapter for Upper Canada, and this body held its first meeting at Kingston, in February, 1818. The officers were designated High Priest, King and Scribe, following the system of the United States. The American ritual and degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch were conferred.

To appreciate historical events we must approach them with an unbiassed mind. To understand the actions of any body of men we must understand the motives that prompted them to do the things recorded. Then what prompted the petitioners to seek a Warrant of Constitution for The Hiram Chapter one hundred years ago is shown in the original petition as follows:

"To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Upper Canada.

"That we your petitioners are at present, or have been, members of regular Chapters; that, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart, they are willing to assist and exert their best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Masonry; that, for the convenience of their respective dwellings, and for other good reasons, they are desirous of forming a new Chapter in the town of Ancaster, to be named Hiram Chapter; that, in consequence of this desire, they pray for letters of dispensation, or a warrant of constitution, to empower them to assemble as a legal Chapter, to discharge the duties of Masonry, in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order, and the regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

"That they have nominated and do recommend Herman G. Barlow to be the first High Priest, Nathan Tomlinson to be the first King, Ezra Thomas to be the first Scribe
of the said Chapter; that, if the prayer of the petition should be granted, they promise a strict conformity to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

H. G. Barlow
Abner Everett
Jesse Fairfield
Ezra Thomas
Nathan Tomlinson
R. Pomroy
Ezekiel Foster
Jacob Langs Jr.
Joseph Reade
Philemon Hyde.

January 15th, 5820

From the following early records interesting information is gleaned concerning some of the petitioners.

"To the Most Excellent High Priest, King and Scribe, of Royal Arch Chapter No. 4 at York.

"The petition of the Subscriber humbly sheweth that having for a long time enjoyed from the first five degrees much pleasure and satisfaction, he is desirous of becoming a member of your Most Excellent Chapter, if found worthy. His place of residence is in Ancaster, and he is now a member of Union Lodge, No. 24, Dundas.

Abner Everett."

This petition for exaltation of Bro. Everett was accompanied by the following letter:

"Ancaster, 18th January, 1820.

"To the officers and members of St. John's Chapter, No. 4, at York, Upper Canada.

"The bearer of this, Bro. Abner Everett, I have been personally acquainted with for more than a year last past, and for his sobriety, quiet and peaceable deportment, charitable and human disposition, Masonic skill and abilities, I can without the least compunction recommend him as a person worthy to receive the Royal Arch degree, which he wishes to obtain, and for which he now visits your Chapter.

* * * * * "Yours, H. G. Barlow."
Comp. H. G. Barlow resided for years, apparently, in the village of Rockton, and was the Postmaster there. Both Comps. Barlow and Everett were active in Craft work, and, it is said, added much to the success of the Lodges located in their respective localities.

Bro. Ezra Thomas' petition for exaltation, to the same Chapter, reads as follows:

"The petition of the Subscriber humbly sheweth that, from the great satisfaction he has derived from the three Symbolic and Past Master's degrees, is anxious of pursuing his researches in the Order and wishes to become a member of your Most Excellent Chapter, if found worthy. His place of residence is Flamboro' West, and a member of Lodge No. 24, Dundas.

Ezra Thomas.

"York, January 24th, 1820."

(Endorsed:—Recommended by Josiah Cushman, Jesse Penfield and Wm. Bannister.)

The following letter accompanied this petition:

"To whom it may concern:

"This certifies that Bro. Ezra Thomas has for a long time been a member of Lodge No. 24 of Free and Accepted Masons in Upper Canada, and has on all occasions demeaned himself as a faithful and worthy brother of the same lodge.

Henry T. Page, S.W.
J. Brant, J.W.

'Lodge Room at Dundas,
"8th January, 1820.'

William Hare, Secretary.

Bro. J. Brant, whose name is mentioned, was one of those who in the "New York Spectator," February 17th, 1827, was charged with the abduction of Morgan, which he indignantly denied in a letter which was published in the York, Upper Canada, "Observer," February 24th, 1827. Bro. Brant then lived, it is said, at Wellington Square, now Burlington.
The St. John's Chapter, No. 4, that has been referred to, was attached to Royal Arch Lodge No. 16, York, which received its warrant, June 20th, 1801. By the formation of a Grand Chapter in Upper Canada, in 1819, St. John's Chapter severed its allegiance with Lodge No. 16, and finally amalgamated, May 27th, 1870, with St. Andrew's Chapter, thus becoming the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, G.R.C., Toronto.

The minutes of the Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Upper Canada, held at Kingston, February 15th, 1820, show that:

"A petition was received from Companions H. G. Barlow, Abner Everett, and several other Companions, praying for a Warrant to empower them to form a Royal Arch Chapter in the town of Ancaster, which, being duly considered, and, after due deliberation, a Warrant was agreed to be granted forthwith."

The Hiram Chapter, as intimated, was to meet in the Village of Ancaster, Township of Ancaster, which was in the old Gore District, at a point six miles from the present City of Hamilton.

In one of his historical records, the late M. Ex. Comp J. Ross Robertson states:

"On the 19th of May, 1810, a Warrant had been granted by the Irregular Grand Lodge at Niagara, for a Craft Lodge, known as Union Lodge, No. 24, to meet in Flamboro' West, an adjacent Township on the north side of Ancaster. In January, 1818, the Lodge was removed from the Township of West Flamboro' to Dundas Village. In this Warrant is the name of Bro. Abner Everett, one of the petitioners for the Chapter, and in the Chapter records of 1820-21 there are some names of those who took part in the Craft work in 1810-17."

In the manuscript of Bro. John Dean, who was one of the active promoters of the Kingston Masonic Convention, there is a reference to The Hiram Chapter:

"Bro. Cushman paid in the fund of the G.R.A. Chapter for the Warrant granted to form a Chapter at Ancaster, £5.17.6.; paid Bro. Lee for engraving the same, £6. 0. 10."
Comp. Josiah Cushman was High Priest at this time of St. John's Chapter, No. 4, York (Toronto). He was a friend of Comp. Everett, and, with him, was deeply interested in Masonic work.

On March 30th, 1820, Comp. Josiah Cushman, writing to Comp. John Dean, says:

"I have just returned from Niagara and with much satisfaction on the 9th of March I attended on the Convocation and Installation of Hiram Chapter, at Ancaster, with much unanimity and concord, and am happy to inform you that the most flattering prospects of its increase and respectability may be entertained. There are about fifteen or sixteen members, most of them very expert in the sublime mysteries. There are a large number of petitions to receive the degrees now before them."

Bro. Cushman also refers in the letter to the Craft Warrant in West Flamboro', to the effect that the brethren "voted to cease work until a Grand Provincial Warrant should arrive" from England; but many, he adds, regret "that vote" and would be content with a Warrant from the Grand Masonic Convention of Kingston, which was for all practical purposes a Grand Lodge.

The fortunes of The Hiram Chapter and Union Lodge, No. 24, are to a certain extent identical. A large number of the members of the Chapter were from the Township of West Flamboro'. At the meeting of Grand Chapter, February 14th, 1821, at Kingston, Comp. Abner Everett was present, as the representative of The Hiram Chapter, and also had the honor of being elected Grand Scribe. He was also present as the representative of The Hiram Chapter at the Grand Chapter meeting, held February 13th, 1822, at Kingston, and was re-elected Grand Scribe. It was stated that the Chapter "had twenty more members, received in fees £36.10.0, and paid to Grand Chapter £6.1.8."

In 1823 the Grand Chapter records show a copy of a circular sent to The Hiram Chapter, notifying it of a meeting of Grand Chapter in March of 1823. In February of 1823, there is a letter from M. Ex. Comp. Phillips, objecting to the meeting of Grand Chapter in March, for he states:

"I considered the time unsuitable, as the representatives for the different Chapters, particularly No. 7, at Ancaster, will probably be put to unnecessary inconvenience, as the
roads will in all probability be bad and travelling difficult.

The Hiram Chapter was not represented at the meeting of the Grand Chapter at Kingston, February 10th, 1824. There is no further reference to The Hiram Chapter in the Grand Chapter manuscripts.

In the early Chapter records there is a certificate authorizing Comp. Abner Everett to represent The Hiram Chapter at the Grand Chapter meeting of 1821. It reads:

"To the Most Excellent the Grand High Priest, E.G.K., E.G.S., and Grand Companions of the Grand Chapter at Kingston.

"We have delegated Abner Everett, King of our Chapter, to represent it at your annual meeting. We hope, notwithstanding any want of formality there may be on our part representing documents, you will receive him as such, and if anything further is required, that may be in his power to represent, we beg you will indulge us until we are better informed.

Henry True Page, H.P.
Asa Boyden, S.
John M. A. Cameron, Sec."

There is in the possession of the Chapter a copy of its first original by-laws, and from these we take the following excerpts to show how the Companions were governed.

"By-laws of The Hiram Chapter, No. 7, of Masons in the Township of Ancaster, and Province of Upper Canada, Chartered the 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1820, and in the year of Masonry 5820, and Installed the 9th day of March in the respective years aforesaid."

"The stated meetings of the Chapter shall be held on the first Wednesday of January, April, July and October in every year, at the Ancaster Hotel, commencing at three o'clock, afternoon."

This shows the hour and place where the first meetings of the Chapter were held.

The Officers of the Chapter were to be known as M. E. High Priest, a King, and a Scribe, forming a Council; and they were to be elected annually by ballot, at the stated meeting in January.

It was the duty of the Janitor to "procure such refreshments and other necessaries as may be required for the comfort and convenience of the Chapter."
The Tyler for his services was to "receive one dollar for each and every night of special communication, and one dollar for each and every night at all regular communications of the Chapter; out of which allowances he shall pay and discharge all expenses which he shall incur, except the Chapter otherwise determine."

He was also to deliver the Summonses of the Chapter when possible.

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A joining Companion was required to pay 5s. currency.

"No ardent spirits shall be drunk at any meeting or communication of this Chapter within the walls thereof from the time of opening to the closing of the same."

"Any member of the Chapter who shall be found in a state of intoxication, Sabbath breaking, profane swearing, frequenting tippling, gaming or any other houses of bad repute, shall for the first offence be reprimanded by the Presiding Officer, in open Chapter; for the second offence be fined a discretionary fine by the Council; and for the third offence shall be suspended by motion, seconded, or be expelled, by the vote of two-thirds of the members present."

"At the opening of every stated meeting of this Chapter, each member thereof shall be assessed the sum of sevenpence half penny, currency, as a quarterly contribution for the use and purpose of the Chapter, and the expenses attendant on the meeting shall be paid and equally borne by all the members present."

A member was entitled to a Diploma from the Chapter on his paying to the Secretary seven shillings and sixpence currency, one half whereof shall be for the use of the Chapter and the other moiety for the benefit of the Secretary.

"All members who do not attend at the hour appointed for the meeting, if within five miles of the Chapter, or who cannot produce a reasonable excuse for non-attendance, shall be fined the sum of one shilling and threepence currency."

There is a record of a Masonic Service, held in connection with the laying of the corner stone of what is now known as St. John's Church, Ancaster.
"In the reign of King George IV., on the 7th July, 1824, by the permission of the Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M. of Canada, the Union Lodge F. and A.M., Ancaster, laid the foundation stone of the Church attended by the band of the 76th Regiment, by kind permission of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province."

There appears to have been a very large attendance at this function, and no doubt many of the members of The Hiram Chapter were present. At the conclusion of the ceremony a dinner was given in front of the Grand Hotel under a marquee.

No records of the work of the Chapter from 1823 until 1843, a period of twenty years, can be found. They have been lost or destroyed. During these years great unrest prevailed throughout the country, there was the anti-Masonic excitement owing to the alleged abduction and murder of a member of the Craft named Morgan, in the State of New York, who is said to have contemplated the publication of the secrets of Masonry; then there was the epidemic of cholera, as well as the political disturbances which culminated in the rebellion of 1837. These and other conditions would undoubtedly make against the progress of Masonry.

Then the Provincial Grand Chapter of Upper Canada ceased to exist about 1831, and an attempt to revive it was made by M. Ex. Comp. Ziba M. Phillips, who called a Royal Arch Convention at Kingston, in February, 1842. According to the records, The Hiram Chapter was not represented, either at this Convention or at the subsequent one held at Kingston in September, 1842. The Provincial Grand Chapter revived in 1842, appears to have had more of a local than of a general character, and for the history of the Royal Craft we have to look to the records of the individual Chapters.

Previous to the year 1843, apparently, none of the minute-books of the Chapter exist, but from this period until the present time they are continuous.

The first minutes extant read:

"At a meeting of the following Companions Royal Arch Masons, held at Ancaster on Thursday the 27th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and of Masonry five thousand eight hundred and forty-three."
"Companions S. C. Richardson, R. J. Hamilton, H. R. O'Reilly, W. T. Barnes, John Kennedy, John Carlisle, David White, John T. Dodd, R. G. Beasley. Proceeded to ballot for the following officers:

"Comps. S. C. Richardson was elected High Priest; John T. Dodd, King; R. G. Beasley, Scribe; H. R. O'Reilly, Capt. of the Host; R. J. Hamilton, Principal Sojourner; David White, Royal Arch Captain; Comps Wraith, Terry and Nevile, Masters of the Veils; Comps. John Carlisle, Tyler; J. Kennedy, Secretary; and W. T. Barnes, Treasurer."

Some of the Companions elected were not present at the meeting. This meeting was held in Ancaster, and "the Chapter adjourned to meet at the Lodge room in Hamilton, on the second Tuesday of August next—"

The meetings of the Chapter were at this date merely routine and unenlivened by a single incident. The change of the place of meeting to Hamilton, however, did not take place until some time after. The practice seems to have been to hold one meeting devoted to the Mark degree, one to the Past Master's degree, one to the Most Excellent Master's degree, and finally a Convocation was called for exaltation to the Royal Arch degree.

In October of 1843, "The Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter have agreed to meet on the first Monday of every month," so the minutes say, which are of the briefest possible character, averaging from fifteen to twenty lines of letter paper.

The monthly dues were increased from 7 1/2d. to 1s. 3d. per month, in January, 1844 and at this meeting "Comp. R. O. Duggan, of St. John's Chapter, Toronto, was balloted for and admitted into this Chapter."

At this period the Chapter met in a room belonging to Comp. Duggan, for we find this curious entry in the minutes of April 12th, 1844:

"The sum of £3 13s. 9d. on the account held by Bro. R. O. Duggan for rent of room, the same being the remainder of Comp. T. Duggan's initiation fees, into the Chapter, he having paid (as he said) the sum of 6/3 and £1.5/ into the Chapter, which sum, I suppose, was paid to Bro. John Kennedy. J. Davis, Secretary."

An emergent meeting was called, September 14th, 1844, and opened in the Mark degree, when Bro. William Mercer
Wilson was balloted for and received the degree of a Mark Master Mason. Bro. Wilson subsequently became the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada as well as the first Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

At the meeting, October 7th, 1844, a Committee was appointed “to furnish the Lodge for the Royal Arch degree,” and at a meeting January 20th, 1845, “one hundred copies of the by-laws were ordered to be printed.” In some of the minutes the Masonic year is used, to the entire exclusion of the Christian calendar. Thus, on January 30th, 1845, we have “2365.”

“On account of an alarm of fire the Lodge was not opened,” October 6th, 1845.

The minutes state, December 1st, 1845, that:

“This being the regular meeting for the Mark Master Mason degree, on account of the St. Andrew’s Ball taking place this evening, this Lodge adjourn until this night one week.”

At the meeting, June 2nd, 1845, “It was motioned by Bro. R. Bull, seconded by Bro. W. D. Hale, that at our next regular Royal Arch meeting steps will be taken to come into communication with the Grand Chapter of England.”

This signified a move of importance in Upper Canada, respecting the condition of affairs in Capitular Masonry, which, however, did not materialize until a much later period.

At a meeting, January 26th, 1846, two Companions were to be informed that if they did not refund the moneys belonging to the Chapter, and pay up their respective dues, before the next regular Royal Arch meeting, they would be expelled from the Chapter and their names published in the Masonic papers.

In July, 1846, “A discussion took place, upon a motion made by Comp. H. B. Willson, that ten pounds be voted for the purpose of paying to the Barton Lodge, No. 10, on account of altering and furnishing the Lodge room. It was decided by the casting vote of the H.P. that the motion should be adjourned to the next Royal Arch meeting to take place in October next.”

This entry is followed by one to the effect that:

“A bill was presented to this Chapter, from Barton Lodge, claiming £18.17.9½ for rent,” when after some discussion, “It was referred to the auditing committee for payment.”
These entries would indicate that the Chapter met in the same room as the Barton Lodge, which was at the north-east corner of Main and John Streets, but the minutes still show “Ancaster” as the regular place of meeting.

A further account was presented, October 17th, 1846, from: “Barton Lodge, No. 10, debtor to Hiram Chapter, No. 7, one pound, ten shillings, being for 15 lbs. of candles at 2/.”

In those days snuffers were part of the equipment of a Chapter room, and it was the duty of some of the Companions to keep the wicks of the candles trimmed.

Then August 2nd, 1847: “A communication was read from Toronto, bearing date July 26th, 1847, and signed by Francis Richardson, Grand Secretary, stating that he was commanded by Bro. Thos. Ridout to inform this Chapter that a warrant, attached to the Barton Lodge, together with a copy of the Book of Laws of the Grand Chapter of England, and that the same could be had by this Chapter paying the sum of sixteen pounds,—16-10-½. It was resolved that the sum of sixteen pounds,—16-10-½ be voted for the purpose.”

This seems to be the amount paid for a new Warrant for the Chapter, which would now be attached to the Barton Lodge, No. 733, E. R. Although Barton Lodge (now No. 6 G.R.C.) had come into existence fifty-two years before, for its first warrant was dated, November 20th, 1795, yet there is no doubt the Chapter and the Lodge had been, more or less, previously identified in Masonic work.

The next minutes clearly show that the place of meeting was changed. So far the minutes indicate Ancaster as the location of the Chapter room, but those of the opening month of the new year, were dated “Hamilton, January 24th, 1848,” and from this date all meetings have been held in Hamilton.

In April 5th, 1850, Comp. T. B. Harris was exalted. This Companion afterwards took a prominent part in Masonic affairs, he being the first Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as well as the first Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

It was decided July 15th, 1850, “That this Chapter consider itself a part and parcel of the Barton Lodge, and, as such, not bound to pay rent to the said Barton Lodge for the use of the Lodge room occupied by them respectively.”
An emergent meeting was called August 12th, 1850, "For the purpose of considering and coming to a final decision upon the subject of this Chapter paying a quarter of the rent of the room occupied by it and the Barton and Strict Observance Lodges, respectively," and, after discussion, it was resolved, "That this Chapter do pay on demand the sum of £10 to the Barton Lodge in full of all demands up to the 1st of March last, and that for the future this Chapter do pay to the Barton Lodge one-third of the annual rent of the Lodge room, say—six pounds, 13-4."

In December, 1850, a list of Companions exalted was to be sent to the Grand Scribe E. of England, at London, "by the hand" of Comp. T. B. Harris, who was to "take charge of the certificates on his return to Canada."

The question of building a new Lodge room had been referred to a Committee, and the following report was submitted and adopted:

"The different Committees appointed by the Barton, 'Strict Observance' Lodges, and The Hiram Chapter, to take into consideration the propriety of accepting Brother White's proposition for building a new Lodge room.

"Report—That they have carefully considered the offer made by Brother White, and recommend its acceptance by the fraternity. The rooms are situated in the building, now in course of erection, on the north-east corner of the Court House square—the principal room is due east and west, 47 feet in length, and 26 ½ feet in width, with a coved ceiling, 13 feet high in the centre. Gas is to be introduced into the room, and carried to the centre of the ceiling, if required, or its equivalent. A raised platform and pilasters for the Master's chair, with green blinds on the outside windows. The rent to be £25; and your Committees recommend 10 years' lease, with the privilege of renewing the lease for a similar term at the same rental."

(signed) C. H. Webster    W. F. Murray
     J. L. Willson          J. W. Hunter
     Richard Bull          T. B. Harris, Secretary.

"Your Committee has also taken into consideration the question relative to the manner in which the three Lodges shall unite in regard to the proprietorship of the said room,
and would cordially recommend the following plan, as the one best calculated to ensure continued satisfaction to the Fraternity in this City—viz.:

"That the Barton Lodge (being the senior) shall become the direct proprietor of the rooms, and that The Hiram Chapter and Strict Observance Lodge take sub-leases from the Barton Lodge—that each pay an equal share of the rent, and also an equal share of the interest in the appraised value of the furniture.

(signed) C. H. Webster W. F. Murray."

The minutes show that on the evening of November 3rd, 1850, the Companions of The Hiram Chapter assembled in the new Lodge room.

There was read, January 20th, 1851, "A communication from the Secretary of St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, Toronto, accompanying copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of said Chapter, held December 18th, 5850, to the effect that the several Chapters in the Upper Province be solicited to unite with it in a petition to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England for the appointment of a Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Chapters in Upper Canada. Whereupon it was resolved, on motion of Companion W. F. Murray, seconded by Companion C. Kelly, 'That, while the Companions of this Chapter are inclined to look favorably on the organization of a Supreme Grand Chapter for Canada, they do not see the expediency of a Chapter, hailing from the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, supporting any subordinate Grand Chapter; and that, therefore, this Chapter do not join in the prayer of St. Andrew's Chapter, Toronto, for the appointment of a Provincial Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons'."

This communication shows that The Hiram Chapter favored the recognition of a Grand Chapter for Canada, and subsequently it took a very active part in the organization of the present Grand Chapter of Canada.

The first episode not within the strict line of Chapter work took place, February 10th, 1853, when a Companion was charged with having forged, or being privy to the forging, of invitations to himself and two others to attend a party given by a society lady of the city, and with having meanly taken advantage of the hospitality of the lady.
The Companion was found guilty, suspended, and the suspension subsequently removed. The whole affair created quite an excitement in Craft circles, at the time, and the action of the Chapter was evidence of the desire to keep the Craft clear of men who exceeded the bounds of decorum and propriety.

In April, 1856, after the meeting of the Chapter, a banquet was held in the Anglo-American Hotel, and a presentation was made to Compt. T. Duggan, who had been the Treasurer of the Chapter for several years. At the October meeting a motion was made that "refreshments were to be provided for this and all Royal Arch meetings."

It is recorded that Compt. T. B. Harris, January 5th, 1857, "delivered to the High Priest of The Hiram Chapter a Warrant from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, authorizing Thomas Bird Harris, John Ross Holden, John W. Baine, Thomas Duggan, Henry Langdon, Thomas Lee, John Harris, Edward Marshall Harris, and John W. Kerr to hold a Royal Arch Chapter in the City of Hamilton, and the High Priest, being satisfied with the vouchers, did, with the assistance of other Companions of eminence, duly install and invest the First and Second Principals, namely, T. B. Harris and J. R. Holden, under the appellation of St. John's Chapter, attached to St. John's Lodge, No. 231, G. R. Ireland."

This is the present St. John's Chapter, No. 6, G.R.C., which has ever since worked so happily with The Hiram Chapter in upholding the dignity of the Royal Craft in Hamilton.

A Convention of delegates met January 19th, 1857, in Hamilton, to consider the present state of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Upper Canada. The minutes of the Chapter of that date show that it was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously:

"That all Past and Present Principals be delegates from this Chapter to attend a Convocation for the purpose of taking into consideration the formation of a Grand Chapter."

The Hiram Chapter was represented at this Convention by Ex. Comps. Thomas Duggan and Charles Magill, P.Zs., and John Harris, Z.
The Grand Chapter of Canada came into existence, Tuesday, January 20th, 1857, at 7 p.m., with W. M. Wilson as Grand Z.; A. Barnard as Grand H.; Thomas Duggan as Grand J.; Thomas B. Harris as Grand Scribe E.; M. Ex. Comp. Czar Jones, Past Grand High Priest of Michigan, April 2nd, 1857, installed the Officers of Grand Chapter.

M. Ex. Comp. W. M. Wilson, while a Royal Arch Mason, had apparently not passed through the Principals’ Chairs of a Royal Arch Chapter, but his prestige as Grand Master of the Craft undoubtedly fitted him for the position.

For exaltation the fee was fixed at $20, and the membership of The Hiram Chapter, in January, 1859, was 55 members.

In the minutes, April 20th, 1857, it is declared:

“That whereas at the last regular meeting of this Chapter delegates were appointed to attend a Convention for the purpose of forming a Grand Chapter of Canada, and whereas said delegates attended the Convention and aided and assisted in the establishment of a Grand Chapter of Canada:"

“Therefore be it resolved, that The Hiram Chapter do ratify and confirm the acts of their delegates, and be it further resolved:

“That this Chapter do hereby acknowledge the Grand Chapter of Canada as their Supreme Head.”

The Scribe E. was directed to send a copy of the foregoing resolution to the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of England.

At the Convocation, of May, 1860, the Chapter was invited to assist in laying the corner stone of the Crystal Palace, May 24th, the Queen’s Birthday.

Then, in June, a reference is made to the visit of the officers of The Hiram Chapter to St. Andrew’s Chapter, Toronto, April 18th, for the purpose of gaining instruction in the working of the Royal Arch Degree.

Comp. Thomas Beasley, who was City Clerk for many years, was made a member of the Chapter during the year, and many other public spirited citizens were either members or became members about this period.

R. Ex. Comp. T. B. Harris was made, January 7th, 1861, an Honorary Member of the Chapter with full privileges, and a letter was received from St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto,
September 2nd, announcing the death of R. Ex. Comp. T. G. Ridout, who at the time was one of the most prominent Masons in Canada.

The Warrant of The Hiram Chapter was received November 4th, 1861, from the Grand Scribe E., and on the face of the Warrant there is written a reference to the Chapter having come into existence in the year 1820.

A communication, was received, January 5th, 1863, from the Scribe E. of St. John's Chapter asking that a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of forming a fund in Hamilton for the relief of destitute Royal Arch Masons, their widows and orphans. A Committee was appointed, and subsequently, March 2nd, 1863, it reported:

"That it would be inexpedient at the present time to take up the formation of a Benevolent Fund."

In 1864, R. Ex. Comp. James Kirkpatrick Kerr, who subsequently became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Grand Third Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, joined The Hiram Chapter. He retired from membership in 1870, and began taking an active interest in the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.

A communication was received, February 6th, 1865, from the Scribe E. of St. John's Chapter asking for a committee to co-operate for the purpose of inquiring into the feasibility of procuring a suitable Hall for the Chapters to meet in. From this it would appear that the Chapters of Hamilton were not satisfied with their meeting place.

In March, 1865, $20. was voted to the Banner Committee on account of banners. This amount had to be subsequently increased. The Grand Superintendent of the District, in his report to Grand Chapter, refers to the tribular banners, and says:

"They are richly embroidered in silk and there were to be added the Standard and Divisional Banners, and then the Hamilton Chapters would have the most thorough outfit in Canada."

The membership of The Hiram Chapter in 1869 was 44, and there were 35 Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter, with a total membership of 1,423.

It would appear that the Royal Craft in Hamilton at this period was not making the progress desired, for a motion
was made in March, 1865, by Comp. Barker, seconded by Comp. Edgar, that a Committee be appointed to co-operate with a Committee from St. John’s Chapter in reference to the amalgamation of both Chapters. In amendment by Comp. McIntyre and the Second Principal, the Chapter decided to take no steps in the matter of amalgamation of the two Chapters until officially requested to do so by St. John’s Chapter.

Bro. Otto Klotz, of Preston, who took, during his lifetime, an active interest in Symbolic and Capitular Masonry, received his Capitular degrees, October 2nd, 1865; and in November a donation of $10, in answer to a communication from the Grand Scribe E., was made to a Companion of Cataraqui Chapter, No. 12, Kingston, he having for the sixth time lost all his personal effects by fire.

An account from St. John’s Chapter, March 5th, 1866, for banners, $95.65, was ordered to be paid. R. Ex. Comp. T. B. Harris stated at this meeting that an instrument for picking locks had been found on the staircase, which evidently had been intended to be used for the purpose of making a forcible entry into the Lodge Room, and that he considered it would be necessary to take some steps for the better protection of the property therein. A Committee was appointed to consider the propriety of procuring a safe, in conjunction with other Masonic bodies. This Committee subsequently reported that it was inexpedient to procure a safe at the present time.

A Committee was appointed, August 6th, 1866, to find out the probable cost of a seal for the Chapter and to submit a draft of what they considered suitable. A visiting Companion drew attention to a monument, with Masonic devices engraved thereon, that was lying in a cemetery in an incomplete and ruinous state, and that it had been in the same condition for years past. He was therefore of the opinion that the matter ought to be inquired into. A Committee was appointed to ascertain to whom the monument belonged.

The Grand Superintendent of the District, R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Murton, April 6th, 1868, called the attention of the Chapter to clause 15 of the Book of Constitution relating to the registration of Marks. Each Companion was to be notified of this fact.
A Committee appointed to consider the best manner of investing funds of the Chapter reported, October 5th, 1868:

"That the available funds of this Chapter be invested in U.S. 5-20, gold bearing bonds, and deposited in a place of safe keeping in the name of the First and Second Principal, as Trustees of the Chapter."

The Chapter decided, January 5th, 1869, to pay $30, towards the expenses incurred upon the occasion of laying the foundation stone of St. Thomas Church, Hamilton, on Dominion Day, July 1st, 1869.

In December a communication was received from Barton Lodge as to a new lease of the rooms at present occupied, and a communication was also received from Bro. J. J. Mason stating that he intended publishing a Masonic Calendar for 1870, at the price of $2 per 100. The Chapter ordered 100.

In December, 1870, the Chapter was instructed to take stock in the Masonic Hall Joint Stock Company, to the amount of fifty shares. The Treasurer was subsequently requested to withdraw from the Investment Fund sufficient to meet the requirements of calls for Masonic Hall stock, and a motion was made to subscribe for 30 additional shares, amounting to $600.

At the June Convocation, 1874, the special Committee appointed to report on the Duggan mortgage that had troubled the Chapter for some time, stated that it had been settled between Barton Lodge and St. John’s Chapter on the payment of $47.54.

A Committee was appointed, July 6th, 1874, to confer with a similar Committee from St. John’s Chapter, for the furnishings in the new Chapter room. The Committee subsequently reported the total cost to be from $600 to $800 from each Chapter. It was afterwards decided that a Committee of three be appointed, having full power to act in connection with a similar Committee from St. John’s Chapter, to purchase all the necessary furniture, the amount of The Hiram’s Chapter proportion to be $800.

In October, 1874, a communication from the Secretary of the Hamilton Masonic Hall Association was read, requesting a representative to be sent to confer with the Directors with reference to rental of new Chapter rooms.
The Chapter met, April, 1875, in the new Masonic Hall, south-east corner of James and Gore Streets. M. Ex. Comp. Jas. Seymour, the Grand Z., was in attendance, and the ceremony of Dedication was happily conducted, in conjunction with St. John's Chapter.

Ex. Comp. F. R. Despard presented the Chapter, March 6th, 1876, with a handsome silver square and compasses.

In December, 1877, the question of the formation of a Benevolent Fund again came before the Chapter, for a Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of St. John's Chapter reported that the present mode of discharging Benevolence was quite sufficient without the formation of a Benevolent Fund. A Committee was also appointed to confer with the Committee of St. John's Chapter to consider the best mode of fitting up a vault for the safe keeping of the books and papers.

At the January Convocation, 1878, Past Z.'s jewels were presented to Ex. Comp. Gavin Stewart, of The Hiram Chapter, and to Ex. Comp. Donald McPhee, of St. John's Chapter. This is the first mention of the presentation of jewels in the minutes of the Chapter.

R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Gibson, who subsequently became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, and received the honor of knighthood, as Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District, visited the Chapter, August 5th, 1878, and in his report to Grand Chapter said:

"That The Hiram and the St. John's Chapters, in the City of Hamilton, are enjoying the advantages of having Councils and Officers who thoroughly know their work and who are most zealous in the discharge of their duties. I think I am safe in saying that in no period in the history of these two old Chapters have the degrees been conferred with greater accuracy in their detail."

In April, 1879, R. Ex. Comp. H. S. Griffin, now Grand SecondPrincipal of the Grand Chapter, was exalted to the Royal Arch degree.

M. Ex. Comp. Daniel Spry, Grand Z., in January, 1880, paid a fraternal visit to the Chapter, and R. Ex. Comp. Gavin Stewart presented to The Hiram and St. John's Chapters a beautiful portrait of R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Meakins, on
behalf of R. Ex. Comp. McMilne. Comp. Meakins was a prominent business man of the city, and a devoted member of the Royal Craft.

At the end of the minutes of November 7th, 1881, a note appears which shows the admirable position of the Chapter at this period:

“Visited Hiram Chapter officially the 5th of December and (as I fully expected) found everything in a most satisfactory condition. Hiram Chapter is a model Chapter. Thomas Clark, Grand Superintendent of Hamilton District.”

In May, 1882, a feeling reference appears in the minutes, to the death of R. Ex. Comp. Meakins. It would appear that R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Meakins had left a deep impress upon the minds of the Companions, because of the sound advice he had rendered at all times so willingly for the welfare of the Chapter. A vote of thanks was also tendered to Comp. J. W. Raynor for the present of a set of gavels.

At the end of the minutes of November 27th, 1882, the following appears in connection with the happy condition of the Chapter:

“Having visited the Chapter, officially I have very great pleasure in recording the efficient manner in which the Chapter is worked and to the unanimous feeling exhibited in the election just held, and I may further add to the very exemplary manner in which the books of the Chapter have been kept by the Scribe E., Comp. W. E. Morton. William Gibson, Grand Superintendent of Works, Hamilton District.”

The reports showed, January 11th, 1883, that the Chapter had had the most prosperous year in its history, it having $709.46 cash in the bank. R. Ex. Comp. Colin Munro and Ex. Comp. S. E. Townsend were each presented with gifts of silver. These presentations were accompanied by engrossed addresses.

It was announced at the Convocation, September, 1883, that Comp. O. Klotz had had conferred upon him the rank of a Past First Principal. In October, 1883, M. Ex. Comp. Henry MacPherson, Grand Z., visited a joint Convocation of The Hiram and St. John’s Chapters.

The Officers of The Hiram, St. John’s, and Wentworth, (No. 87, Dundas) Chapters, January 10th, 1884, were installed and invested, with R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Reid, Grand
Superintendent, in the Chair. Wentworth Chapter afterwards became dormant about the year 1890. The reasons given for this condition, by the Grand Superintendents for the years 1889-90, are: "As a Chapter in Dundas is too near the successful Chapters of Hamilton."

At the November meeting, 1884, M. Ex. Comp. Henry MacPherson, Grand Z., visited the Chapter, and Ex. Comp. F. Bennett, who had taken an active interest in the welfare of the Chapter, was presented with a ring. Ex. Comp. C. H. Foster, the I.P.Z., June 1st, 1885, was presented with a silver tea-set.

The membership of the Chapter on January 7th, 1889, was 175, and the assets, $3,825.80.

In the minutes, February 3rd, 1890, the following resolution appears:

"It was moved by Ex. Comp. E. W. Klotz, seconded by Ex. Comp. Alex. Smith, and resolved:

"That whereas the existing management by Trustees for the joint occupancy of the Chapter room has not been successful,

"And whereas at a meeting of the First Principals of The Hiram and St. John’s Chapters and the Em. Pre. of Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, it was agreed by them to recommend to their respective Chapters and Preceptory that the system in vogue up to December, 1887, with some slight modifications, be reverted to—

"Be it therefore resolved by this Chapter that the management by Trustees be and is hereby abolished (so far as this Chapter is concerned) and that the joint expenses (other than rent and caretaker’s salary) be paid by a Companion or Frater (to be selected by the Presiding Officers of the three Bodies) out of a fund to be provided in advance by the three Bodies in equal proportions. The Companion or Frater selected is to see that all accounts proper for him to deal with are promptly paid, and that the necessary calls for money are regularly and equitably made upon the three bodies, which calls shall be as promptly met. The Companion or Frater selected is to furnish to each Chapter and to the Preceptory an annual statement in detail of his receipts and payments. And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to St. John’s Chapter and Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory before their next regular meetings,
with the request that a copy of the resolution passed by each of the two Bodies be sent to this Chapter.”

Communications were received from St. John’s Chapter and Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory, March 3rd, 1890, enclosing copies of a resolution endorsing the resolution of The Hiram Chapter, as passed at the February Convocation, with regard to the payment of the joint expense account of the three bodies.

The thanks of the Chapter were tendered, June, 1890, to St. Paul’s Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, for the kind treatment extended to the Excellent Z. and a number of Companions who had paid a fraternal visit to St. Paul’s Chapter at its last regular Convocation. St. Paul’s Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, headed by Ex. Comp. B. Allen, October 6th, 1890, returned the visit.

The Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, in October, 1894, visited the Chapter. He spoke in complimentary terms of Masonry in Hamilton, and he presented to The Hiram Chapter, through the Ex. Z., the original manuscript by-laws of The Hiram Chapter, drawn up in 1820. The Grand Z. had the manuscripts strongly bound in red cloth boards, with the following inscription typewritten on a sheet attached:

"The original By-laws of King Hiram, Royal Arch Chapter, Ancaster, 1847—Hamilton, 1848.

"These By-laws found in the Mss. of the Provincial Grand Chapter, 1804-57, came into the possession of M. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, G.Z., 1894, and by him were presented, with his fraternal regards to the Companions of King Hiram Chapter, on the occasion of an official visit to the Chapter, at the "Masonic Hall, Hamilton, 29th October, 1894.

"J. Ross Robertson, G.Z.

"Hamilton, Mon. Ev. 9 p.m., 29th October, 1894.”

This note appears at the foot of the minutes placed there by the Scribe E. of the Chapter:

"(The G.Z. stated, he had found the manuscript among Provincial Grand Chapter papers. The manuscript was
lent by the writer of these minutes about two years ago, and the manuscript must have got mixed with the P. G. Chapter papers since)."

The presentation of the long looked for Past Z.'s jewels, for which a special Committee had been appointed, some time previously, was made, December 2nd, 1895. The recipients were: V. Ex. Comp. H. Sweetman, R. Ex. Comp. T. Irwin, Ex. Comp. W. J. Grant, R. Ex. Comp. Alexander Smith, R. Ex. Comp. T. M. Davis, and Ex. Comp. R. Magness.

The membership of the Chapter, February 24th, 1899, was reported to be 151, assets $3,626.33 and liabilities $80.54, leaving a surplus of $3,545.79. This showed the Chapter at this date to be in a fairly prosperous condition.

In March, 1899, a communication was received announcing a special Convocation of Grand Chapter, April 7th, for the purpose of electing a Grand Scribe E. The said Convocation was held in Hamilton and R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett was elected Grand Scribe E. Antiquity and Orient Chapters, Toronto, afterwards sent letters thanking the Companions of Hamilton for the hospitality extended during the special Convocation of Grand Chapter.

A circular letter was read, September 22nd, 1899, requesting the co-operation of The Hiram Chapter to the restoration of the M.E.M. degree in its entirety, portions of which had been previously eliminated. This request received the unanimous approval of the Chapter, but a special Committee, appointed by Grand Chapter to go into the matter, reported, "That the present work, as authorized by Grand Chapter, be continued without change." This report was adopted by Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation in Toronto, January, 1901.

A Committee consisting of Ex. Comps. George Moore, R. T. Lancefield, and Fred Walter, presented the following resolution, February 22nd, 1901, regarding the death of Queen Victoria, and the accession to the British Throne of King Edward VII.:

"Moved, seconded and resolved, that the members of Hiram Chapter, No. 2, on the Registry of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in Convocation assembled, desire to place on record this expression of their sorrow at the loss sustained by the Empire in the death of her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria."
"We deplore the loss of a Queen and Ruler whose name will go down to posterity, as the wise and far seeing Ruler of the greatest Empire of our times. And of a woman whose life throughout her long reign has ever been on the side of morality and virtue.

"In common with the millions of her subjects throughout the vast British Empire, we deeply mourn her loss, and will ever revere her memory, as a great Ruler, and a good woman.

"We desire further to place on record our congratulations to her successor, Edward the VII., King of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, etc., on his accession to the throne, so long and worthily filled by his illustrious Mother. Our new Ruler has, for a long period of years, taken a deep interest in Freemasonry; and under his rule as Grand Master Masonry has flourished and prospered in every portion of the Empire."

M. Ex. Comp. William Gibson, Grand Z., November 28th, 1902, presented to Ex. Comp. George Moore a handsome mantel clock, and R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett, Grand Scribe E., presented to V. Ex. Comp. Fred Miller, also, a mantel clock, for valued services both Companions had rendered to the Chapter.

In October, 1903, R. Ex. Comp. George Moore presented to the Chapter 50 pennies of the Reign of King Edward VII., 1902, to be used at the wicket, for the paying of Craftsmen their wages.

Ex. Comp. James Hooper presented, February, 1904, to the Chapter, on behalf of his daughter, Miss V. A. Hooper, a neat set of Bible-markers. The thanks were to be conveyed to the donor by her father. Ex. Comp. A. Turner was presented with a silver Salver for valuable services he had rendered to the Chapter. In November, M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, Grand Z., and R. Ex. Comp. William Roaf, Grand H., were present, and offered words of encouragement to the Companions in attendance.

At the January meeting, 1905, R. Ex. Comp. George Moore, newly elected Grand J., was warmly received by a large concourse of Companions, and accorded Grand Honours.

On July 27th, 1906, consent was given to the formation of a Chapter at Ancaster. The Chapter known as "Ancaster,
No. 155," was instituted November 19th, 1906. Eighty-six years before this The Hiram Chapter had come into existence at Ancaster.

At the Convocation in April, 1911, many distinguished Royal Craftsmen were in attendance, when M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, the retiring Grand Z., was presented with a solid silver service, the presentation being made by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Grand Z. Among those present were: M. Ex. Comps. Wm. Gibson, A. Shaw, R. Ex. Comps. W. S. R. Murch, A. T. Freed, William Forbes, as well as a number of Companions from St. Clair Chapter, Milton. M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt was the recipient of an umbrella to mark his presence as Grand Z.

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Past Grand Z. and Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada, 1919-20-21, was made an Honorary Member with full privileges, December 26th, 1913.

It was decided to visit Adytum Chapter, Buffalo, April 22nd, 1914. This visit was a memorable one. The Hiram Chapter was received by Ex. Comp. Warren, High Priest. The Hiram Chapter presented Adytum Chapter with a golden triangle, and Adytum Chapter presented The Hiram Chapter with a Keystone, suitably inscribed, and each visiting Companion received a small bronze Keystone as a souvenir of the visit. One hundred members left by special train for Buffalo. On the way to Buffalo the train unfortunately collided with a team of horses and carriage, killing the horses and badly injuring the driver. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers of Adytum Chapter, in an exceptional manner.

A circular letter was read, June 26th, 1914, from Grand Chapter, respecting the secession of some Companions in Alberta and their forming a Grand Chapter for that Province. It was suggested that all Masonic Bodies in Hamilton unite in securing a permanent Masonic Home.

We have a reference in August 1914, to the Great War, when M. Ex. Comp. George Moore spoke on the advisability of "husbanding the resources of the Chapter at this critical period in the history of the British Empire." R. Ex. Comp. Frank Hills spoke of the Companions' duty at the present time in being prepared to help those depending on their relatives who had gone to the War, and quoting R. Ex. Comp. Sir J. M. Gibson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, who had spoken of the duty young men owed the
country in the present crisis. He also quoted Dr. Grace, of England, the leader of all manly sports, as saying, "We should drop pleasure for the time being and settle down to the realities of the present situation in Europe." It was resolved that the usual banquets of the Chapter be discontinued.

In September, 1914, Ex. Comp. W. H. Wardrope explained the work that was being undertaken by the Red Cross Society among the sick and wounded of the Army and Navy, and that it was a worthy cause to which Masons should contribute. To the fund of the Society $25 was donated.

A communication was received, November, 1914, from the Grand Chapter, warning The Hiram Chapter to have no intercourse with the Companions in Alberta who had seceded from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Chapter was notified, September 1915, that owing to the illness of the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. George J. Bennett, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith was to act as Grand Scribe E, until the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

At the September Convocation, 1916, a communication was read from the Grand Scribe E. asking the Past Zs. of the Chapter to attend a Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to be held in Toronto, September 12th, 1916, respecting the difficulty with the Grand Chapter of Alberta. The misunderstanding that had existed between these two Grand Bodies for the past two years was amicably settled at this Special Convocation, greatly to the credit of M. Ex. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, Grand Z. at the time of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Chapter ordered, February 23rd, 1917, that tobacco was to be procured and forwarded to the enlisted members of the Chapter who were serving their King and country overseas.

In March, 1917, $400 was invested in War Bonds.

On motion of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, September 28th, 1917, congratulations were extended to Ex. Comp. W. H. Wardrope on his being elected Grand Master of the Lodge of Canada, and a suitable gift was to be procured to mark the event, and in October M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, on behalf of The Hiram Chapter, presented Ex. Comp. W. H. Wardrope with a club bag to mark his advancement in Symbolic Masonry.
At the October Convocation feeling references were made to the gallant Companions who had enlisted for overseas service, as well as those who had fallen upon the field of battle in the Great European War that began August, 1914, and ended November, 1918, in which Canada as an integral portion of the British Empire had taken such an active part.

Subjoined are the names of the members of The Hiram Chapter, who deserve to be remembered as brave and honored Companions.

They truly fought for the ideals of a brighter and better world in which to live.


To the memory of him who paid the Supreme Sacrifice, let there always be paid a tribute of respect.

COMPANION N. D. STAPLEY,
(Killed in action)
"He fought in a good fight and won."

The October Convocation in 1918 was not held owing to the epidemic of influenza that was prevalent throughout Canada. It was estimated that the deaths in the world from this epidemic were more than eight millions of people, and the Royal Craft in Canada keenly felt its effect.

In November, 1918, a large number of distinguished Royal Craftsmen were present. Ex. Comp. W. H. Wardrope, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, delivered an address of welcome, and this was responded to by R. Ex. Comp A. T. Freed, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada. The Royal Arch degree, with full musical ritual, was then conferred, with M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, Past Grand Z., acting as First Principal, and he was ably assisted by present and past Grand Chapter Officers, numbering
twenty-eight, who had come from various parts of Ontario for the purpose. The two candidates exalted were Comps. W. E. Armstrong and H. E. Warner. At the subsequent proceedings, in the banqueting hall, presided over by Ex. Comp. D. W. Evans, R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan, President of the Red Cross Society of Toronto, delivered an excellent address upon the work of that Society in England, France, and other parts of the World, wherever the British arms were engaged in the Great European War.

A resolution was passed December 24th, 1918, recommending that a Memorial Masonic Library Building be erected with suitable tablets placed therein, and that the joint Committees of the Chapters and Lodges be authorized to appoint a Building and Financial Sub-Committee to give the matter the necessary consideration and report, which report was to be submitted to each body. After considerable discussion the matter was left in the hands of the Representatives of the Chapter. Ex. Comp. D. W. Evans, I.P.Z., besides getting a Past Z.'s jewel at this Convocation, he having occupied the Chair of Z., for two years, was also presented with several cut glass pieces for Mrs. Evans.

The fee for exaltation was increased, March 28th, 1919, to $40, and in May, M. Ex. Comp. George Moore presented a report on the proposed new Masonic Temple, giving the outline of what was proposed. He stated that they had secured Billing's property at a cost of $27,500. It was also announced at the May Convocation that, owing to industrial unrest in Winnipeg, the postponed Convocation of Grand Chapter had not been held there. It was subsequently held in June at Toronto.

V. Ex. Comp. George H. Lanigan, who had been Scribe E. of The Hiram Chapter for many years, resigned owing to ill health, April 23rd, 1920, when on motion, the thanks of the Chapter were tendered to V. Ex. Comp. Lanigan with the expression of regret that he had to resign as Scribe E. of the Chapter, a position he had so acceptably filled for years. R. Ex. Comp. D. R. Gibson was appointed to act as Scribe E. The motion was rescinded which had been passed at the beginning of the War remitting the dues of the members who had become Soldiers of the King.
Seventy-five members of Orient Chapter, Toronto. Friday evening, May 28th, 1920, under the direction of Ex. Comp. D. S. L. MacDougall, the First Principal, motored to Hamilton to pay a fraternal visit to The Hiram Chapter, and they were warmly greeted by Ex. Comp. W. F. Montague, the First Principal. On behalf of the visiting Chapter, Ex. Comp. R. J. Gaylord presented to Ex. Comp. Montague, for the use of The Hiram Chapter, to mark the visit, a beautiful golden Triangle, suitably inscribed. Each Companion present was the recipient of a beautiful special Chapter penny given by The Hiram Chapter further to mark the event of the visit.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred in an excellent manner by the officers of Orient Chapter. During the evening, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., at the request of the Chapters of the Hamilton District, presented R. Ex. Comp. A. G. Bain, Grand Superintendent, with a beautiful set of regalia appertaining to his rank as a Grand Chapter Officer.

The Hiram Chapter returned the fraternal visit on Thursday evening, September 30th, when sixty or more members motored to Toronto, headed by their First Principal, Ex. Comp. W. F. Montague. To commemorate the visit Ex. Comp. W. F Montague presented Ex. Comp. D. S. L. MacDougall, First Principal of Orient Chapter, with a handsome Baton for the use of the Director of Ceremonies, and each of the Companions present, numbering fully 300, was presented with a beautifully chased and enamelled Royal Arch jewel. The officers of The Hiram Chapter conferred the Royal Arch degree in a highly commendable manner with full musical ritual.

Under the most happy auspices the one hundredth anniversary of The Hiram Chapter was celebrated, Friday evening, October 29th, 1920, in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite room, Masonic Temple, corner of James and Gore Streets. Many distinguished Masons were present, from various parts of Canada, representing the Symbolic, Capitular, and the allied branches of Masonry. The room was filled with Companions to its utmost capacity. Among those present were: M. Ex. Comps. W. N. Ponton, K. C., Grand Z., George Moore, P.G.Z. and Grand Treasurer, F.W. Harcourt, K.C., P.G.Z. and Grand Master of The Grand

Reviewing briefly the history of the Chapter for the one hundred years, we should not forget the past, yet living in the present, and we must look to the future for the same activity that has shown such splendid results in the life of this Chapter for the past century. When the Chapter came into being in the year 1820, its membership was about 33, and to-day its active membership is over 500, with a total enrollment, since the Chapter came under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, of 1090. A splendid tribute to the energy of those who, in the years gone by, so ably guided its destiny—reminding us that progress is the activity of to-day and the assurance of to-morrow.

There were about six Chapters when The Hiram Chapter was instituted, with less than 300 Royal Arch Masons, in what was then known as Canada. To-day we have nine federated Provinces in the Dominion, with six Grand Bodies, having 240 Chapters, with 31,000 members, and out of that number over 19,000 are associated with the Chapters in the Province of Ontario—an enviable record for Capitular Masonry.

When George Hamilton, after whom the City of Hamilton was named, became the owner of the property lying between
King and Main Streets, King Street then followed, it is said, the Indian trail, and was the principal road leading from Niagara to Dundas and Ancaster. This was the roadway upon which many of our Brethren of the early days doubtless travelled to and from their Lodge and Chapter meetings. Little did they think what the future might bring forth, from those early gatherings of Craftsmen, seeking a Companionship amid the then existing conditions. Yet from their zeal for the Craft we happily enjoy to-day what we have inherited from them as Companions.

Royal Arch Masonry existed in the Town of Niagara as far back as the year 1798. Its coming into being at that period has been fully justified by the struggle it has steadily maintained since for an honorable existence. The history of what has been aptly termed “The Garden of Canada” cannot be written without mentioning the names of those who have been identified with the development of Masonry, and especially with that of The Hiram Chapter.

With the past activities of this Chapter we find associated men who were closely connected by kinship with the pioneer families of the earlier days of this part of Canada, for we have, appearing upon the membership roll of the Chapter the names of Rousseau, Secord, Beasley, Hamilton, Reynolds, Richardson, Kendrick, Watts, and others. To their forebears we are greatly indebted, in our every-day life, for the ample opportunities presented to us, not only as members of a noble Craft, but as Citizens of a bright and prosperous Canadian Commonwealth.
To Scribes E.

PLEASE OBSERVE AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:

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 as well as the rank of the Companion should accompany the record.

Send a full list of the Officers of your Chapter immediately after installation.
ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1921

M. Ex. Comp. Herbert S. Griffin, M.D., Hamilton, Ont., Grand X.

R. Ex. Comp. Richard H. Spencer, Trenton, Ont., Grand H.

R. Ex. Comp. Robert J. Gibson, Toronto, Ont., Grand J.

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, Hamilton, Ont., Grand Treasurer.


Comp. Thomas M. Guthrie, Hamilton, Ont., Grand Janitor.

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M. Ex. Comp. Herbert S. Griffin, M.D., Grand X., 21 Deer, Walnut and Main Streets, Hamilton, Ont.


(Grand Secretary)

The Sixty-fourth Annual Consecration of the Grand Chapter of Canada will be held in the City of Hamilton, Ont., Wednesday, February 22nd, 1927.