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at the Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation

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City of Toronto, Ontario
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W. H. DAVIS, Hamilton, Ont. HENRY T. SMITH, Toronto, Ont.
Grand Z. Grand Scribe E.
Grand Chapter of Canada

PROCEEDINGS


PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer ........Grand Z.]
R. " " W. H. Davis ........Grand H. }Grand Council
R. " " K. J. Dunstan ........Grand J.]
M. " " George Moore ........Grand Treasurer
R. " " Henry T. Smith ........Grand Scribe E.
R. " " Lorston A. Boss ........Grand Scribe N.
R. " " W. J. Armstrong .... Grand Principal Sojourner
R. " " Alex. Saunders ........Grand Registrar
R. " " E. B. Brown ........Grand Historian
R. " " J. B. Nixon ........Grand Lecturer
" " E. L. Taylor ........as Grand Senior Sojourner
V. " " Oscar H. King ........Grand Junior Sojourner
V. " " Frederick WolthaussenGrand Sword Bearer
V. " " T. C. S. Harrison ....Grand Master 1st Veil
" " C. N. Linnell ........as Grand Master 2nd Veil
" " W. A. Bearance ...as Grand Master 3rd Veil
" " A. M. St. John ....as Grand Master 4th Veil
" " J. A. Coleman ....as Grand Standard Bearer
V. " " W. Geo. Varty ........Grand Dir. of Ceremonies
" " H. W. Ploss ........as Grand Organist
R. " " W. Y. Mills ........as Grand Pursuivant
" " Ed. Lee ........as Grand Steward
" " W. C. Fryer ........as Grand Steward
" " W. M. Noble ....as Grand Steward
" " R. H. Ward ........as Grand Steward
" " I. T. Stickwood.....as Grand Steward
" " W. R. McQuade......as Grand Steward
" " James Shrubsole....as Grand Steward
" " W. H. McNairn.....as Grand Steward
V. " " Ernest J. Wright .....Grand Steward
" " L. Lee ........as Grand Steward
GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

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

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Chapters, reported that there were 149 Warranted Chapters, on the roll of Grand Chapter, of which number 125 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.  

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

No. 15.  
*Wawanosh*, Sarnia.  

No. 16.  
*Carleton*, Ottawa.  
Ex. Comp. E. L. Taylor, Z.

No. 18.  
*Oxford*, Woodstock.  

No. 19.  

No. 20.  
*Mount Horeb*, Brantford.  
Ex. Comp. Lloyd Hussey, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. G. A. Woodside, P.Z.

No. 22.  
*Grenville*, Prescott.  
Ex. Comp. C. F. Williams, Z.
No. 23. 
Ezra, Simcoe.
Ex. Comp. Carl S. Ryerse, H.

No. 24. 
Tecumseh, Stratford.

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

No. 27. 
Manitou, Collingwood.

No. 28. 
Pentalpha, Oshawa.

No. 29. 
McCallum, Dunnville.

No. 30. 
Huron, Goderich.
Ex. Comp. Hugh Hill, Z.

No. 31. 
Prince Edward, Picton.

No. 32. 
Waterloo, Galt.
Ex. Comp. Frank Balne, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. T. F. Campbell, P.Z.

No. 34. 
Signet, Barrie.

No. 35. 
Keystone, Whitby.

No. 36. 
Corinthian, Peterborough.
No. 37.  
Victoria, Port Hope.

No. 40.  
Guelph, Guelph.

No. 41.  
Harris, Ingersoll.
Ex. Comp. W. A. Sutherland (Proxy), R. Ex. Comp. R. H. Reid, P.Z.'s.

No. 44.  
Mount Sinai, Napanee.
Ex. Comp. D. R. Sharp, Z.

No. 46.  
St. James, St. Mary’s.

No. 47.  
Wellington, Chatham.
Ex. Comps. F. A. Steinke, Z.; W. H. Ferguson, P.Z.

No. 48.  
St. John’s, Cobourg.

No. 54.  
Palestine, St. Thomas.

No. 55.  
Niagara, Niagara.

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

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

No. 59.  
Sussex, Brockville.
Ex. Comp. Thomas H. Guest, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Maurice Brown, P.Z.

No. 62.  
York, Toronto.
No. 64. Willson, Welland.
Ex. Comps. H. W. Ort, Z.; Robt. MacIlvride, J.

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

No. 67. Enterprise, Harriston.

No. 69. Grimsby, Grimsby.

No. 70. Grand River, Bracebridge.

No. 71. Prince of Wales, Amherstburg.
Ex. Comp. W. M. Eccles, Z.


No. 74. Beaver, Strathroy.
Ex. Comp. G. N. Howden, Z.

No. 75. St. Clair, Milton.

No. 77. Occident, Toronto.

No. 78. Minnewawa, Parkhill.

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

No. 81.  
Aylmer, Aylmer.
Ex. Comps. George Stewart, Z.; R. W. Stratton, P.Z.

No. 82.  
Shuniah, Port Arthur.
Ex. Comp. E. Cocker, Z.

No. 83.  
Ionic, Orangeville.

No. 84.  
Lebanon, Wingham.
Ex. Comp. G. H. Ross (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 86.  
Macpherson, Meaford.

No. 88.  
MacNabb, Dresden.
Ex. Comp. Edward Worth, P.Z.

No. 90.  
Golden, Kenora.

No. 91.  
Antiquity, Toronto.

No. 94.  
Midland, Lindsay.

No. 95.  
Tuscan, Sudbury.
Ex. Comps. H. M. Stephenson, Z.; W. McDonald, P.Z.

No. 100.  
St. Lawrence, Brockville.

No. 102.  
Ex. Comp. Edward J. Kahle, Z.
No. 103.  
*St. John’s, North Bay.*
Ex. Comp. C. F. Brown, Z.

No. 104.  
*White Oak, Oakville.*

No. 112.  
*St. John’s, Morrisburg.*

No. 114.  
*Bonnechere, Renfrew.*

No. 115.  
*Brant, Paris.*
Ex. Comp. B. Stobbs, J.

No. 116.  
*Maple, Carleton Place.*
R. Ex. Comp. D. H. McIntosh (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 117.  
*Kitchener, Kitchener.*

No. 119.  
*King Cyrus, Leamington.*
Ex. Comps. Alvin Bunn, Z.; Wm. S. Setterington, H.; R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Awrey, P.Z.

No. 130.  
*Chantry, Southampton.*

No. 131.  
*Amabel, Wiarton.*
V. Ex. Comp. A. G. Bright (Proxy).

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

No. 135.  
*Succoth, Uxbridge.*

No. 138.  
*Shekinah, Toronto.*
No. 140.  

Fort William, Fort William.
Ex. Comp. R. Jamieson, Z.

No. 143.  

Glengarry, Maxville.
R. Ex. Comp. J. Howard Munro (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 144.  

Presque Isle, Brighton.
R. Ex. Comp. E. W. Pickford, P.Z.

No. 145.  

The St. Patrick, Toronto.

No. 148.  

St. John's, Vankleek Hill.

No. 149.  

Atwood, Rainy River.
R. Ex. Comp. H. G. C. Ledger (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 150.  


No. 152.  

Alberton, Fort Frances.

No. 153.  

Sombra, Wallaceburg.
Ex. Comp. G. L. Boyce, Z.

No. 155.  

Ancaster, Ancaster.

No. 161.  

Madoc, Madoc.
Ex. Comp. J. E. Marcellus, Z.; V. Ex. Comp. George M. Wright, P.Z.

No. 163.  

The Beaches, Toronto.

No. 164.  

Lorne, West Lorne.

N. 167.  

Michikewana, Midland.
Ex. Comp. G. W. Blackburn, Z.
No. 168.  
Ionic, Campbellford.  

No. 169.  
Temiskaming, New Liskeard.  

No. 175.  
The Hamilton, Hamilton.  
R. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 184.  
Hugh Murray, Bridgeburg.  

No. 185.  
Toronto, Toronto.  

No. 195.  
Peel, Brampton.  

No. 198.  
Couchiching, Orillia.  

No. 203.  
Cobalt, Cobalt.  

No. 205.  
Victoria, Thornhill.  

Kitchener, Russell.  
Ex. Comp. J. M. Boland, Z.

No. 212.  
Mount Sinai, Toronto.  

No. 213.  
Northern Lights, Timmins.  
Ex. Comp. H. G. Laidlaw, Z.

No. 214.  
Vimy, Inwood.  
Ex. Comp. F. W. Smith, Z.
No. 215.  
*Mimico, Mimico.*  
Ex. Comp. R. H. Malloch, P.Z.

No. 217.  
*St. Alban's, Toronto.*  

No. 218.  
*Prince Edward, Shelburne.*  

No. 219.  
*Ulster, Toronto.*  

No. 220.  
*Lebanon, Lambton Mills.*  
Ex. Comp. J. A. Evans (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 221.  
*Durham, Durham.*  
V. Ex. Comp. W. E. Clark (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 222.  
*Ottawa, Ottawa.*  

No. 223.  
*Abitibi, Iroquois Falls.*  
Ex. Comp. A. E. Brewer, H.

No. 225.  
*Beaver, Toronto.*  

No. 226.  
*Prince of Wales, Perth.*  
Ex. Comp. W. E. Thornton (Proxy), P.Z.

No. 227.  
*Quinte Friendship, Belleville.*  
Ex. Comp. John McIntosh, Z.; M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, P.Z.

No. 230.  
*Port Credit, Port Credit.*  

No. 231.  
*The St. Clair, Toronto.*  

No. 232.  
*King Cyrus, Toronto.*  
Eighty-one Chapters were represented by regular officers, 37 were represented by proxy, 7 were represented by Past Z.'s, making the total Chapters represented 125. Twenty-four Chapters were unrepresented. There were 464 delegates registered, making a total of 634 votes.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

C. W. Haentschel, Chairman.
Austin Evans,
John T. Edworthy,
B. Cairns,
R. L. Shriner,
A. G. Horwood,
James Herriot,
Committee.

On motion of R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, 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-fifth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Toronto, Wednesday, February 28th, and Thursday, March 1st, 1923, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, and

Resolved,—That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Wednesday, February 28th, and Thursday, March 1st, 1923, 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.

Grand Chapter “Called off.”

CIVIC WELCOME.

M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone,—I introduce to you Most Excellent Grand Z. and to the representatives of Grand Chapter, Controller R. H. Cameron, one of the Controllers of the City of Toronto, who is at the present time representing His Worship the Mayor, W. W. Hiltz, who, we regret to hear is suffering from illness. While we regret the absence of His Worship, we congratulate ourselves on the splendid choice of his representative, or substitute. Among his colleagues Controller Cameron is known as one well qualified, well posted in civic affairs and of sound judgment. His principal characteristic is logical reasoning. He is now a successful business man in this city, and is bringing to bear his experience as a business man on civic matters. This shows that we have the right man in the right place among the Controllers in the City of Toronto. I have much pleasure in introducing the Controller to you.

The Grand Z. suggested humorously that the Controller had copied his initials and said: I know now
why the City of Toronto thought so well of you as to put you in the high position you now occupy. I will ask you to step to the Grand East.

Controller Cameron then approached the Grand East, and in conveying the civic welcome said: Most Ex. Grand First Principal and Companions of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, as a substitute at best is only a substitute, I regret for your sakes and also for His Worship the Mayor that he was unable to be present this morning. But his excuse is illness and he did not give up until he was absolutely forced to do so. Yesterday he was no worse than the day before, and I do not think that his illness is serious. I believe he was simply played out when he gave in on Monday and we had to send him home. Since he has been Mayor—in fact for many years before, but particularly since he became Chief Magistrate, he has absolutely given of the very best that is in him and almost too much for the benefit of this city that he loves so much.

I was very much pleased to be requested by His Worship to take his place here to-day. I cannot possibly fill his place, but with your kind indulgence I am going to read from manuscript that which he would have said had he been present.

“One of the pleasant duties which devolve upon the Mayor is that of welcoming to the City such conventions as yours, and I assure you that it is with unfeigned pleasure that I bid you welcome to the City of Toronto on the occasion of your Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation. The word “Toronto” is said to mean “The place of meeting,” carrying us back to the days when the red men were the only inhabitants of what is now the rich and prosperous Province of Ontario, and so there is some appropriateness in your Grand Chapter and other such conventions coming together in Toronto.

“The conventions which assemble here from time to time may be divided into two classes. The first class is composed of those who have some financial or commercial or business or sectional object to pro-
mote. The second class is composed of those who have no personal or sectional benefit in view, apart from that which will accrue to them in common with the rest of the community from the adoption or wider diffusion of the principle of life and conduct advocated. To the latter class your Grand Chapter must be regarded as belonging, because it is clear that your purpose in assembling here on this occasion is not for the advancement of any selfish object, proper though such a one may be, but for the trans-action of the business pertaining to your Royal Craft, whose leading principle, like a great shining light, is that of human fraternity, a principle which has regard to human beings in their essential nature without reference to the external conditions of wealth or position.

"Widely recognized as human brotherhood has be-come, largely through the medium of the Masonic Society, it cannot be denied that its wider recognition among the nations is required if the world is to settle down to the cultivation of the arts of peace. It is indeed startling to be told, in this sixth year since the close of the Great War, that the number of men in the armies of Europe at the present time exceeds the number under arms in August, 1914. Those armies are withdrawn from peaceful industry, because national animosities and aggressive am-bitions take the place in the individuals composing the nations of that feeling of human brotherhood which should prevail throughout the world. Those animosities and ambitions, entertained and cherished by the various peoples, shape the policies of govern-ments, and the result is the formation of great armies to carry out those policies by force. Gentlemen, if the principle of human brotherhood, under the Fatherhood of God, could only be made to pen-e-trate the European nations as that principle has penetrated and taken possession of the English-speaking peoples, the present unsettlement in Europe would be quickly replaced by confidence and a last-ing peace.
“The wide diffusion and amazing growth of the Masonic Society since the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, the mother Grand Lodge of the world, in 1717, is a fact which cannot fail to arrest our attention. The Society, I am aware, carries on no propaganda, has no missionary machinery for the purpose of increasing its membership, and makes no personal solicitation, yet it has become the greatest lay organization in the world. There must be an adequate explanation, and I take it that the explanation is that the fraternal principles which is its essential characteristics commends itself to men in general, so that they voluntarily seek affiliation with it in order that they may meet together and enjoy fraternal intercourse without regard to those things that divide men into groups and parties, without regard to wealth or absence of wealth, without regard to position, without regard to political parties, without regard to ecclesiastical affiliations, and even without regard to international boundary lines.

“That the Society has spread over the four divisions of the globe, so that the sun is always at its meridian with respect to Masonry; that it numbers millions in its ranks; that its members hold firmly its genuine tenets and principles—and that it has attained to an influential position in the world—these are the proofs that its great heart beats in unison with the heart of humanity as that heart came from the hand of its Great Creator.

“That the influence of your Society is altogether for good cannot be denied, and so the Chief Magistrate of a City may well receive any of its convocations with open arms. Its influence is more effective than treaties and world courts and Leagues of Nations, very excellent though those instrumentalities are beyond any doubt.

“Most Excellent Grand First Principal, it is with much interest that as Mayor I note the fact that your Grand Second Principal is Mr. Walter H. Davis, prominent in municipal life as the Commissioner of Finance of our sister City of Hamilton. I observe
also with pleasure that your Grand Third Principal is Mr. K. J. Dunstan, one of the most public spirited citizens of Toronto, whose enthusiasm in the advocacy of every good cause never flags.

"Gentlemen, I hope the stay of the members of this Grand Chapter in Toronto will be most agreeable to them, and that they will often return to us.”

(Applause)

M. Ex. the Grand Z.,—I am sorry Controller Cameron to address you as Mr., a man of your calibre, who has been so well introduced by one of our bright and shining lights of Grand Chapter. He has placed you on a very high plane. I shall be delighted some day in the near future to see you standing alongside of me. Let me say, that we very much appreciate the kind words which have come from your lips as the substitute for His Worship the Mayor. We are indeed sorry to know that affliction has stricken his family, but we hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will take care of them and the Mayor also. We have met in this fair city of yours for some time, and we naturally come back to good old City of Toronto. I would not like to tell you how long I have been passing through its fair gates, for you might think I was getting old. But I am not, I am only a young fellow as yet, and I hope always to remain young. I think the Masonic studies we peruse keep us young. You will see men who come here from all parts of the province, I do not know how some of them lose their hair, but they do, I suppose, by very hard work; however, you see they are bright and shining examples of what this fair province can do:

I thank you very much, Controller Cameron, and I hope you will convey to the Mayor our heartfelt thanks for the words spoken of us and we hope the Great Ruler of the Universe will brighten his lot.

Controller Cameron said, he wished to corroborate every word made use of by the Mayor. I know it is my loss and I realize it, that I cannot call you Companions, or whatever form of address you use, but
that can possibly be remedied, and it is not like the loss of hair that the Grand Z. referred to. I know that many people belong to the Order and that because of that Order we have more stability of management and our Constitution is of greater strength. Many tears are unshed because of your great work. I know that, and I say on my own behalf that I cannot express how much good and success I wish you and that we may all be deserving of our goal at the great end. I thank you. (Applause)

Grand Chapter “Called on.”

GREETINGS TENDERED BY TORONTO CHAPTERS.

R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Hopkins, Grand Superintendent of Toronto East District, then read, on behalf of the City Chapters the following address:—

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—

We, the Royal Arch Masons of the City of Toronto, extend to you our most cordial fraternal greetings. Meetings in the Sixty-sixth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada to review the progress of our Royal Craft and legislate for its future guidance and welfare, we welcome you into our Masonic Quarries and deliver to you all our materials—physical, intellectual and moral that your labours may be productive of good works.

Most Excellent Sir, it is the special privilege of the Rules of the Craft to work with the characters of men, the noblest material given into the hands of any workmen. With the tools of clear interpretation, untiring effort, sincere loyalty, and careful judgment, you have wrought with the Chapters in your jurisdiction extending their knowledge of the beautiful principles, brightening their meetings, inspiring their loyalty, and directing their efforts. During your two years of office, you have erected two pillars in that long colonnade of Royal Arch record perfect in symmetry and exquisite in workmanship. You
have adorned them with geniality, cordiality, sincerity and personal sympathy.

Now you have met with your Excellent Companions in office, to receive the keystone of approval from the Companions that your Arch may be established in strength and to assist in laying a foundation for future building.

Many matters of supreme importance will doubtless arise for your joint consideration. May the pendulum of your debates swing between the extremes of opinion with the regular beat of individual oratory until, controlled by the gravity of preponderant right, it assumes the final plumb-line of upright justice of decision, the full agreement with the ancient land-marks and equally acceptable to all.

While we hope that your hours of labour will result in profit, we trust that your periods of relaxation will be pleasurably spent among us and the golden chain of friendship will be brightened by many a renewed hand clasp and lengthened by the introduction of many new links. We have directed Hospitality to attend you and direct your steps to the open doors of opportunity to enjoy whatever our centres of learning and every department of art may have to offer to suit every mood that may possess you, trusting that you will find some beauty of thought or experience which will "Never pass into nothingness but remain a joy forever" with you.

In the name of the Companions of the Royal Craft we welcome you:

Wm. W. Ash, Z., St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4.
H. B. Shortt, Z., King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8.
A. B. Dalby, Z., York Chapter, No. 62.
C. P. Smith, Z., St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65.
J. Harold Corner, Z., Occident Chapter, No. 77.
Geo. Carey, Z., Orient Chapter, No. 79.
Ashton Fletcher, Z., Antiquity Chapter, No. 91.
M. Ex. the Grand Z. in reply said: As one of my representatives for the past year I am delighted to receive from your lips the words which assist in making us do better work. During my two years of service to the Royal Craft I have endeavoured to do my duty. I am going to say to you frankly that I have received the warmest reception from the Companions of Toronto, and I hope I shall be able to come back and extend to them the right hand of good fellowship.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Representatives of sister Grand Chapters when they assembled before the Altar. The following answered to their names:

R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith ............... Alabama
R. " " E. M. Carleton ............... British Columbia
R. " " J. McC. Potts ............... Colorado
R. " " Harvey J. Milne ............... Connecticut
R. " " A. C. Larter ............... Delaware
R. " " Robert W. Clewlo ............... District of Columbia
M. " " W. N. Ponton ............... Georgia
R. " " Joseph J. Shelley ............... Illinois
R. " " John Stevenson ............... Indiana
R. " " Edward Lankin ............... Iowa
R. " " W. Y. Mills ............... Louisiana
" " G. Sterling Ryerson ............... Maine
R. " " Robert H. Reid ............... Manitoba
R. " " Henry T. Smith ...............Michigan
R. " " Oliver Ellwood ..................Minnesota
R. " " Alex. G. Horwood .................Missouri
M. " " R. H. Spencer ....................Nebraska
R. " " Charles T. Wilkinson .............New Brunswick
R. " " Walter H. Davis .................New Hampshire
R. " " K. J. Dunstan ....................New Jersey
V. " " John A. Cowan .................New Zealand
R. " " R. W. Brennan .................North Carolina
R. " " George L. Gardiner ..........North Dakota
M. " " George Moore .................Nova Scotia
V. " " Hugh A. MacKay ................Ohio
R. " " Ed. Worth .........................Oklahoma
R. " " D. A. Clark .........................Oregon
R. " " R. J. Reade .........................Pennsylvania
R. " " Edward B. Brown .................Quebec
R. " " William Croft .................Saskatchewan
R. " " James B. Little .................South Carolina
R. " " Walter G. Price ................Tennessee
M. " " E. T. Malone ......................Texas
R. " " J. B. Nixon .........................Vermont
R. " " Joseph W. Hickson .................Victoria
R. " " William Panton .................Western Australia
R. " " Alexander Cowan .................West Virginia
R. " " William J. Wadsworth ............Wisconsin
R. " " David H. McCracken ...............Wyoming

The Representatives were accorded Grand Honours, and were welcomed by the M. Ex., the Grand Z., who said: Representatives of different Jurisdictions have answered their names. I see that some have not put in an appearance for some time. I thank you, however, from the bottom of my heart that you have come here in order to receive from me greetings. It is indeed a pleasure to find that you are again allowed to come to our Annual Convocation and I hope and trust that when you return to your respective homes you will convey to those whom you represent the warmest greetings of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

R. Ex. Comp. E. M. Carleton said in reply: It is a privilege on the present occasion to respond on behalf of the several Jurisdictions which we have the honour to represent. I had not the knowledge that I was to respond on behalf of all the Companions present, or even on my own behalf, for someone else has generally done so for me; nevertheless we bring from
our various Jurisdictions best wishes and fraternal greetings and the brightest and kindest of thoughts that can be presented to this Grand Body. Representing as I do, the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, one of our own sister Grand Chapters, I consider it a great honour to represent that Grand Chapter and to tell you that it is progressing and we believe will progress. It could not do otherwise because of having a mother like the Grand Chapter of Canada. I thank you, Sir, on behalf of all of us.

The Grand Representatives at the invitation of the Grand Z. took seats on the dais, after which he presented the following:—
ADDRESS OF GRAND Z

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

To this the Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada I welcome you most cordially, and trust, that your brief sojourn in Toronto, attending the sessions of Grand Chapter will be the occasion of pleasant memories, as well as the origin of new and valuable friendships. Coming as you do from different parts of our fair Province should make this Convocation an event of anticipated pleasure. It will undoubtedly exert an uplifting and helpful influence in keeping before you the ideals and principles of Royal Arch Masonry.

Be on the Alert.

Let us ever be on the alert to make the activities of our Royal Craft the stream that warms and tempers the current of modern civilization, by ministering to human sufferings, eliminating class distinctions, superstition and falsehood, and thus enabling men to live and move on the highest plane of usefulness towards one another. Our beautiful ritualistic ceremonies will, if properly understood, tend to bring about this happy condition of affairs.

No argument is needed to convince a Companion, who is awake to his obligations, that Royal Arch Masonry has some higher and nobler mission, than the mere conferring of degrees; that the work of the Chapter room has a greater scope than the mere repetition of ceremonies, be they ever so venerable with age or beautiful with sentiment; that the records of a Chapter which do not tell of some good deed performed, some benevolent act done for the sake of humanity, are but the memories of wasted hours, of vain pretensions, of solemn promises broken, or duties neglected.
Country Developing.

Our Country is developing, and with its development and the responsibilities of a Noble Craft, it is our duty to be ever on the move to strengthen and make sure of the foundations, not only of this Grand Body, but of Canada for a good citizenship before the world, by seeing that they stand four square to all the winds of heaven and the buffeting tides of false doctrine, disloyalty, oppression, pride and covetous greed.

Purest of Principles.

Founded as our fraternity is upon the purest of principles, and with a history of which we need not be ashamed, what may we expect from our magnificent Order. Certain it is, that in this era, we trust, of a broader human brotherhood in Canada, it will be expected of us that our principles will be illuminated and our characters be exemplified in right living, as never before, especially in view of the beautiful teachings of our Order.

"To look, in the light of reason, to the gracious Being above, As the source of infinite wisdom, and the source of infinite love; To follow in full submission wherever His will may lead, Such should be our mission, and such should be our Creed."

Law of Forgiveness.

May we always then be ready to remember the law of forgiveness and not the faults of a Companion. Do not let us fan the dying embers of hate into life again, but let us hold up the hands of the helpless, carry relief to the poor and needy, and greet with a hearty handshake the stranger within our door; yes, and we should not forget to rescue a fallen Companion from the gutter of grim despair, as well as smooth from his brow of sorrow the wrinkles of doubt and care. Companionship is to be valued for what is in it, not for what may be gotten out of it. When two or more persons unite for purely material benefit, that union is not a fraternity, but an
association for purposes of business. But the vital and vivifying principle of true fraternity is the element of companionship, sympathy and co-operation, the ability and willingness to sacrifice for the good of the whole those personal interests which may be at variance with the interests of the Order.

**Must Have Co-operation.**

We must have co-operation as well as unity and harmony in our Chapter work. No great results are accomplished without group action and the lessons of unity and harmony are taught us by the humblest of God's creatures, the busy workers of the hive, who build their waxen cells with a precision unequalled by human workmen, and in their diligent labours, exemplify the motto "All for one and one for all." United effort built the Pyramids of Egypt, erected the glorious Temple of Solomon, stormed the cloud-capped Alps, opened a highway through the waterway wastes of the Atlantic, levelled the forests of this Country and reared in their stead a mighty Dominion of Provinces, destined to become at no distant date a powerful influence in guiding the destiny of the nations of the world along the lines we trust of "Peace and good will to all." With such a co-operation of purpose our Chapters can become a powerful influence for good.

**Our Departed.**

During the past year we have lost, as we do, year by year, Companions by death, among them M. Ex. Comp. Henry Robertson, who was an Honorary Past Grand Z. of this Grand Body for many years. In the early history of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction, he took a very deep interest in its welfare. The sympathy of this Grand Chapter to the families and friends of our departed Companions will be fittingly expressed in the Report presented by the Committee on the Fraternal Dead. "We shall meet, but we shall miss them, "There will be vacant chairs."
Visitors From Other Jurisdictions.

We have to-day with us Representatives from Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and other places. We extend to them the hand of "Good fellowship." May their visit be to them a profitable one, as it will, I can assure them, be a pleasant one to us. I have visited several of the Grand Bodies in the United States. On one occasion accompanied by the Grand Second Principal, on two occasions accompanied by the Grand Scribe E., and on the other occasions by myself. Cordial greetings were extended from the Grand Jurisdictions visited.

Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan Organized.

The Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan have become regularly constituted Bodies. The Grand Chapter of Manitoba was organized in the month of April, 1923, and I had the pleasure of attending on June 11th, 1923, and installing and investing the officers of the newly organized Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. Both of these Grand bodies have adopted our ritualistic work, so that now all the Grand bodies in the Western Provinces use the same Ritual. This should be most gratifying to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Grand Representatives.

Last year in my address I referred to Grand Representatives, who had for years never attended our Annual Convocation, and I thought it would be in the best interest of the Royal Craft to do something to remedy this evil. After communicating with several of the Grand Representatives and pointing out to them the effect of the resolution adopted by Grand Chapter in 1907, "That the absence of any Grand Representative from three successive Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter, shall vacate such office," they cheerfully resigned, and upon my recommendations other appointments were made to fill the vacancies.
Appointments.

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

Delaware—A. C. Larter, Toronto.
Iowa—Edward Larkin, Toronto.
Manitoba—Robert Henry Reid, Woodstock.
New South Wales—W. H. Tudhope, Orillia.
New Zealand—John A. Cowan, Toronto.
North Dakota—George L. Gardiner, Toronto.
Saskatchewan—William Croft, Toronto.
Wyoming—David H. McCracken, Port Colborne.

Vacancies having occurred among the Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Canada, near the other Grand bodies, I approved of the following recommendations:—

Colorado—Stanley C. Warner, Denver.
Manitoba—Frank W. Brownell, Winnipeg.
New Zealand—James Hamilton Harkness, Westport.
Saskatchewan—Arthur S. Gorrell, Regina.

Exchange of Courtesies.

Courtesies during the past year have been exchanged between Jurisdictions in this country as well as with some of the American Jurisdictions. I wish to point out to the constituent Chapters in this Jurisdiction that if they desire to have degrees conferred upon any of their members in another Jurisdiction the negotiations for the conferring of such degrees must be done through the office of the Grand Scribe E. It is important to remember this as a difficulty may easily arise if the procedure I have mentioned is not strictly adhered to.
Order of DeMolay for Boys.

Last year in my report I referred to this noble Order for boys, and the matter was left in abeyance. I again refer to it with the firm conviction that this Grand Body should permit its constituent Chapters to sponsor Chapters for the boys.

The Order of DeMolay is not confined to any one country. It is international, having Chapters in Italy, France, Switzerland, Belgium, the Philippines, Porto Rico, in some parts of Canada, the United States, Alaska, Mexico and other countries.

There will be no expense to this Grand Body in permitting our constituent Chapters to sponsor the Boys Chapters, and very little expense, if any, to our constituent Chapters and then only an initial expense on the occasion of the instituting of the Boys Chapters.

You once get our Royal Arch Chapters engaged actively in some good work the general welfare of the Chapters interested will become more intensified, and we will find great beneficial results from allowing our constituent Chapters to enter in this good and noble work.

In carrying on our labours in our own Chapters we are told it is our duty to build, by means of living material which we chisel with the tools of the mind, conscious that we ourselves are the rough ashlars, which must be transformed to proper proportions and shape, by hewing according to the applied square of knowledge. Reduced to fundamentals, it is manifested to us that the primary object of our Order is to give the individual member increased opportunity for self-development, self-realization and service.

If for any reason this object is lost sight of, or obscured, our Royal Craft has no real place in the world as it exists to-day. This purpose cannot be fulfilled by the mere performance of ceremonies and the recitation of rituals. We must give a practical application of our truths and morals in uplifting
work. Unless we can show actual evidence of such work being carried out, thinking men will have neither the time nor the inclination to consider our aims.

Companions what better application can we put the teachings of our Royal Craft to, then to assist young boys, between the ages of sixteen to twenty-one, on the road towards a better manhood and a better citizenship.

Greetings.

I directed the Grand Scribe E. to issue the following card of Greetings; which received many happy responses:

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA—1923-1924.

Christmas and New Year's Greetings to all Companions of the Royal Craft.

"May God give thee all good, pure, sweet and pleasant things,—the gifts of heaven—the products of earth,—Serenity, stability, equanimity, health, strength, power, love and all the joys of life."

EVER KEEP THE TORCH OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY AGLOW.


Toronto, Canada.

Our Financial Position.

From the reports presented you will see that our financial position by investments continues to become stronger. This is due to a very large extent to our ever watchful Grand Treasurer, M. Ex. Comp. George Moore. He is ever on the alert for the safe and proper investment of our funds.

Benevolence.

We still continue to dispense a small part of our income in benevolence. It may not be large, but year by year the amount is increasing. Let us remem-
ber that it is not what we take up, but what we give up, that makes us rich. So the best way to do good to ourselves is to do it to others; the right way to gather strength is to scatter seeds of kindness in the way of benevolence.

Dispensations.

Under my instructions many dispensations have been issued and I have revised and sanctioned the amendments to many By-laws. It is most gratifying to notice that the exaltation fee and annual dues of the Chapters, especially in the smaller places, are still continuing to be increased. A Chapter that desires to succeed to-day must undoubtedly conduct its affairs on a business proposition. The Chapters which have increased their fees have come to realize that such an increase has been beneficial and not detrimental to the progress of the Chapters.

A New Chapter.

During the past year there has only been one Chapter instituted and that was McKay Chapter, Stoney Creek.

Consecration and Dedication.

With the assistance of the Grand Scribe E. and other Grand Chapter officers, I have during the year consecrated and dedicated eight Chapters; while in several instances new Chapter rooms have been dedicated. The Chapters consecrated and dedicated were:—

Aurora, Aurora; Halton, Georgetown; Caledonia, Caledonia; St. Andrew, London; Blenheim, Blenheim; Smithville, Smithville; University, Toronto; St. Paul’s, Lambeth.

Chapter rooms at Welland, Campbellford and Maxville were dedicated.

Membership.

From the reports to be presented it will be seen that we continue to prosper both in mem-
bership and financially. Owing to the withdrawal last year of a number of Chapters in the two Western Provinces, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, a decrease in membership will be shown, yet we do, however, show a splendid increase of 946 members in the Province of Ontario for the year 1923. Let us continue to strengthen our membership. This can be done by creating a vigorous and social atmosphere of companionship at our monthly convocations and this will also assist in securing better attendance at our Chapter meetings.

Attendance.

May I not say a word about attendance. It often happens that men of ability are connected with a good Chapter, and yet profit, but little from their affiliation and bring an inappreciable addition of strength to the Order. They retain their seats in the Chapter room and when perfectly convenient and consistent with other engagements they occupy them, and do little else.

Every Companion irregular in his attendance deprives himself of many benefits. No one whose heart is pervaded with the spirit of true fraternalism can attend any Chapter meeting without gaining many valuable thoughts and views, as well as a closer social contact with his fellow members. The experience of others enlightens, encourages and stimulates him to new and higher ideals.

Regular attendance at Chapter meetings will do much towards promoting that sympathy and kindly feeling which should exist between members of the same Chapter. If any class of men should be united in the bonds of companionship surely members should be so. But without regular attendance, without taking any active part in the proceedings of the Chapter, a union of minds and hearts is impossible.

Visiting Home Chapters.

In the past two years I have visited some eighty of the constituent Chapters of our Jurisdiction, and in many instances I was accompanied by the Grand
Scribe E. who assisted very materially in making the Chapter convocations both interesting and instructive. Chapters in every district but one have either personally been visited by me or else by the Grand Scribe E., and at a great many of the convocations special invitations had been issued to Master Masons to attend “After meetings” of the Chapter Convocation. We have spoken to thousands of our brethren throughout the Province of Ontario on Capitular Masonry, and from these visits I have no doubt the coming year will witness beneficial results. The reason in not setting forth my visits in detail is, because they are, in many instances, referred to in the reports of the Grand Superintendents.

Making Progress.

The Royal Craft in this Jurisdiction has been making progress, but I am anxious to see it make greater progress along constructive lines. We must distinguish ourselves from ordinary institutions which apply themselves to instructing man with the sole object of improving his mind. Our mission is higher, since it is incumbent upon us to transform the uninitiated, who may be indolent, selfish and arrogant, into an initiate, fully enlightened on all that has to do with the constructive humanitarian work of Royal Arch Masonry. This work makes, at least, as much appeal to the heart as to the intelligence; it requires not only a clear comprehension of the end to be pursued, but also a tireless will, maintained in the service of a noble and disinterested cause.

Attending Divine Service.

During the past year I instructed the Grand Scribe E. to issue dispensations to any Chapters applying that wished to attend Divine Service. Many of the Chapters, I am informed, which attended Divine Service, found that it had a most beneficial effect upon the general welfare of the Chapter, as well as showing to the world something, from a religious standpoint, to justify our existence.
Proofs of Our Mission.

We must justify and give proofs of our mission. The mere survival of an organization is not irrefutable proof of its value. We were never meant for an ornamental tree. Our Fraternity was planted to bear fruit, and in the days to come it must bring something forth more than ornamental leaves. If in the opinion of mankind our Royal Craft does not justify itself as a constructive power in this constructive age then it will gradually sink into that state of oblivion where many so-called great orders have become engulfed. The time is not far distant when organizations such as ours will have to stand for something tangible in the plan of humanity or fall by the wayside.

Concurrent Jurisdiction.

During the year my attention was called to a courteous act on the part of McCallum Chapter, Dunnville, which waived jurisdiction over the Symbolic Lodge at Wellandport in favour of Smithville Chapter, Smithville. This kind act will undoubtedly relieve any unpleasantness that may arise and make for better friendship between the Dunnville and Smithville Companions.

Rulings.

During the past year I have been asked for very few rulings:—

1. One request was made to know if Companions of a Chapter could obtain a dispensation to take part in a memorial service, and march in a parade with other organizations clothed as Royal Arch Masons.

I ruled that the Chapter could not take part in any parade where other organizations were taking part. Of course, the members individually could attend the service, and thus show their appreciation, but not as a body of Royal Arch Masons.

2. An applicant had petitioned for Capitular degrees and had been accepted, but before any degrees
had been conferred charges were made against the applicant.

My ruling was, that the brother was ineligible for advancement until the charges made against him had been investigated and were either proven or otherwise. I further said, that the Companion who had made the charges should have appeared before the Committee of Investigation in a proper way and placed his complaints before the Committee.

**Grand Superintendents.**

The time is now coming when we must get very strong and capable men to accept the office of Grand Superintendent. Our Order is growing and expanding in many ways and the men selected to occupy the positions of Grand Superintendents should be in a position to give instruction as well as see if the affairs of the constituent Chapters are properly conducted. Apparently many of our Grand Superintendents have not been examining the books of the Scribes E. or the Treasurers, because I have been in several Chapters where I found that a proper set of books were not being kept.

Our Grand Superintendents must be instructed to promptly reply to all correspondence, whether it be from an official of Grand Chapter or from an officer in a constituent Chapter. Courtesy demands a prompt reply. When a Companion accepts the position of Grand Superintendent he must be prepared to attend to the duty of his Office, and not receive and occupy it for the honour that is in it alone.

There is no place where labour in the interest of our Noble Craft will show to better advantage than to have a Grand Superintendent attend to his duties properly. This will do a great deal of good in the uplifting of our Royal Craft to a higher plane of usefulness.

**Lord Ampthill’s Visit to Toronto.**

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, was visited in
the month of July last by Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, and other distinguished Masons.

While M. Ex. Comp. Lord Ampthill was in Toronto I instructed the Grand Scribe E. to see and explain to him our position in regard to the exchange of Grand Representatives between the Grand Chapter of England and this Grand Body. I understand the question was brought before the Supreme Grand Chapter of England in the month of August last, and from what transpired at that Convocation it would appear that something will be done in the near future respecting the exchange of Grand Representatives.

A communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales respecting the exchange of Representatives will be placed before you.

Proposed Visit of the Grand Z. of Scotland.

M. Ex. Comp. Lord Cassillis, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland, has written our Grand Scribe E. saying, he expects to be in Toronto in the month of May or June next. He left London, England, on the 8th of December last for the purpose of visiting Royal Craft bodies in Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, China, Japan and the United States of America and, if possible, Toronto, Canada. I feel sure he will receive a right royal welcome from his Canadian Companions should he arrive in the City of Toronto.

Exemplification of Degrees.

Last year the Royal Arch degree was admirably conferred under the auspices of Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto, before a large and appreciative gathering of Companions, among whom were many visitors from the Province of Quebec, as well as from several Jurisdictions from the United States. The
event was a decided success, and it did much to bring about a better understanding of the workings of this beautiful degree.

This year the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees will be exemplified by representatives from every Chapter in the City of Toronto. The exemplification will, under the direction of the Principals’ Association of Toronto, take place to-night (Wednesday, February 27th), in the Auditorium of the Masonic Temple, in which we are now meeting, and it is expected it will be one of the most pleasing functions of this Annual Convocation. All Royal Arch Masons in good standing will be privileged to witness the work.

Closing.

We are thankful, or should be, for the years passed, glad we have lived and are still alive to see greater opportunities for helpfulness before us. As the real importance of our Annual Convocations is to review the work of the preceding year, and from our successes and failures receive inspiration for our future work in this Grand Jurisdiction, let us make the knowledge we gain assist us to attain higher achievements which should ever be for the ultimate and unqualified success of Royal Arch Masonry.

In accepting the highest Office in the gift of this Grand Body two years ago, I did so with a deep sense of the honour conferred, as well as the responsibility attached to the important position. It was my duty to carry on promptly and faithfully the affairs set before me, which I endeavoured to do to the best of my ability.

To my immediate associates, who have so loyally and devotedly rendered all the assistance requested during the year we have served together, I desire to express my grateful thanks. Our associations have always been pleasant, and I will ever cherish that association as the years come and go.

This report I cannot conclude without expressing my sincere thanks to our Grand Scribe E., R. Ex.
Comp. Henry T. Smith, with whom I have been intimately associated in Masonic work for many years. He has been a constant friend and a source of much helpful assistance to me for which I am truly thankful.

I will shortly return to the ranks and R. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis will assume the position as your Grand Z., but my zeal and interest in Capitular Masonry will never wane.

Companions your work at this Grand Convocation to-morrow will end, and you will then return to your respective homes. In the language of David, in his benediction upon his beloved Jerusalem, let me say to you, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces."

Fraternally submitted,

R. H. Spencer

Grand Z.

Trenton, February 25th, 1924.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, Seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, 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.
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 honour to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in St. Clair District No. 1 for the year 1923.

Blenheim Chapter, No. 239, Blenheim.—I paid my official visit to Blenheim Chapter on April 18th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. W. L. Shillington in a very capable manner. I visited this Chapter unofficially on May 31st, accompanied by the M. Ex. the Grand Z., R. H. Spencer and R. Ex. Comp. Grand Scribe E. Henry T. Smith for the purpose of dedicating the Temple. I also visited this Chapter on December 10th, when, assisted by V. Ex. Comp. J. L. Smith of Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham, I installed the officers for the year 1924. On my several visits to this Chapter I found, that though a young Chapter, its prospects are very bright. It is in good financial standing and has a very capable set of officers.

Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg.—I visited this Chapter on May 27th. Ex. Comp. W. S. Wigle, assisted by Ex. Comp. H. E. Campbell, I.P.Z., conferred the Royal Arch degree in a most efficient manner. I found this Chapter in a very flourishing condition with good finances and attendance, a capable set of officers and with good prospects.

Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown.—I visited this Chapter in my official capacity on June 4th. Ex. Comp. V. E. Bingham conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a very efficient manner. I found the books well kept and believe its prospects are very good. I am unable to report as to its financial standing for I have not yet received a summary from the Chapter.
Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor.—M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith accompanied me on my official visit to Ark Chapter on October 8th. Ex. Comp. James Stewart and his officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a manner that left no room for criticism. After the regular work was finished Master Masons were permitted to enter the Chapter and then R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith gave a much appreciated lecture on the relationship of Symbolic and Capitular Masonry. M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer gave a very interesting talk on the DeMolay movement. Several visiting Companions from the Grand Chapter of Michigan gave short addresses. I found Ark Chapter in a flourishing condition with excellent prospects. The minutes and books are well kept, and the financial standing is strong. I intend visiting Ark Chapter on February 4th to install the officers for the coming twelve months.

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Leamington.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on October 9th. I had the pleasure of the company of M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith on this visit. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred on this occasion by Ex. Comp. A. H. Hewer, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Awrey, in a very capable manner. King Cyrus Chapter has good prospects and is in good financial standing. At the close of the meeting the doors were opened to Master Masons and R. Ex. Comp. Smith gave a lecture on the relationship of Symbolic and Capitular Masonry. M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer also gave a short address that was greatly appreciated and which went a great ways towards strengthening the bond of companionship in Royal Arch Masonry in Leamington.

Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham.—I visited this Chapter officially on October 11th. I also had the good fortune to have M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith ac-
company me. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. J. L. Challoner assisted by Ex. Comp. Ferguson in a very able manner. After a fine supper in the banquet hall the doors were opened to Master Masons and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith gave a very able lecture on Craft and Capitular Masonry. M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, also delivered an eloquent address on Masonry, and also spoke on the DeMolay movement. I found this Chapter in a very favourable condition. It has excellent prospects for the future. I also found the books and minutes well kept.

MACNABB CHAPTER, NO. 88, DRESDEN.—I paid my official visit to MacNabb Chapter on the 29th day of November. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a very capable way by the officers of the Chapter. I was informed that the prospects were good, but as I have not received their return I am unable to state their financial standing or their membership.

SOMBRA CHAPTER, NO. 153, WALLACEBURG.—On the 11th of December I made my official visit to Sombra Chapter. The officers for 1924 were installed on this occasion, and I think with the officers they have its future looks very bright. This Chapter is very good financially, and has good ground to work on. I feel that the spirit of companionship that seems to predominate here is a real factor and is essential to Royal Arch Masonry.

LORNE CHAPTER, NO. 164, WEST LORNE.—This is my home Chapter and I visited it officially on December 26th. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. V. E. Lemon in a most capable manner. Lorne Chapter is handicapped by having small quarters, but we expect to get into larger quarters next year. The Chapter is rather weak financially, but the coming year looks so good that I feel sure that my successor in office will have a very favourable report to make on it.
In conclusion, I desire to express my sincere appreciation for the uniform kindness and hospitality extended to me by all the Chapters during my term of office. This report would not be complete if I did not express my sincerest thanks for the splendid assistance and kindness received at all times from M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and the other Companions who accompanied me on all my visits.

I shall always look back with a great deal of pleasure to the year spent with my Companions of the District.

Fraternally submitted,

D. Turner,
Grand Supt., St. Clair Dist., No. 1.

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

I have great pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in London District No. 2, for the year 1923. This has been a year of healthy growth and sane progress, and I believe that it can honestly be said, that we have made a strong step forward in this District during the past year. There have been a large number of fraternal visits, something which I have encouraged to the best of my ability, believing that they do immeasurably more good than the holding of any Chapter of Instruction. I visited officially every Chapter in the District, with the exception of Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia. On the night when I was scheduled to visit this Chapter, I was unable to be present and called on the Grand Registrar, R. Ex. Comp. A. Saunders, who very kindly went in my stead. I regret not being able to meet the Petrolia Companions, but will try to do so later.

DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION of The St. Andrew Chapter, No. 238, London, and St. Paul's Chapter, No. 242, Lambeth. These two Chapters were consecrated and dedicated by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. on the 29th and 30th of May. This was an unique event in the history of Royal Arch Masonry in London, in that it was the first time that the whole of the Grand Council were present at any function. A very pleasant reunion of old friends marked these events and the memory of them will long live among the Companions in the District.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 3, LONDON,—is the oldest Chapter in the District, and it can honestly claim to be the best, so far as its work is concerned. The work of every one of the officers is almost perfect, and reflects great credit upon the First Principal and the Chapter as a whole. There is a lesson
for all of us in this perfection, and that is, the officers must turn out to rehearsals. I wish to congratulate this Chapter particularly for its good work.

**St. George’s Chapter, No. 5, London.**—I visited this Chapter officially on the 28th September, when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Cousins and his officers in a most satisfactory manner. I also had the great pleasure of being present with them on the occasion of the visit of the Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto, on the 26th October. This was a real treat to everyone, who had the opportunity of being present, and personally I considered myself honoured by being included among the guests on this occasion. It is to be hoped that there will be more of these visits, for it is by such visits we are bound more strongly together. I must express to St. George’s Chapter my appreciation of the constant courtesy and hospitality I received from it as a Chapter as well as for the courtesy extended to me from a number of the officers and Past Principals on many occasions during the year.

**Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia,** I visited on the evening of the 8th June, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. A. Saunders, Grand Registrar; R. Ex. Comp. O. S. Clark, P.G. Supt., and also by a number of Companions from my own Chapter. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred, at my special request, and to those who have seen this degree conferred by this Chapter it is unnecessary to state that it was done perfectly. The Chapter is fortunate in having as their Organist, Comp. Fry, who has been for forty years the Organist for the different Masonic bodies in Sarnia, and without detracting in any way from the work of the others, I feel that to him is due a large share of the credit for the wonderful floor work displayed.

On Sunday morning, June 10th, I accompanied this Chapter to Divine Service—a dispensation hav-
ing been granted for this Chapter to attend wearing regalia. I feel that this is a move in the right direction, and will stimulate interest in the Royal Craft. This Chapter is in a very flourishing condition and every department of their work is in first-class shape.

**Bruce Chapter, No. 53, Petrolia.**—"In compliance with your request I visited Bruce Chapter on the evening of the 17th October and was most cordially received. The Convocation was largely attended and the presence of a good number of Past Principals indicated the sustained interest they entertain for the Order and the zeal with which they labour for the success of Bruce Chapter. It was particularly pleasing to have in attendance R. Ex. Comp. Sinclair who, notwithstanding his advanced age, still maintains a lively interest in the Royal Craft and has ever a watchful eye over the transactions of the Chapter.

The books are well kept and finances are in good condition due in a large measure to the efficiency of the Scribe E."

(Signed) **Alex Saunders**,

Grand Registrar.

**Palestine Chapter, No. 54, St. Thomas.**—I visited this Chapter officially on the 14th June when a hearty and cordial welcome was extended. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred in a manner which left little to be desired. This Chapter seems to do everything well, and is particularly fine in its exercise of fraternity and hospitality. It was a great pleasure to visit this Chapter.

**Beaver Chapter, No. 74, Strathroy,** was visited officially on October 1st, when the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a creditable manner. In a town the size of Strathroy there should be a more aggressive and enthusiastic Chapter, and I fear that the younger Masons are not taking hold as they should. This Chapter has some very faithful and capable Past First Principals, who assist the
officers in their duties, but it is not fair to keep them at it too long. As I was exalted in this Chapter I am naturally interested in its welfare, and would like to see it make even greater progress.

Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, Parkhill, is my own Chapter, and I made my official visit on the occasion of the visit of St. John's Chapter, No. 3, of London, on the 21st September. On this occasion forty-five Companions from London accompanied the officers of St. John's and an excellent time was enjoyed by all. The visiting Chapter conferred the Royal Arch degree, after which all the Companions motored to Grand Bend where a banquet was served.

It is indeed very gratifying to note that this Chapter, which was so long dormant, is now forging ahead very rapidly and shows every sign of continuing. During the year they also entertained the officers and Companions from Wawanosh Chapter of Sarnia.

Aylmer Chapter, No. 81, Aylmer, is the one unsatisfactory Chapter in the District, and unfortunately it is situated about sixty-five miles from my home so that I could not visit it more than once. On the occasion of my official visit on the 5th October there were only thirteen present, and while the work was well done, that is only to be expected when we consider that nearly every office was filled by a Past Principal, with a Past Grand Superintendent in the Chair. Owing to the influence of one or two Masons in the town there seems to have arisen an unfortunate spirit of ill-will which discredits both those responsible for it, and the Lodge to which they belong. I am confident that the self-sacrificing work of those loyal members who have carried on the good work for the past few years will in the end bring success and that this Chapter will once more take its proper place among the leaders.

The room in which the Chapter meets is a particularly fine one. In fact I do not know of a Lodge
room in Ontario which can boast of finer furniture and equipment. This in itself should be an inspiration to the members. The books and records are now in shape and I fully expect to see a revival of interest which will put Aylmer on the “map.”

London Chapter, No. 150, London, I visited officially on the 19th June, one of the hottest nights of the summer, and only a small number attended. This is a flourishing Chapter and will continue to grow. The work is well done and the books and records are in first-class shape.

Vimy Chapter, No. 214, Inwood, is a young Chapter started only a few years ago at Inwood, a very small cross roads village. It has now a membership of fifty and is growing steadily. It is a real pleasure to visit Inwood and note the great interest that is taken in Masonic affairs by the brethren and Companions. If every Companion in the larger centres was as enthusiastic as those at Inwood the Royal Craft would double its influence overnight. I visited this Chapter officially on the 29th October and found the work well done, the books in first-class shape, and the financial condition sound. Congratulations to the Companions of Vimy Chapter, and may it continue to keep up the lively interest which made the Chapter a possibility.

The St. Andrew Chapter, No. 238, London, was instituted last year and was dedicated and consecrated on the 30th May, 1923. This is the fourth Chapter in London and there appears to be room for them all. The Charter members were three Past Principals of each of the other three City Chapters, and include some of the most prominent members of Grand Chapter, so that this Chapter has a very favourable start. The officers paid a visit to Aylmer on June 15th and conferred the Royal Arch degree, which visit was greatly appreciated. It is not necessary for me to say, that with R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith as Z., and R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood as Scribe E., the ritualistic work is well done, and the books and records are well kept.
St. Paul's Chapter, No. 242, Lambeth, is also a new Chapter, formed last year, with Ex. Comp. Col. A. E. Somerville as First Principal. On 29th May the Chapter was Consecrated and Dedicated by the Most Excellent the Grand Z., assisted by a number of the officers of Grand Chapter. I visited the Chapter again on the 6th November on the occasion of the election of officers, and also saw the Royal Arch degree conferred in a very creditable manner. The business of this Chapter is conducted in a very efficient manner, the officers are young and enthusiastic, and I can see nothing but success for them if they go on as they have begun. The Chapter has rather a limited field to draw members from, but is making rapid progress, and its prospects are bright.

A very pleasing feature of my visit to this Chapter was the fact that the ladies had prepared a real feast, and sat down with us for the "Fourth Degree." This was the only time I had the pleasure of meeting the ladies on my visits and the example is one which many other Chapters of the District might follow with profit and pleasure.

In conclusion may I say that I have found throughout the District really excellent work and the greatest uniformity. The books and records of all Chapters are well kept, and the finances are satisfactory in all cases. Only one Chapter has not yet secured the Tribal Banners and they have promised—and have also promised to have their Book of Marks started. There has been a steady healthy growth throughout the District, and I believe that every Chapter is taking in only the best candidates. May I thank all the Companions for a very happy year marked with the greatest courtesy and hospitality from every one.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

N. F. Newton,
Grand Supt., London District, No. 2.

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

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wilson District, No. 3, for the year 1923.

On March 23rd, shortly after assuming office, and prior to any of my official visits, I had the privilege of accepting a cordial invitation to pay a fraternal visit to Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll, my Mother Chapter, and there I received the congratulations of the Companions and many visiting members upon my election to the exalted position of District Superintendent for Wilson District, No. 3. I assure you that this reception by my Mother Chapter was heartily appreciated.

Brant Chapter, No. 115, Paris.—Here I paid my first Official visit on May 28th, accompanied by the officers and many Companions of Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock. It had been mutually arranged that the Woodstock Companions should exemplify the work during the evening. This they did in a very creditable manner. Ex. Comp. C. McPherson on the Throne. I am pleased to report that Brant Chapter under capable guidance of Ex. Comp. Brown is in a flourishing state, its Chapter room is well appointed, and the books, in care of Comp. J. B. Appleby, were in excellent order. After the Chapter was closed an enjoyable hour was spent in the banquet hall.

Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock.—On June the 15th I had the pleasure of paying my official visit to this Chapter. The officers of Brant Chapter, No. 115, of Paris, attended this convocation and exemplified the Royal Arch degree in a worthy manner. Owing to an accident while en route to attend this convocation Ex. Comp. Brown, the First
Principal of Paris, was unable to attend. R. Ex. Comp. Inksater was asked to take the Throne. It was a pleasure indeed to see so many of the older Companions of Brant Chapter participating in the work. Time surely has not dealt unkindly with these old companions from Paris, nor dimmed their ardour for Capitular Masonry. I must congratulate Oxford Chapter on their beautiful rooms. Capitular Masonry is indeed flourishing in Woodstock, and a spirit of optimism prevails among the members. I had the unusual honour during the evening of presenting eleven Past Principals' Jewels to Past Ex. Companions of this Chapter. Ex. Comp. McPherson and his officers of Oxford Chapter, are to be congratulated on the efficiency of the Chapter. The books are in the capable hands of our esteemed V. Ex. Comp. H. A. Biggins. A most pleasant evening came to a close at the banquet table.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford.—On October 5th, accompanied by about fifteen Companions from Woodstock, I paid my official visit to Mount Horeb Chapter, Brantford. I was greeted by a good number in the Chapter room and received with Grand Honours. The work of the evening in the Mark Master Mason degree was then proceeded with, Ex. Comp. S. W. Seago, as W.M. The work was done in a very creditable manner. An examination of the books of the Chapter showed they were in the capable hands of R. Ex. Comp. F. S. Blain. After the close of the meeting the Companions repaired to the banquet hall where a delightful time was spent.

Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll.—Here I paid my official visit to my Mother Chapter on November 23rd, accompanied by a number of Woodstock Companions. It was indeed gratifying to see the progress that Harris Chapter has made in the past few years. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred during the evening, with Ex. Comp. D. H. McGill, as W.M. Much credit is due to Ex.
Comp. McGill and his officers for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties. The books and records of the Chapter are carefully looked after by Ex. Comp. W. A. Woolson, who has served for many years in the office of Scribe E. After the close of the Chapter, and before the Companions dispersed, a pleasant time was spent around the festive board.

Ezra Chapter, No. 23, Simcoe.—I paid my last official visit on November 29th, leaving Woodstock in a blinding rain storm, which continued throughout the night. I was amply repaid for this inconvenience by the large number of Companions who braved the storm to attend this convocation. The work in the Chapter room consisted of the Mark Master Mason degree with Ex. Comp. Boyd as W.M., assisted by his officers. The degree was carried out in a worthy manner. This Chapter is fortunate in its choice of Ex. Comp. Boyd as First Principal. Ex. Comp. L. F. Aikens looks after the duties of Scribe E. in a careful manner. Refreshments were served after the close of the evening’s work, and an enjoyable “sit around talk” was indulged in prior to leaving for home.

In concluding my term of office as Grand Superintendent for Wilson District, No. 3, I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation to the various Chapters for electing me to that high office. I also thank every Companion of the District for their loyal support given me during my visits to their Chapters. A spirit of good fellowship was to be found everywhere. It is with pleasure and pride that I noted the strength and growth of Capitular Masonry in Wilson District, No. 3. Surely it means much for our beloved Order in the years to come. Finally I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my great appreciation to my worthy Secretary, Ex. Comp. R. Y. Morrison, of Oxford Chapter, Woodstock, whose services have indeed been of great assistance to me.
In conclusion, Companions, my heartfelt prayer is that you all be of one mind, live in peace and thus shall the world see how dearly Masons love each other.

Yours fraternally,

R. H. Reid,
Grand Supt., Wilson District, No. 3.

Woodstock, Ont.
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 honour to submit for your consideration and approval my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Wellington District, No. 4.

First of all I desire to record my deep appreciation of the honour conferred upon me in my election to the office of Grand Superintendent, and while the duties at the time loomed large and onerous they were made comparatively easy by the spirit of zeal and co-operation that permeated the officers of the various Chapters, together with a profound desire to exemplify the strict requirements of Grand Chapter as contained in the Constitution, as well as the ritualistic work of the several degrees.

I visited all the Chapters in the District at least, on one occasion, presided over a Chapter of Instruction and assisted the officers of Grand Chapter at the Dedication of the Halton Chapter, No. 234, Georgetown.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, No. 67, HARRISTON.—In June I commenced my official tour of inspection at the regular convocation of this Chapter, accompanied by ten Companions from Guelph. On being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. W. D. McLellan, I was cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. Corbitt, and given the customary Grand Honours by the Companions. The Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified by the officers in a most creditable manner, and from the general enthusiasm displayed, I am of the opinion, that Capitular Masonry will reach a higher plane in this Chapter than it has heretofore attained.

A noteworthy feature is the great interest manifested in the welfare of the Chapter by the officers and members who reside in Palmerston. These companions regularly travel the intervening distance in
all kinds of weather to carry on the work without any appreciably assistance from the Companions resident in Harriston. This condition, which was quite apparent on this occasion, cannot be expected to continue forever, and unless there is a decided reversal in local interest, it is only a matter of time when Enterprise Chapter must necessarily change its location to Palmerston if the best interests of the Royal Craft are to be served.

IONIC CHAPTER, NO. 83, ORANGEVILLE.—On my official visit to this Chapter I was accompanied by Comps. R. G. Jackson, J. Johnston and Alderman J. A. Finnie, of Guelph Chapter, and cordially received by Ex. Comp. Dr. W. J. Price and a good attendance of the Companions. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the regular officers in a very impressive manner, the work of the Principal Sojourner, and the rendition of the Mystical lecture by Ex. Comp. Dr. Price being especially fine.

That grand old Mason, R. Ex. Comp. Irvine, still retains a remarkable interest in the Chapter’s affairs, and at the banquet which followed his stories of the old days in Wellington District were most interesting and entertaining. The Chapter has a fine staff of young officers and prospects for the future looks very bright.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, NO. 218, SHELBURNE.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on June 15th, and although given a fitting reception by the officers and Companions I was sadly disappointed in the manner in which the work of Royal Arch degree was conferred. Unfortunately for so young a Chapter, the effort was made for the first time without any preliminary rehearsals, and although the work of the three Principals was good, the junior officers had evidently paid no attention whatever to memorizing their respective parts, a condition which no amount of rehearsals could have remedied.

I sincerely hope that the officers for 1924 will make an honest endeavour to make the ritualistic
work more impressive, and thereby make Prince Edward Chapter not only a credit to themselves but to Capitular Masonry in general.

Durham Chapter, No. 221, Durham.—On June 18th I visited this Chapter in company with Comp. W. M. Wickens, of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, and received a hearty welcome from Ex. Comp. Hay, and a splendid attendance of the Companions. The degree of Mark Master Mason was conferred on one candidate in a manner with which no real fault could be found, as the officers had evidently paid reasonable attention to the Ritual, but were somewhat lacking in practice.

The personnel of this young Chapter is seemingly of the proper type, and will no doubt gain greater distinction as they advance in the school of Capitular experience.

Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, Kitchener.—Despite the very disagreeable weather on September 21st, the date of my official visit to this Chapter, some twenty-five of the members of Guelph Chapter braved the elements and accompanied me in order to accept an invitation and partake of the hospitality of the Kitchener Companions. After being cordially received by Ex. Comp. Buck, the degree of Mark Master Mason was correctly and efficiently exemplified by the regular officers under the direction of the Third Principal, Ex. Comp. Snow.

A notable feature is the keen interest displayed in the affairs of the Chapter by a goodly number of Past Principals, and the sound policy of the three Principals respectively taking charge of the various degrees has been perpetuated admirably. It is always a pleasure to visit with the Kitchener Companions, among whom I have formed many warm friendships during my Masonic life.

Halton Chapter, No. 234, Georgetown.—My first official duty as Grand Superintendent was to assist the officers of Grand Chapter at the Dedication
of this fine Chapter. The work on that occasion was most admirably carried out under the direction of the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. R. J. Reade acting Grand H., H. J. Dunstan, Grand J.; Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E.; and V. Ex. Comp. W. G. Varty, Grand Director of Ceremonies. At the conclusion of the beautiful ceremony, illuminated addresses were presented to the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E. in a unique and happy manner.

I again visited this Chapter on my official inspection on September 28th, accompanied by several Guelph Companions, and was given a real Masonic welcome by the genial First Principal, Ex. Comp. H. Corke, and a fine attendance of Companions. The Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch was dramatically exemplified by the officers in a manner that impressed the candidates, and all present with the wonderful beauty of the degree. R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., was also a welcome visitor on this occasion, and gave a delightful resumé of his recent trip in the Niagara Peninsula and Northern and Northern Ontario in company with the Grand Z.

I paid a further visit on December 13th and assisted by R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Lowry, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District, No. 8a, and several Excellent Companions from Peel Chapter, Brampton, in stalled the officers for 1924.

The “Baby” Chapter of the District, Halton is building on the proper foundation and is already a formidable force in the interests of Capitular Masonry. They were most fortunate in the selection of a fine staff of officers who zealously performed every task cheerfully. To the First Principal, Ex. Comp. H. Corke, more than ordinary credit is due, his initiative and all-round good qualities has assisted materially in placing the Chapter on the high pinnacle attained. The financial statement presented on the occasion of the Installation ceremony shows the Chapter to be free from debt and a small
cash surplus in the bank, surely a remarkable achievement when one takes into consideration the complete and beautiful paraphenalia which has been acquired by the Chapter.

Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph.—Although present at nearly all the convocations held during the year and therefore well informed on the manner in which the business is transacted, and the work conferred, I officially visited this, my Mother Chapter, on November 8th. The Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified by Ex. Comp. W. W. Swindell, and his officers, with wonderful precision and beauty.

Owing to extensive alterations to the Chapter's regular quarters, the officers have had many difficulties to content with and the progress made during the year has been excellent under the circumstances. When completed Guelph Chapter will occupy one of the finest Chapter rooms in the jurisdiction and find therein ample accommodation for many years to come. As was to be expected, I was given a hearty reception and the occasion of my visit, although the most trying of all, was delightfully successful.

Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt.—I visited this fine old Chapter officially on December 10th, and was given a warm welcome by Ex. Comp. Ingall and a fair attendance of Companions. The Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified by the regular officers in a manner that upheld the best traditions of the Chapter. After the degree and the general business of the Chapter was transacted, Ex. Comp. Jas. Ritchie installed the officers for the ensuing year unassisted, and gave a perfect rendition of the ceremony.

Galt has been "hard hit" by the depression in trade and the Chapter did not make the usual progress. However, they are well fortified financially, have a fine staff of officers, ably supported by the Past Principals, four of them being Past Grand
Superintendents, all of whom were present on this occasion.

Chapter of Instruction.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 12th, a Chapter of Instruction was held under the auspices of Guelph Chapter, No. 40, Guelph, and at which we were honoured by the presence of M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E. The proceedings commenced at 3.15 in the afternoon when a Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the degree exemplified in a correct and instructive manner by the officers of Kitchener Chapter, No. 117, under the direction of Third Principal, Ex. Comp. Shaw.

The various chairs were then assumed by the officers of Waterloo Chapter, No. 32, Galt, who conducted the opening of a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters, and the exemplification of that beautiful degree with full musical ritual.

Under the direction of the Second Principal, Ex. Comp. Balne, the work was a masterpiece in every detail, the processions led by V. E. Comp. R. L. Pollock, were dignified, and the addition of the splendid choir lent charm and beauty to the effect. Altogether it was a revelation to most of the Companions present and fully justified the necessity of such an event.

After an intermission until 7.30, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened in prescribed form by Ex. Comp. Corks and the officers of the Halton Chapter, No. 234, Georgetown, when a suitable reception was tendered to the Grand Z., the Grand Scribe E., and past and present Grand Superintendents.

The Supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch was then exemplified in a most impressive and dignified manner by the aforementioned officers, who though young in experience acted like veterans, much to the satisfaction and approval of those present. At the conclusion of the several degrees, questions were called for and answered to the best of my ability.
The Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E. also expressed complete satisfaction with the work of the day, adding with characteristic kindness such information and instruction as they deemed necessary in the best interests of the Royal Craft.

This the most successful Chapter of Instruction ever held in Wellington District, at which every Chapter but one was represented, was brought to a close with a delightful banquet tendered to the visitors by Guelph Chapter.

In response to the toast to Grand Chapter, M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith delivered excellent addresses, and the toast to the visitors was well looked after by Ex. Comps. Ingall and Corke of Waterloo and Halton Chapters respectively, while the hearty thanks of the meeting were conveyed to Guelph Chapter for their kind and generous hospitality in a toast proposed by the Grand First Principal and responded to on behalf of the Chapter by Comp. H. A. Hignell.

In concluding my report may I again record my grateful appreciation of the many courtesies received during my term of office, and for the co-operation of those Companions of Guelph Chapter who sometimes at much personal sacrifice willingly accompanied me on most of my official visits. I sincerely hope that I have been of some service to the District and bespeak for my successor your continued support.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

JNO. F. MARR,
Grand Supt., Wellington District, No. 4.

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

During the past year I made the following visits:—

ANCHASTER CHAPTER, No. 155, ANCASTER.—On March 20th, accompanied by Companions of my own Chapter, I made a fraternal visit to Ancaster Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified that night by Caledonia Chapter. A distressing accident happened to one of the Caledonia Companions; it was a very misty night and one of the cars was upturned, and his leg was broken, from which he eventually died. Despite this tragic incident the Caledonia Companions exemplified the Royal Arch degree in a very efficient manner, after which an evening of real pleasure was spent.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 6, HAMILTON.—On May 10th, accompanied by Companions of my own Chapter, I paid a fraternal visit to St. John's Chapter, on Past Principals' Night, and the work was a credit to those who had passed through the chairs in past years. If possible, Past Principal's Nights should be incorporated into all the Chapters, then rigidly adhered to, at least, once a year; it keeps the officers not only in touch with the work, but also with the Chapter.

CALEDONIA CHAPTER, No. 236, CALEDONIA.—On June 6th I had the pleasure of aiding in the Consecration and Dedication of Caledonia Chapter. This solemn and impressive ceremony whenever it takes place should be taken advantage of by all Companions. I regret that the attendance at Caledonia was not larger.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 75, MILTON.—On October 25th I visited St. Clair Chapter. The Mark Master
Mason degree was worked in a very satisfactory manner; all the officers doing their work well. St. Clair Chapter is in a very satisfactory condition. The interest and enthusiasm displayed augurs well for its future success.

**White Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville.**—On the 20th of November I paid my official visit to my own home Chapter, at which the Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a very strong and satisfactory manner. I am pleased to say that White Oak Chapter has showed great progress this year. It has seen some dark days, but I am sure the rubicon has been safely crossed, and that White Oak Chapter will keep on improving each year. A new Masonic Hall is being built, which will give the Masons at Oakville much more attractive quarters, and will be a great advantage to both branches of Masonry in Oakville.

**Chapter of Instruction.**—On November 23rd a Chapter of Instruction was held in Hamilton, in the afternoon and evening. In the afternoon the officers of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, exemplified the Mark Master Mason degree; Hamilton Chapter the Most Excellent degree, and in the evening the Royal Arch degree was done by the officers of Hiram Chapter, No. 2. Despite the fact that we had a steady downpour of rain there was a good attendance, and the work done was a credit to the Chapters doing it. I will not speak individually of this work, but I am sure that the impressive manner in which all the degrees were worked will be a great boon to Capitular Masonry in the District. Many questions of vital importance were asked and answered to the fullest satisfaction of those seeking knowledge. We were honoured at this time to have M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand First Principal; M. Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore, P.G.Z.; R.E. Comp. W. H. Davis, Grand Second Principal; R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Grand Third Principal; R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and valu-
able information was imparted by these prominent companions. I take this opportunity of thanking the Chapters which helped to make the Chapter of Instruction such a real success, and I can assure them that their work has materially aided Capitular Masonry in Hamilton District.

ANCASTER CHAPTER, No. 155, ANCASTER.—I had instructed Ancaster Chapter I would pay my official visit on November 27th, but sickness prevented my doing so. R. Ex. Comp. Riddell kindly paid this visit for me, and wrote me very enthusiastically of the progress which Ancaster Chapter was making, and the reception he had received. I had also written Caledonia Chapter, No. 236, that I would pay my official visit on November 29th, but sickness again prevented me doing this. R. Ex. Comp. Britton offered to do it for me, but severe weather prevented him doing so.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 224, HAMILTON.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on December 3rd, and conducted the election of officers. This is certainly a successful and energetic Chapter. It is making big strides. One thing of particular importance to the Chapter is the high average attendance of its members.

ST. JOHN’S CHAPTER, No. 6, HAMILTON.—I paid my official visit on December 13th, and conducted the election of officers, after which the Royal Arch degree was well exemplified. St. John’s Chapter has not made the progress this year that it has done in former years, but some of the new Chapters which have been formed have drawn somewhat heavily from St. John’s, but it will always remain a tower of strength in the District.

HAMILTON CHAPTER, No. 175, HAMILTON.—I visited this Chapter officially on December 18th, and conducted the election of officers, after which the Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified.
Hamilton Chapter has a Dominion-wide reputation for the excellent manner in which this degree is conferred, and I would strongly advise any one who has an opportunity of seeing Hamilton Chapter working this degree to take advantage of it.

HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 2, HAMILTON.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on December 28th, and conducted the election of officers. I found the Chapter in most excellent condition.

MCKAY CHAPTER, U.D., STONEY CREEK.—On December 6th I went to Stoney Creek, and instituted McKay Chapter, and predict a wonderful growth for Capitular Masonry in the District. They have a very strong Lodge to draw from, and are very fortunate in securing Ex. Comp. Forbes as their First Principal. You will hear from McKay Chapter with excellent results each year.

I take this opportunity of collectively thanking the Chapters of this District for the most cordial reception which they all accorded me as representative of his Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and would also thank Ex. Comp. J. Smith, my efficient Secretary, who so ably attended to the duties of this office. I also thank the Companions of White Oak Chapter for the enthusiastic manner in which they supported me during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES N. MCGREGOR,
Grand Supt., Hamilton District, No. 5.

Oakville, Ont.
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 as Grand Superintendent of Huron District, No. 6. I have found the work throughout the District uniform in its exemplification and form and fair interest taken in the work by the officers of the several Chapters. The several Scribes E. are keeping their books and records neat and up to date and the Mark Book much in evidence.

The Chapters in the District are not progressing as favourably as I would like to see doubtless owing to depression in all lines of business, but I believe due mainly to the short season for meetings in which the fraternal spirit of our organization could be strengthened mutually. Many of our Chapters call off for two or three months during the summer, and as our winters are quite severe, especially in the north end of the District, and as the majority of these Chapters are composed of and draw largely from the farming community their season for business is much too short and leaves very little time for fraternal visits.

I have advocated through the District the advisability of curtailing the holidays and increasing the fraternal visits if we are going to see Capitular Masonry bloom and grow as it deserves.

Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow.—On May 31st I paid my first official visit. I was met at Wingham station by Ex. Comp. Joynt and Comp. Porteous and driven to Lucknow, where I received a most cordial welcome from the officers and Companions of the Chapter and several visitors from Kincardine. The Royal Arch degree was very well and impressively conferred by Ex. Comp. J. W. Joynt and his capable officers. The records and books
are kept in a very neat and business-like way, and the Chapter is assured of prosperity. After the ceremony a very pleasant hour was spent in the banquet hall.

**Bernard Chapter, No. 46, Listowel.**—On June 1st I had the pleasure of paying an official visit to this Chapter and was warmly welcomed by Ex. Comp. Malcolm, officers and Companions. A candidate for the Most Excellent Master degree was expected but unfortunately did not arrive until after the Chapter had closed. Bernard Chapter has a number of “Stand Bys.” R. Ex. Comps. Blackmore and Watson, Ex. Comps. Blackmore, Nickle and several others who are holding the Chapter up to par. It is good to see these Past Z.’s so energetic and painstaking. After the Chapter closed a pleasant time was spent in the banquet hall.

On Sunday, October 14th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. John Stevenson, V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Hurrell and Comp. F. Gibbs I attended Divine Service with Bernard Chapter at Knox Presbyterian Church and listened to a very interesting and instructive sermon from Ex. Comp. Nickle, I.P.Z.

Accompanied by about twenty officers and Companions of Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, on Wednesday, November 21st, I paid a fraternal visit to Bernard Chapter where we were welcomed by the officers and Companions in Listowel. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified in an impressive manner by the officers of Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, after which an enjoyable hour was spent in song, and speeches in the banquet room dispersed with feelings of mutual good will and a desire to meet again.

**Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine.**—This Chapter was officially visited by me on June 15th. On my arrival I was met by Ex. Comps. McKenzie and McPherson. After lunch Ex. Comp. McKenzie called for me and showed me around the town and on that beautiful summer day the town looked its
best, for which courtesy I wish to record my thanks. In the evening I was welcomed by Ex. Comp. G. Hill and the Companions of Havelock which made me feel at home at once. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner, showing much care and study on the part of the Ex. Z., and his able officers. I found the books in an excellent order under the watchful eye of Ex. Comp. McKenzie, Scribe E. Adjourning to the banquet hall we partook of pleasant refreshments.

LEBANON CHAPTER, NO. 84, WINGHAM.—On June 19th I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter in my official capacity where the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a faultless manner by Ex. Comp. G. H. Ross and his officers. This Chapter is showing good progress in members and otherwise. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. H. E. W. Tamblyn and warmly welcomed by the Companions. In the banquet hall a pleasant hour was spent, in songs, stories and speeches.

HURON CHAPTER, NO. 30, GODERICH.—On October 16th I was delightfully entertained by the officers and Companions of Huron Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was faultlessly conferred by Ex. Comp. W. Hill and his able officers. As a number of these officers reside nearly seven miles from the town the exemplification showed much attention and thought. I found the books and records in good shape under the watchful eye of Ex. Comp. McKay. After the work of the evening was finished we all enjoyed a pleasant hour at the festive board.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, NO. 24, STRATFORD.—This, my Mother Chapter, I visited officially on October 26th, and was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. F. A. Copus and R. Ex. Comp. Mallion, and warmly welcomed by R. Ex. Comp. D. M. Scott and the Companions. The Mark Master Mason degree was impressively conferred on Dr. Carthope, of Tavistock, who made an ideal candidate. The work was fault-
less. The books and records are neat and thoroughly kept showing much care and attention on the part of the officers responsible. After closing the Chapter the Companions repaired to the banquet hall where a couple of hours was very pleasantly spent.

MALLOCH CHAPTER, NO. 66, SEAFOORTH.—I officially visited this Chapter on November 19th, accompanied by Ex. Comp. Halnan and Comp Gibbs, where we were cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. Barton and Companions. The exemplification of the Mark Master Mason degree was presented. This Chapter is worthy of praise for the manner in which the work was done. The records of the Chapter are in excellent condition. After the Chapter was closed we repaired to a restaurant where a tasty banquet was served and on returning to the Lodge room an enjoyable time was spent in good fellowship, including and instructive address on Masonry delivered by Ex. Comp. Halnan.

I regret to report that I have not been able to make arrangements with either St. James Chapter, St. Marys, or Chantry Chapter, Southampton, to pay a visit during my term of office.

I believe this is due mainly to the short season left to make visits, as nearly all the Chapters are called off during the best time of the year, and the season that could be of profitable use in fraternal visits which I believe would be more instructive and more beneficial than Chapters of Instruction.

Concluding I wish to express appreciation for my election as Grand Superintendent, gratitude for the courteous treatment received and the spirit of good fellowship that has always been in evidence upon my visits throughout the District, and the personal kindness extended during the many happy hours I have been privileged to spend with the Companions.

The year has been full of profit and pleasure, and in my humble way I have endeavoured to fulfill my duties faithfully. With feelings mingled with
pleasure and regret I now hand my sceptre to my successor, but the broad mantle of Masonic fellowship that has been extended to me during my term of office will ever remain with me, a happy memory.

Fraternally submitted,

A. Stevenson,
Grand Supt., Huron District, No. 6.

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

I have the honour to submit herewith my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Niagara District No. 7. I have found the Chapters in this District, on the whole, in a flourishing condition; and, as a result of the many visits of the First Grand Principal, M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, I look forward to increased activity among the chapters of this District.

Smithville Chapter, No. 240, Smithville.—It was an extreme pleasure to me, to accompany the M. Ex. the Grand Z., R. H. Spencer, to this Chapter, on the evening of September 4th, for the purpose of dedicating and consecrating this, the youngest Chapter in this District. On this occasion, the Grand Z. was accompanied and assisted by the Grand Treasurer, M. Ex. Comp. George Moore; the Grand H., R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis; and the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith. After the completion of the dedication and consecration ceremonies, the first officers of this Chapter were installed in a very impressive manner by M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, assisted by the other Grand officers present. The Chapter was then closed, and all present adjourned to the banquet hall, and partook of a splendid repast, and listened to very able addresses given by M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, M. Ex. Comp. Moore, R. Ex. Comp. Smith, and R. Ex. Comp. Davis. At the close of the address by the Grand officers, Comp. Dumas, on behalf of Smithville Chapter, presented the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, with a silk umbrella, and the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Smith, with a gold-mounted fountain pen, as a token of appreciation.

I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the evening of November 13th, and was accompanied by
R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Yocum and Ex. Comps. Col. Massie, Lew Smith, J. S. Allen and C. G. Carter, and saw the Mark Master degree conferred in a very efficient manner. I bespeak well, for the future of this Chapter, judging by the enthusiasm shown by the officers and members. On my first visit to this Chapter, there were fifty-nine members present, out of a total membership of sixty-one. I, again, visited this Chapter on the evening of December 13th, and installed the officers for the ensuing year.

Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake.—My visit to this Chapter took place on the evening of October 18th, the occasion of a fraternal visit, on the part of the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. McClelland, and cordially received by the many Companions present, on this memorable occasion, which included representatives from nearly every Chapter within the District. The work of the evening consisted of the Royal Arch degree, which was conferred upon two candidates in a very proficient manner. On the Chapter being closed, all repaired to the banquet hall, where a splendid repast was served and excellent addresses delivered by M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Smith, Ex. Comp. G. S. Ryerson, and Comp. A. F. Marsh.

I found this Chapter in a very flourishing condition, and think the members are to be congratulated, on having such a capable Scribe E. as Comp. Arthur J. Wood, whose books are kept in an excellent condition.

Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines.—I made my first visit to this Chapter on the evening of September 8th, the occasion, being a fraternal visit, on the part of the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer; the Grand H., R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis; and the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith.
The Grand Z., the Grand H., the Grand Scribe E., and myself, were introduced to the Chapter by R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Smith and R. Ex. Comp. N. A. Lindsay, and were received in a very cordial manner. M. Ex. Comp. Spencer on being called by the First Principal, gave a short address in his usual style, on the aims, objects and progress of Royal Arch Masonry in his Jurisdiction. The Chapter was then closed, and all adjourned to the Blue Room, where the meeting took the form of a smoker, open to all Masons, and where, being called upon, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith gave an excellent and instructive address on "The connection between Symbolic and Capitular Masonry."

I visited this Chapter, in my official capacity, on the evening of December 14th. I was introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Dr. Smith and Lindsay, after which, the work of the evening was resumed, and the Mark Master Mason degree conferred in a very able manner, by the officers of the Chapter, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. Burch and Smith, V. Ex. Comps. Dwyer and Brown, and Ex. Comps. Hare and Herod.

Willson Chapter, No. 64, Welland.—On September 5th, I accompanied the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, to Welland, where the Grand Z. presided at the dedication of the beautiful new rooms occupied by this Chapter. At the close of this beautiful ceremony, the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E. favoured the Companions present, with very able as well as instructive addresses, which were highly appreciated by all. At the close of the Chapter, all repaired to the banquet hall of the Reeta Hotel, where a sumptuous repast, followed by many able addresses, was enjoyed by all present.

My official visit to this Chapter, was made on October 28th, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very able manner, by Ex. Comp. Brown, assisted by his officers and Ex. Comps. Fralick, Hol-
stock, Cook and Bampton. The books and records of this Chapter, in the care of that efficient and faithful Scribe E., Comp. G. E. Wells, I found in a very satisfactory condition. The work of the evening being ended, all sat down to a dainty lunch served by the ladies.

HUGH MURRAY CHAPTER, No. 184, BRIDGEBURG.—A large attendance of the Companions greeted me on my visit to this Chapter on the evening of October 9th. On being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. G. Watts, who, I might say, is responsible to a great extent for the healthy condition of this Chapter, and the enthusiasm displayed by the Companions, I received a most Royal welcome. The Mark Master degree was conferred upon Bro. Patterson in a very impressive manner, R. Ex. Comp. Watts and Ex. Comp. Tait assisting the officers.

MOUNT NEBO CHAPTER, No. 76, NIAGARA FALLS.—My first visit to this Chapter was made on the evening of September 7th, when the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, were present on a fraternal visit. A very pleasing and instructive address was delivered by the Grand Z., after which, the Chapter was closed, and the meeting thrown open to all Masons, enabling a large number of brethren to hear the very eloquent and instructive address of the Grand Scribe E., on "The connection between Symbolic and Capitular Masonry." Lunch was served at the close by the Companions of the Chapter.

On the evening of November 16th I made my official visit to this Chapter, accompanied by several members of King Hiram Chapter. The officers for the ensuing year, were elected and the Royal Arch degree was conferred, in a very satisfactory manner, by Ex. Comp. Rolston, assisted by his officers, and R. Ex. Comp. Swannell gave the Mystical lecture in a very able manner.

This Chapter is to be congratulated on having so careful and painstaking an officer for Scribe E. as
R. Ex. Comp. F. W. Swannell, who is responsible to a
great extent for the satisfactory condition of Mount
Nebo Chapter. I, again, visited this Chapter, by re-
quest, on the evening of December 21st, and was
cordially welcomed, as on my former visits, and
ably assisted in the ceremony of installing the
officers.

**McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.**—On
visiting this Chapter on November 9th I was intro-
duced by R. Ex. Comps. Parkes and Yocum, and re-
ceived in a most cordial manner by Ex. Comp.
Loggie, on behalf of the officers and Companions of
the Chapter. On accepting the gavel, I took the op-
portunity of expressing my thanks and appreciation
for the assistance and support rendered me, by R.
Ex. Comp. Yocum, my predecessor in office. This
Chapter is in a very healthy condition, and has ex-
cellent prospects for continued prosperity, judging
from the good fellowship and harmony existing
among the companions.

Bro. Grant was advanced to the degree of
a Mark Master in a very skilled manner, by the
officers, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. Yocum and Parks.
The banquet and entertainment that followed, were
up to the standard set by McCallum Chapter, and
the entertainers of McCallum Chapter were ably
assisted, on this occasion, by the many visiting Com-
panions.

**King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne.**—
At the request of the officers and Companions of
this, my home Chapter, I made my official visit on
the same evening that the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. R.
H. Spencer, honoured this Chapter, with his pres-
ence, the evening of November 29th. M. Ex. Comp.
R. H. Spencer, the first Grand Z. to visit this Chap-
ter, was introduced and right royally received, after
which, I had the honour of being introduced, also,
by the two Past District Superintendents, R. Ex.
Comps. Parkes and Yocum, and welcomed in a very
cordial manner, by Ex. Comp. J. C. Massie, assisted
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by the officers and Companions of King Hiram Chapter, and the numerous visitors present.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred upon two candidates in a very dignified and impressive manner. Ex. Comp. J. C. Massie, on behalf of the Chapter, presented the Grand Z. with a miniature sceptre, nicely engraved, in honour of the occasion. The Grand Z. replied with a few fitting remarks of appreciation, and complimented the officers of King Hiram Chapter, on the splendid manner in which the exaltation ceremony had been performed. The Chapter was then closed and all adjourned to the school room of the Presbyterian Church and sat down to a very dainty repast and enjoyed a very pleasant social hour. Excellent and fitting addresses were delivered by M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, R. Ex. Comp. Parkes, R. Ex. Comp. Yocum, R. Ex. Comp. McCracken, Ex. Comp. Marshall, ex-M.P.P., and Comp. C. E. Henderson. This Chapter, though one of the oldest in the District, is one of the smallest, as regards membership, but what is lacking in numbers is more than made up by the enthusiasm and harmony now existing among the Companions.

GRIMSBY CHAPTER, NO. 69, GRIMSBY.—I was accompanied, on my first visit to this Chapter, by R. Ex. Comp. Parker of McCallum Chapter, and Ex. Comps. Massie, Allen and Carter of my own Chapter. On being introduced, I was received with a hearty welcome, for which this Chapter is noted. The companions of this Chapter are to be congratulated on their beautiful and well furnished quarters, which are a credit to themselves and the District and an evidence of growth and prosperity. I found the books and records of this Chapter in a splendid condition and well taken care of by their efficient Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. W. F. Randall. No degree work being on for the evening the Chapter was duly closed, and a dainty lunch served in the adjoining banquet hall.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Companions of Niagara District for the honour conferred upon me
at the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter. The honour was accepted by me, with some misgivings, as I fully appreciated the requirements necessary to a successful fulfilment of the duties of the office. I have endeavoured, however, to discharge these duties to the best of my ability, and sincerely hope that my efforts have met with the approval of my Companions, and have not been wholly without beneficial results. It has been my endeavour to establish uniformity in the work, so far as possible throughout the District. In this connection, however, I found the work well and uniformly done, which testifies to the efficiency of the work of the Grand Superintendents who have preceded me.

Peace and harmony were the prevailing features of the District during the year, and I have found general efficiency of officers in the District. The Chapters are gradually increasing their membership, the interest in Capitular Masonry is increasing all over the District, and the prospects for the coming year are most encouraging.

All of which is fraternally and respectfully submitted.

DAVID H. McCracken,
Grand Supt., Niagara Dist, No. 7.

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

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on this District for 1923. I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the representatives of the various Chapters in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and by the Grand Z. in ratifying their choice. It has been a delightfully profitable experience to me, and I recall with pleasure the spontaneity of welcome extended by the officers and companions to me as representative of the Grand Z., thereby expressing their loyalty to the Grand Chapter and doing honour to themselves. While I thank them for their kindness to me, I also desire to record my acknowledgment of the evidences of respect accorded to Ex. Comp. Chas. F. Brookes, District Secretary, who rendered me invaluable assistance during my term of office.

In accordance with the instructions received, I have endeavoured to perform the duties of my office efficiently and on my official visits to explain the revised instructions in the ritualistic work, tending to accuracy and uniformity, and to point out the excellence of the Royal Craft, and the duty required of all to raise to its proper eminence by a daily public exemplification of its principles.

Harmony prevails throughout the District, and every officer seems imbued with zeal to improve his own Chapter in particular, and Royal Arch Masonry in general. This zeal is especially noticeable in the younger Chapters.

In ritualistic work all are striving for and attaining in a marked degree, a perfection of which the Grand Chapter may well be proud.

Numerical progress is substantial and financial advancement is evident in spite of slightly detrimental external conditions.
The beautiful ceremony of consecration and dedication under the personal direction of the Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, assisted by many present and past Grand Chapter officers was conducted on April 3rd and April 19th when University and Aurora Chapters were respectively accorded full powers to carry on the work of Capitular Masonry in this District.

I did not feel is necessary to hold a Chapter of Instruction for these reasons, viz.: The established practice of the Companions of visiting the sister Chapters, the inspiration of the frequent visits of the Grand Z. to the District, the opportunity afforded by the exemplification of the work before Grand Chapter, during its session, and the loyalty of the highly efficient body of Past Z.'s whose presence at regular convocations is a guarantee of support and guidance.

I desire to express my approval of the actions taken by three of the Chapters in holding "Master Mason" Nights, at which brethren were addressed by distinguished Royal Arch Masons on the beauties and mysteries of Capitular Masonry. I feel sure great benefits must have resulted, not only in increased membership, but in renewed interest and enlarged study of Masonry in general. Such addresses as those of M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z.; M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, P.G.Z.; R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, G.J.; R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, G.S.E.; and Ex. Comp. Dr. A. Evans were inspirations to the large gathering of brethren who heard them. They were truly "purple robes" of oratory, uniting practically, as well as symbolically, Ancient Craft Masonry with the Holy Royal Arch.

The Royal Arch Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto.—I officially visited this, the oldest Chapter in Toronto, on April 20th, 1923, and was cordially welcomed by the First Principal, Ex. Comp. G. W. Slack. There was a small attendance of Companions, but the spirit of companionship was good.
The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in such a dignified and impressive manner by the officers as to fully impress the principles of the Royal Craft on the candidates. The officers are to be congratulated on the excellence of the ceremony, lacking the inspiration of the large attendance I had observed at a previous visit.

The work of the First Principal was especially worthy of commendation. The Chapter is to be congratulated in having such an officer as V. Ex. Comp. Joseph King, who has been Treasurer for thirty-three consecutive years. The books are excellently kept and the finances in good condition. The old traditions of this Chapter are worthily maintained.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.—This Chapter preserves its traditional excellence of character. This year it is presided over by a genial First Principal, in the person of Ex. Comp. S. N. Francis. My official visit was paid at the regular convocation in September. I was introduced by V. Ex. Comp. L. Bowerman and received a warm welcome expressive of their loyalty to the Grand First Principal and the Grand Chapter. The officers are well skilled in their several duties and their combined efforts presented the ceremony of the Royal Arch degree with a precision of movement and address which was delightful to witness. It was impressive not only to the candidate, but to the large number of Companions and visitors present. All records are most carefully kept by the Scribe E. The Minute Book and Mark Book are specially worthy of mention. The cordiality of all to each other made a deep impression which I believe augurs much for the continued well-being of this Chapter.

Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket.—I visited this Chapter officially on Wednesday evening, October 3rd, and was delighted to find them occupying a fine new room eminently superior to their previous quarters. The new furniture and furnishings were inspiring and the enthusiasm of the mem-
bers portends new life and energy to this Chapter. All are looking forward with confidence. The old guard is the mainstay of the Chapter, many of the Junior offices being held by Past Z's.

Ex. Comp. Brandon, who is in the Chair of Z., for the second time, extended a hearty welcome to me on behalf of the Chapter. With the assistance of his officers he exemplified the Royal Arch degree in a very satisfactory manner, considering the conditions under which they have been working.

The officers were fairly conversant with their several parts of the Ritual, but from want of practice on the larger floor space, many of the niceties of the ceremony were lacking. I advised the officers to take Companions and personally train them and so prepare for the coming year. The books are in excellent condition and the finances highly satisfactory. I look for a renewal of spirit in this Chapter if the past officers can arouse the Companions into accepting the duties of office.

King Solomon's Chapter sent a delegation of visitors and their presence was a distinct inspiration.

York Chapter, No. 62, Toronto.—This is my Mother Chapter in whose lap I regularly received instructions in the rites and teachings of the Royal Craft. I visited her officially at the regular Convocation on October 5th, and it was a supreme moment to me when I received her expression of loyalty to the Grand Chapter of Canada in the warm welcome given by Ex. Comp. J. P. Argue. It was an added pleasure to be accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. Oscar King, Ex. Comp. G. W. Slack, and Ex. Comp. J. T. Edworthy.

To say anything in a manner which might be considered boastful of this Chapter, would be unbecoming to me; her reputation throughout the District being in every way sufficient as to her standing. Suffice it to state that in the exemplification of the Royal Arch degree the officers, individually and collectively, maintained the standard set by those Ex-
cellent Companions who have long been her main-stay. Having received my standards from the same source, the results could not fail to give entire satisfaction.

The records are well preserved and the finances carefully watched over by Ex. Comp. W. E. Hofland, and the zeal and enthusiasm of the Companions are the warrant of the continued success of this Chapter.

St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto.—I visited St. Paul's Chapter officially at its regular convocation in May when I received a very cordial welcome from Ex. Comp. Robert Cassels who officiated in the unavoidable absence of the Ruling First Principal. The attendance was small, due to certain Masonic ceremonies being held in Hamilton, but the zeal of the Companions verified the high standing of the Chapter.

The quiet dignity, which prevaded the Chapter and the ceremony, produced an air of solemnity highly suitable to the reception of lessons of this Royal Craft. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on a class of five candidates, which was admirably conducted by the Principal Sojourner, through a ceremony marked by judicious presentation of the Ritual. Every officer showed proficiency in his work. The explanation of the signs by Ex. Comp. Mulliken and the Lecture by Ex. Comp. R. Cassels were especially worthy of commendation. The records of the Chapter are kept in good order by the Scribe E. and the finances are in good condition.

Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto.—My official visit to this Chapter was paid at the Regular Convocation in May. I was accompanied by Ex. Comp. C. F. Brookes, District Secretary, and I had the pleasure of meeting many visiting Companions among whom I was delighted to find R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong.

Ex. Comp. F. G. Russell extended us a cordial reception and with his officers exemplified the Royal
Arch degree. Individually the officers performed their several parts with clearness, conciseness and exactitude. The ceremony as a whole presented the principles of Royal Arch Masonry fully and intelligibly. I received the impression of an alert, inquisitive and interested body of Royal Arch Masons, eager to receive and give the best in the Craft.

Having been present when the present First Principal received his Royal Arch degree, I had an excellent opportunity of judging the excellent progress this Chapter has made in the last six years. It is now keenly alive. The choir was a great help in the rendition of the ceremony. The Chapter is to be complimented on the good attendance of the Companions.

In V. Ex. Comp. D. MacDougall, the Chapter has a most efficient Scribe E. The books are in excellent condition and the finances assure future progress. The influence of the Past Principals can be seen in a marked degree.

I paid a second visit to this Chapter on the Regular Convocation in September when the Grand First Principal, M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, was the guest of the Chapter. He was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith and A. C. Larter. During the course of the evening a gold fountain pen, suitably inscribed, was presented to the Grand First Principal, who replied in his usual inspiring manner, and a gold Eversharp pencil was presented to the Grand Scribe E., who also replied in his usual genial expressions of encouragement.

The midsummer recess had deprived the officers of some of their exactitude, but I retained the impression of the former visit with regard to the Chapter as a whole.

Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge.—I paid my first official visit to Succoth Chapter on April 12th, 1923. The goodly number of Companions present despite the long distances they travel over questionable roads at this season, was an excellent token of the interest taken in the Royal Craft.
The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates by Ex. Comp. R. W. Pickering and his officers so efficiently as to furnish me a high standard for future use. The mystical lecture was delivered most impressively by Ex. Comp. Carnegie.

This Chapter is supported by two pillars of strength and wisdom, R. Ex. Comps. V. M. Hare and W. S. Ormiston, while the beauty is completed by the spirit of the Companions. Every officer and Companion is to be congratulated on the condition of the Chapter.

The books are carefully kept by the Scribe E. who has been a regular attendant at all convocations for twenty years. The Christmas benevolence of this Chapter must preserve it in a high position in the esteem of the community.

The St. Patrick's Chapter, No. 145, Toronto.—I had the pleasure of accompanying M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand First Principal, when he visited this Chapter on their Annual Irish Night, March 17th. The Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch degree, and after the reception of the large company of Grand Chapter officers, an adjournment was made to the Festive Board, spread in the auditorium which was filled to capacity.

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, P.G.Z., proposed the toast of the evening in his usual inspired style, and Bro. the Rev. Wm. R. MacKay responded in a delightful address full of Irish wit, humour and anecdote. M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer gave a stirring address, which met with the unqualified approbation of all. A splendid musical programme completed an evening of unusual enjoyment.

I paid my official visit to this Chapter on October 20th and was welcomed by Ex. Comp. Robert Sproul who expressed the loyalty of the Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred on two candidates in a very impressive manner, and the lessons of the Royal Craft duly presented. I find
here a number of good officers duly qualified to uphold the dignity and high standard this Chapter is so noted for. The attendance of Companions was small for a Chapter with so large a membership and so world-wide a reputation as "The St. Patrick's Chapter." I sincerely hope that a satisfaction with past good works is not rendering the Companions less enthusiastic than those who raised it to its pinnacle of fame. Let us shun mellowness and keep our interest as green and flourishing as the Isle of the Patron Saint.

The onerous duties placed on the Scribe E. in caring for the records and finances of this Chapter are ably and efficiently performed by V. Ex. Comp. W. R. Ledger to whom all praise and honour are due. His books are excellently kept and the collection of dues carefully looked after.

Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto.—On June 4th I visited this Chapter officially and was cordially welcomed by Ex. Comp. H. J. Wharin, the Excellent Z. The evening was very warm and the attendance slightly curtailed, but despite the adverse conditions which were conducive of lassitude, the exemplification of the Royal Arch degree was highly satisfactory as a rendition of the principles of the Royal Craft.

The officers are earnest and ambitious in the performance of their duties. I saw here a grand example of the benefits to be obtained from the performance of our ceremonies which enable those, who faithfully discharge their duties to overcome natural reserve of disposition. The loss of prominent Past Z.'s of this Chapter by death, and business emergencies must inspire it to special effort to fill the breach in the old guard. The business and records of the Chapter are efficiently cared for by the Scribe E.

I had the pleasure of attending the October convocation of the Beaches Chapter when they held their annual "Empire Night." The attendance was
large, the Chapter room being filled. At the "Fourth Degree" a splendid programme was given. The patriotic music was delightful. The toast of "The Empire" was proposed by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Grand J., and was responded to by Mr. A. Monro Grier, K.C. The addresses were inspiring and roused the Companions to the greatest heights of loyalty and reverence for our mystically cemented "Family of Nations." Beaches Chapter has a bright outlook in its officers and should continue to maintain its pre-eminent position as our Eastern bulwark.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, NO. 205, THORNHILL.—This is my Chapter by adoption to which I have endeavoured to teach the practice of those ceremonies emblematic of the Royal Craft. My official visit was paid on October 10th when I was loyally and enthusiastically received by Ex. Comp. A. J. HelmKay.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred by the officers in a highly efficient manner which showed a steady growth of appreciation of the beauties of the rites and an understanding of the principles of the Degree. The officers are earnest, zealous and ambitious, and are gaining in confidence of their ability to stand on an equality with the successful older Chapters of the District. I am pleased to report that this Chapter has adopted the practice, carried out in many City Chapters, of presenting a Royal Arch Jewel to each Companion on his exaltation.

I found here a second example of extreme effort, even to the point of sacrifice, on the part of an officer to do his duty in spite of physical inconvenience to himself. Such events impress on us the real value Masonry has to those devoted to it, and inspires us to onward effort to make her a decided factor in the life of the community.

The business and financial affairs of this Chapter are well cared for by the Scribe E., Ex. Comp. J. E. Francis. The increasing band of loyal Past Z.'s working with the new officers and members are becoming a tower of strength to this Chapter.
ST. ALBAN’S CHAPTER, NO. 217, G.R.C., TORONTO.—This is a Chapter in the prime of its youth, full of virility, aspiring to high standards and imbued with a confident ardour which promises a position of eminence in this District. I visited it officially on October 23rd, and was introduced by Ex. Comp. J. A. Cooper.

There was a good attendance of members. Ex. Comp. F. Clinkett received me most cordially in a speech expressive of the loyalty of the Chapter to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The Royal Arch degree was conferred on a class of eight candidates in an excellent manner. The ceremony was marked by dignity and the intelligent expression of the varying phases of interest and solemnity peculiar to this degree. The Chapter may well be proud of its staff of officers from the lowest to the highest. It impressed me as disseminating the tenets and teachings of the Royal Craft in their fullest meaning. True companionship is here. Comp. J. L. Davidson keeps the records and business affairs of the Chapter in splendid condition. Shekinah Chapter, lead by Ex. Comp. E. C. Tyers, R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth, V. Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins and Ex. Comp. John Marr paid an official visit in good numbers.

At the “Fourth Degree” a splendid and most varied programme was rendered by Companions of the Chapter which believes in developing the talent of its own members so that all may be kept interested and at work.

BEAVER CHAPTER, NO. 225, TORONTO.—At my request this Chapter was inspected officially on November 14th by R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Lankin, accompanied by the District Secretary, Ex. Comp. Chas. F. Brookes, owing to my inability to be present through illness.

The representative of Grand Chapter received a most hearty welcome by Ex. Comp. Bolton, who expressed regret at the illness of the Grand Superintendent. The officers conferred the Royal Arch de-
gree, and R. Ex. Comp. E. Lankin congratulated them on the able and impressive manner in which the work of the evening was presented. It is very evident that the members take a deep interest in their Chapter. The books and requirements are in good hands. The finances good and the Mark book up to date.

There was a good attendance and the prospects of Beaver Chapter are very bright. The hospitality of this Chapter was highly enjoyable, and could not be surpassed.

Aurora Chapter, No. 235, Aurora.—This Chapter was officially consecrated by Grand Chapter under M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, R. Ex. Comp. K. Dunstan, assisted by a large number of present and past Grand Chapter officers on April 19th, 1923. It is under the guidance of an energetic Royal Arch Mason in the person of Ex. Comp. McQuade, whose zeal and energy are directing it steadily forward within the constitution to which he constantly refers for guidance.

I visited it officially on October 19th, and was warmly and loyally received by the Companions. Ex. Comp. E. E. Reid, of the St. Patrick's Chapter, accompanied me, and a number of Companions of Victoria Chapter paid a fraternal visit on that evening. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner by the officers, who are to be congratulated upon their work as they lack the guidance of a staff of Past Z.'s who are so helpful to older Chapters.

With the assistance of some of the officers of Doric Chapter they are struggling with their problems and are on the road to a satisfactory solution. Among its members are a number of prominent citizens who will make excellent officers and the future looks bright. Its records and finances are highly satisfactory, and its equipment very complete.

University Chapter, No. 241, Toronto.—On April 3rd, the Grand Chapter, under M. Ex. Comp.
R. H. Spencer, assisted by M. Ex. Comp. F. Harcourt, R. Ex. Comp. K. Dunstan and a large body of Grand Chapter officers officially consecrated and dedicated this Chapter. Being thus firmly established among us, and drawing its membership from that great body of men destined to occupy prominent stations in every branch of the sciences, it possesses a unique position for the dissemination of the principles of the Royal Craft. Responsibility is the complement of opportunity and I believe the officers realize the necessity of perfection in all their work.

I paid my official visit on November 6th, and was fraternally welcomed by Ex. Comp. Wright and loyally received as the representative of the Grand Z. The Royal Arch degree was conferred on a class of eight candidates by the officers of the Chapter assisted by enthusiastic and loyal friends who have been deeply interested in its development. The excellence of the ceremony bespoke the zeal and energy of the officers, and has set a standard of such high execution as must be most gratifying to those who first conceived of its institution and guarantees its future prosperity.

The enthusiasm and companionship of the Companions was exceptionally cordial and the evening was a succession of impressive ceremonial, pleasurable companionship and congenial social intercourse. To the smallest detail, the work of the Scribe E., Ex. Comp. P. W. Rogers, is perfection to a punctuation mark.

In closing I again thank the Companions for the cordial manner in which I was received on my official visits, and for the kindly spirit in which any criticism I felt it my duty to make, was universally received.

All of which I respectfully and fraternally submit.

W. E. Hopkings,
Grand Supt., Toronto East District, No. 8.
Toronto, Ont.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

I have the honour of submitting to you for consideration, my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Toronto West District, No. 8A.

Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto.—On October 12th I visited this, my Mother Chapter, the largest Chapter of this Jurisdiction. It was very gratifying to find such a large number of the Companions in attendance, which was considerably increased by the presence of R. Ex. Comp. J. N. McGregor, Oakville, Grand Superintendent of Hamilton District, No. 5, with Ex. Comp. T. Shields, of White-Oak Chapter, No. 104, Oakville, and his Companions. There was also in attendance Ex. Comps. R. Mallock, of Mimico; I. Finberg, of Mount Sinai; G. W. Slack, of St. Andrew and St. John; F. G. Russell, of Orient; J. P. Argue, of York; and T. H. Moorehead, of Peel. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified for my inspection and the work was most impressively conferred by the officers, from the veils to the First Principal. V. Ex. Comp. S. G. Newdick, Scribe E., is to be commended on the excellent condition of the Chapter records.

This Chapter stands out pre-eminently in the practice of that virtue we all profess to admire—Charity. Annually they entertain and provide presents for the children and attendants from the Children's Home, Gerrard Street East. Through the kindness of Comp. Wm. Cliff, last year's entertainment was held in the country, on this Companion's grounds at Cooksville.

The interest and enthusiasm of the Companions is kept alive in the summer months by an annual picnic, usually held at Island Park. Last year there were over 800 in attendance. The entertainment provided by this Chapter and the co-operation of its
Companions, contributes, in a large measure to the success of Occident.

**Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto.**—On September 26th, accompanied by my secretary, Ex. Comp. T. H. Moorehead, R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley, V. Ex. J. Herriot and Ex. Comps. J. P. Argue, T. B. Wells and I. Stickwood, I paid my official visit to this Chapter. I was received by Ex. Comp. W. J. Armstrong, Jr., and a goodly turnout of the Companions of this Chapter. The work of the evening was the degree of the Holy Royal Arch, which was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner, in keeping with the importance of this Chapter in the Jurisdiction.

The records and finances are kept in a business-like way and a credit to the organization. The Christmas tree and dinner given to 500 children of their District, is only one of the many charitable deeds of the Chapter.

**Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, West Toronto.**—On the evening of October 9th, I paid my official visit to Shekinah, accompanied by Ex. Comp. H. C. Snyder, First Principal of Peel Chapter, Brampton, and a number of his companions. I was very kindly received by Ex. Comp. E. C. Tyers and his Companions. The work conferred was that of the degree of the Holy Royal Arch and was most beautifully exemplified.

This Chapter is in the fortunate position of having a number of Past First Principals who still take great interest in the proceedings of the Chapter. Among these are R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth, V. Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins and Ex. Comp. John Marr. A pleasing feature of the evening was the exaltation of Dr. Hopkins, Jr., son of V. Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins.

While this Chapter met with a financial reverse on account of the failure of the Home Bank, I am very pleased to report that the financial condition is improving rapidly. The enthusiasm shown in the
Chapter would indicate that it will only be a short time until this loss is overcome.

I want particularly to compliment Shekinah on their choice of a Scribe E. R. Ex. Comp. W. J. Wadsworth’s books are a model of neatness and accuracy.

“The ‘Fourth Degree’ was made especially pleasant by the high calibre of the talent provided.

TORONTO CHAPTER, No. 185, TORONTO.—On September 17th, I officially visited this Chapter. The warmth of the reception tendered to me was most gratifying, the officers all being in their respective chairs. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred in a manner becoming a Chapter of this size and distinction.

A very noticeable and pleasing feature of this visit was the number of Past First Principals in attendance, which augurs well for the future success of the Chapter. The Scribe E.’s books were in excellent condition.

A rather unusual but very interesting and instructive feature of the “Fourth Degree” was the address on Hygiene by Dr. C. H. Hair.

PEEL CHAPTER, No. 195, BRAMPTON.—On Tuesday, December 4th, I officially visited Peel, my home Chapter, when the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified by Ex. Comp. H. C. Snyder and his officers. There was a large number present and the degree was most impressively conferred. Although being a member of this Chapter, I cannot refrain from publicly complimenting Comp. W. C. Young who has been Scribe E. since its institution. His books are kept in a businesslike manner and are a model of neatness and accuracy—his Mark Book being up to date.

During the evening, Comp. C. R. Magee, on behalf of the Chapter, presented me with a very beautiful walnut combination tray and table. I keenly appreciated this, coming as it did from the Companions of my home Chapter, as a token of their good will and esteem. A most enjoyable hour was
spent in the “Fourth Degree,” the usual toasts being proposed and responded to.

Peel Chapter contributed $500.00 to a very worthy cause, the building of Peel Memorial Hospital. Considering the size of the Chapter, this is a large donation and the officers and Companions are to be congratulated on their generosity.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, Toronto.—I visited this Chapter on Tuesday evening, October 2nd, accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. E. D. Grant, R. Ex. Comps. E. J. Repath, A. C. Larter, and Ex. Comps. T. J. Mackeown, W. E. Holwell, R. Mallock and T. H. Moorehead. I was greatly impressed by the reception given by the officers and Companions.

Considering this was a Jewish holiday, there was a good attendance. The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred by Ex. Comp. I. Finberg, First Principal, and his officers in a very impressive manner, quite in keeping with what might be expected from a Chapter officered as this Chapter is.

At the conclusion of the work, I was pleasantly surprised by being presented with a gold fountain pen, suitably engraved, the presentation being made by the Ex. First Principal on behalf of the officers and Companions. I appreciated very much this token of their good will.

The books and finances of this Chapter are in first-class condition. The noted hospitality of Mount Sinai was much in evidence at the “Fourth Degree.”

Mimico Chapter, No. 215, Mimico.—On June 6th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley, R. Ex. Comp. Blain, Ex. Comps. J. A. Hocking and T. H. Moorehead, of Peel Chapter, I officially visited this Chapter. The work of the evening was the exemplification of the Holy Royal Arch, which was conferred in a very capable manner and would, no doubt, leave in the minds of the newly exalted Companions the desired impression.

The books of the Chapter are in exceptionally good condition. This is a comparatively young Chap-
ter, but has a large field from which to draw and has a bright future.

ULSTER CHAPITRE, NO. 219, TORONTO.—On September 25th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. A. C. Larter, E. Lankin, and Ex. Comp. T. H. Moorehead, I officially visited this Chapter and was delighted with the reception tendered me by Ex. Comp. Wm. Steen, First Principal. This good Companion has been incapacitated for some time and had just resumed his official duties.

The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified in a most creditable manner, and this Chapter is to be congratulated on the sincerity shown in their work. The records and finances are in good shape and they are showing a healthy growth. At the "Fourth Degree" the usual Irish companionable spirit was very much in evidence. Their songs and stories added much to the evening’s enjoyment.

LEBANON CHAPITRE, NO. 220, LAMBTON MILLS.—Accompanied by V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Everett, Ex. Comps. R. Mallock, T. H. Moorehead, J. Marr, and E. C. Tyers, of Shekinah, on October 25th, I officially visited Lebanon Chapter. The Ex. Comp. First Principal T. H. McGuire and officers conferred the degree of the Holy Royal Arch in a manner that would reflect credit on a much larger Chapter. The number of Companions in attendance was evidence that the officers of this Chapter are doing their work in a manner that is satisfactory and interesting to the Companions.

Before leaving the Chapter rooms, Ex. Comp. Dr. Evans, on behalf of the officers and Companions of Lebanon, presented to me a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums. This floral token was much appreciated. While this is one of the smallest Chapters in the Jurisdiction, it is showing a healthy growth and with the officers taking the interest they do, it has a bright future in store. I am pleased to report that the Scribe E.'s records and finances of the Chapter are in excellent shape. At the close of the
Chapter, the Companions adjourned to the banquet hall, when a most pleasant hour was spent.

PORT CREDIT CHAPTER, No. 230, PORT CREDIT.—At an emergent meeting, November 27th, called for the purpose of my inspection, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Lankin and Ex. Comps. Geo. W. Slack, R. M. Mallock, H. C. Snyder, T. H. Moorehead, W. E. Holwell and T. W. Fereday and several Companions, I was most cordially received by Ex. Comp. Rev. G. P. Duncan, after which the Chapter was called off and the Lodge opened in the Mark Master Degree, Ex. Comp. Dr. W. H. McNairn as Worshipful Master.

It being the first occasion in my official visits to witness this degree, I was greatly interested and delighted with the excellent manner in which it was exemplified. The brethren having paid especial attention to the floor work, the usual confusion in this degree was practically eliminated. After the close of the degree, the Worshipful Master gave a very interesting and instructive explanation of the origin and use of this Mark.

This Chapter has not been favoured with the growth that the majority of the Chapters of the Jurisdiction has experienced, but I feel confident that with the assistance and counsel of R. Ex. Comp. Dr. W. G. Price, who has always taken an active part in the proceedings, Port Credit Chapter will show a marked improvement in its standing in the District.

The examination of Scribe E.’s books showed that they are in excellent shape. The “Fourth Degree” was enlivened by the orchestra of Peel Chapter, which, by the remarks of the Companions of Port Credit, was much appreciated.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 231, TORONTO.—On September 27th, accompanied by Ex. Comps. T. H. Moorehead, R. Mallock and R. L. Shriner, I officially inspected this Chapter, when the degree of Holy Royal Arch was conferred. The work was done in a
satisfactory manner under the careful guidance of Ex. Comp. J. T. Edworthy, First Principal.

The records and finances are in excellent condition. This Chapter is going ahead very rapidly. A successful future is practically assured. A surprise and pleasant feature of the evening was a presentation from St. Clair to me of a smoking stand, suitably engraved, and a beautiful bouquet of American Beauty roses were sent to my wife. These tokens of good will were gratefully received.

King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, Toronto.—On the evening of May 15th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Ed. Larkin, J. J. Shelley, A. L. Tinker, Ex. Comps. Dr. C. M. French, T. H. Moorehead and Comp. R. V. Conover, I paid this Chapter my first official visit. My reception was of such a cordial nature that I could not but feel that my official duties had every prospect of being most pleasant. With the officers of the Chapter all in their respective chairs, the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified in a most creditable manner, each officer doing his part exceptionally well.

It was just one year ago this month since the Chapter was constituted and dedicated and I felt that the sponsors were to be congratulated. The records of Scribe E. and finances are in excellent shape.

Oakwood Chapter, No. 233, Toronto.—On September 20th, I paid my official visit to this Chapter and most cordially received by V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell, his officers and companions. On this occasion the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred in a most impressive manner, showing that time and effort had not been spared in the preparation. Altogether, I would say the work as put on by this Chapter is as near perfect as it is humanly possible to get it. The young Chapter is to be congratulated. What they lack in numbers they make up in enthusiasm. The records are well and neatly kept, and finances in good condition.
A pleasing feature of the "Fourth Degree" was that the talent for the entertainment was all provided by members of the Chapter. The good fellowship exemplified here bespeaks for this Chapter a bright future.

The above is a record of my official visits, in connection with which, I desire to say that the Chapters of this District are to be congratulated on their rendition of Ritual, equipment of their Chapter rooms and the businesslike way in which their records are kept.

In my report, I have made no mention of the receptions of the toast to the Grand First Principal and the Grand Chapter of Canada, and I desire to say that if the hearty and enthusiastic manner in which this toast was received in each and every Chapter of the District, is an indication of the enthusiasm and loyalty of the Companions, then Capitular Masonry in this District is in a healthy condition and augurs well for its prosperity in the future.

**Unofficial Visits.**

On April 10th, being the annual Transportation Night at Shekinah Chapter, accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, W. J. Armstrong, Ex. Comp. T. H. Moorehead, I fraternally visited this Chapter. The officers were filled by transportation men, who conferred the Royal Arch degree in a manner which would do credit to regular officers in any Chapter. To a considerable extent, Shekinah’s members are made up of transportation men and it was a happy thought inaugurating a night for this body of men.

The "Fourth Degree" was made doubly interesting by the address of Ex. Comp. Senator Gideon Robertson, former Minister of Labour, who spoke on the appropriate and interesting subject of Transportation.

On April 13th, I unofficially visited Occident Chapter, it being their annual "Indian Night." This feature of Occident hospitality and entertainment
is so well-known and appreciated that the banquet hall was filled to overflowing.

A unique feature of the evening was that the programme was practically all provided by members of the Chapter, and it is to be congratulated on the success this annual function has attained.

On April 20th, accompanied by a number of the Companions of Peel Chapter, I paid a fraternal visit to Halton Chapter, No. 234, Georgetown, Peel and Halton Chapters being closely associated fraternally.

On this occasion the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, R. H. Spencer, Grand J. K. J. Dunstan, Grand Scribe E. Henry T. Smith, R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr, Supt. Wellington District No. 4, accompanied by the officers and Companions of Toronto Chapter No. 185, also paid Halton Chapter a visit. This visit will go down in the records of the Chapter as one of the most important events of their career. On this night the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal, R. H. Spencer, assisted by other Grand Chapter officers, conducted that beautiful ceremony of constituting and dedicating Halton Chapter, after which the officers were installed. The Grand Z. spoke at considerable length in instructing the newly installed officers on the proper conduct of their Chapter.

A pleasant and unique feature of the evening, was the original manner in which beautifully illuminated addresses were presented to M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith.

On April 27th, at an emergent meeting of Peel Chapter, I was presented with the regalia of the Grand Superintendent by R. Ex. Comp. A. C. Larter, Past Grand Superintendent of Toronto West District, No. 8A. I realized the responsibilities this regalia carried with it and expressed my appreciation and assured the Companions that I would do everything in my power to further the advancement of Capitular Masonry in this District.

On this occasion Peel Chapter was visited by the following distinguished companies:—R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, W. J. Wadsworth, E. J. Repath,
Ex. Comps. John Marr, W. H. Hedges, J. T. Edworthy, R. Mallock, M. S. Sproat, H. G. Meir, and J. Robinson. Many pleasant and complimentary remarks were made in the Chapter rooms, after which we adjourned to the Armouries, where an elaborate banquet was prepared. The members of Ionic Craft Lodge, who had been invited for this occasion, were waiting.

After the usual toasts, R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith addressed the brethren on Symbolic Masonry in his usual interesting and impressive manner. Several of the prominent Craft members spoke in a very complimentary manner of the eloquent address of our R. Ex. Companion.


The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred in the usual capable manner characteristic of this Chapter, after which a presentation was made to the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal. After thanking the Companions for their thoughtfulness, the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal, spoke at considerable length in his usual happy manner, which with his "personal touch," left with the Companions an impressiveness which they will not soon forget.

On October 16th, I visited King Cyrus Chapter, when they had a Past Grand Superintendents' Night, at which the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal, R. H. Spencer, was present.

After the reception of the Grand Chapter officers and the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal, the ruling officers of the Chapter vacated their chairs in favour of the following Past Grand Superintendents and Grand Chapter officers:—R. Ex. Comp. Dr. Geo. B. Foster, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. R. W. Clewlo, H.; R. Ex. Comp. Ed. Lankin, J.; R. Ex. Comp. N. W. Ford,
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While a number of years had elapsed since many of these officers were called upon to fill the offices they occupied, the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was exemplified in a manner that was a revelation to the large number of prominent Royal Arch Masons in attendance.

A number of letters were read from Past Grand Superintendents, expressing regret at their inability to be present. King Cyrus Chapter is to be congratulated on holding a Past Grand Superintendents’ Night, as it keeps alive the interest of those who have occupied this important office.

A very enjoyable and interesting hour was spent at the “Fourth Degree.”

On November 22nd, I visited Peel Chapter, No. 195, my home Chapter, with the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal, R. H. Spencer, who was accompanied by R. Ex. Comps. Henry T. Smith, and Ed Lankin, and Ex. Comp. Geo. W. Slack.

The degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred for the inspection of the Grand Z., after which he highly complimented the officers on their splendid work. I had the pleasure of presenting the Most Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, on behalf of the officers and Companions of Peel Chapter, with a beautiful bouquet of roses. The Most Excellent Companion responded, expressing his appreciation. We then adjourned to the Armouries for the “Fourth Degree,” where a large number were in attendance and a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent.

HALTON CHAPTER, NO. 234, GEORGETOWN.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on December 14th, accompanied by a number of Companions of
Peel Chapter. This was the occasion of installation of their officers and I had the pleasure of assisting R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Marr, Grand Superintendent of Wellington District, No. 4, in the installation.

The Chapter has made marked progress—starting with a membership of nineteen, and at the close of the first year having a total of fifty-nine, and seven petitions. At the close of the installation, Ex. Comp. Corke, the retiring First Principal, was presented with a Past Z.'s Jewel by Ex. Comp. J. T. Cameron, on behalf of the Chapter. We then adjourned to the banquet hall where a most sumptuous supper was enjoyed. Congratulations are due the officers for the wonderful progress they have made.

At the conclusion of my term of office, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to the members of this Jurisdiction for the honour they conferred on me.


I wish also to state that the assistance given to me by my District Secretary, Ex. Comp. T. H. Moorehead, was greatly appreciated.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. Lowry,
Grand Supt., Toronto West District, No. 8A.

Brampton, Ont.
GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

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

There is a strong temptation, in writing this report, to refer only to the favourable aspects of our work; and to try to appear to the best advantage among the several Districts. One is so appreciative of the honour of representing the Grand Z. in his District, that it seems ungrateful to criticize; hence the impulse to forget that which is unpleasant, and to repeat the self satisfying platitudes, that are apt to soothe us into inaction, even if they do not put us to sleep.

I am not satisfied with Georgian District, and, if my tenure of office is to be of any benefit, (and I have taken my position seriously), I must mention some things that should be corrected, if we are to prosper as we should. That we may take stock of ourselves, I have grouped our good and bad points into two paragraphs, A and B, as follows:—

A.—Our statistics show a favourable year. Our officers are, for the most part, leading citizens, of whom the Craft may be proud. Among them are those capable of giving leadership, and organizing social and fraternal gatherings, as well as those capable of addressing such gatherings. Almost all of the Chapters have quarters at their disposal, suitable for putting on almost any sort of social gathering. The degree work throughout the District is of a particularly high order, and most uniform. Georgian District will compare favourably with any in this regard.

B.—The average attendance is small. Many meetings have been called off for lack of a quorum. Many Chapters have not received or paid a fraternal visit during the year. Many have not, in several years, held a ladies’ night, or other social function among themselves. In some Chapters the dues are so low that they will scarcely meet ordinary expenditures.
Surely, after reading paragraph B., the remedy for the weak point in any Chapter will suggest itself! We have apparently devoted so much attention to producing letter perfect degree work, that we have become mechanical, cold, unsympathetic; to the exclusion of the "personal touch," friendship, love. I recommend that the greatest emphasis be placed on our social activities in 1924, and that there be no hesitation in raising the dues to a point where the officers will have some latitude in this respect. A greater attention to benevolence and charity on the part of our Chapters will have a wonderful effect on our wellbeing.

As to the work I have seen done while travelling through the District, I have nothing but the highest praise. We have splendid men in our chairs; they have taken infinite pains to become perfect in their work, and the results have been beyond criticism. In addition to a number of unofficial visits, I have made official visits as follows:—

Thursday, April 5th, Amabel Chapter, Wiarton. Royal Arch degree.
Thursday, May 17th, Macpherson Chapter, Meaford. Royal Arch degree.
Monday, October 15th, Manitou Chapter, Collingwood. Most Excellent Master degree.
Tuesday, October 16th, Georgian Chapter, Owen Midland. Mark Master Mason degree.
Friday, October 19th, Grand River Chapter, Bracebridge. Royal Arch degree.
Friday, October 26th, Kichikewana Chapter, Midland. Mark Master Masons degree.
Tuesday, November 13th, Signet Chapter, Barrie. Royal Arch degree.
Friday, January 11th, Couchiching Chapter, Orillia. Installation of Officers.

On Wednesday, June 20th, we held a Chapter of Instruction at Meaford. The meeting was very successful, due largely to the presence of M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith. All the Chapters in the District were represented, as follows:—
Manitou, Collingwood, with 10 members.
Signet, Barrie, with 9 members.
Georgina, Owen Sound, with 6 members.
Grand River, Bracebridge, with 1 member.
Macpherson, Meaford, with 31 members.
Amabel, Wiarton, with 8 members.
Kichikenwana, Midland, with 12 members.
Couchiching, Orillia, with 25 members.

The Mark Master Mason degree was exemplified by Kichikenwana Chapter, the Most Excellent Master degree by Amabel Chapter, and the Royal Arch degree by Signet Chapter. All the officers of the Chapters performed the work most creditably. My thanks are due to R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Merrick, Barrie; R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Whipps, Collingwood, and R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Tudhope, Orillia, for assistance rendered in discussing the several degrees, and to the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E., for general instruction given. A feature of the gathering was the banquet, at 6.30 p.m. The meeting was financed by a levy on each Chapter, of 10 cents per member. All the Chapters co-operated most heartily, and, in the making of friendships throughout the District, as well as in the instruction gained, all feel that the meeting was a most profitable one, to be repeated at frequent intervals. I wish to thank the officers and Companions of Macpherson Chapter, who looked after the arrangements at Meaford in a manner which made our stay in their town a very pleasant one.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Georgian District for the honour they have conferred upon me, for their indulgence and for their good companionship.

All have helped me in every way possible to make the year a pleasant and profitable one.

Fraternally submitted,

D. C. Patmore,
Grand Supt., Georgian District, No. 9.

Orillia, Ont.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10.

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

It affords me a great deal of pleasure to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District No. 10, for the year 1923.

I first wish to express to my fellow Excellent Companions and Companions of Ontario District my deep appreciation in electing me their Grand Superintendent. The many new friendships made, the renewal of old ones, and the warm receptions that I received upon my official visits, shall always remain with me a pleasant memory.

It often occurred to me in years gone by, that it would be a splendid thing for Royal Arch Masonry, if it were possible to bring together all the Companions in the District in one central meeting place, which would enable them to become acquainted with each other, and also, to have present at that meeting, the wives and families of the Companions.

With this end in view, a District picnic was arranged and was held at Victoria Park, in the town of Cobourg, on the 27th day of June, 1923. The day was one of those glorious June days, and the Companions and their wives and families were present from Whitby, Port Hope, Colborne, Brighton, Warkworth, Campbellford, Peterborough and Havelock.

The 40th Northumberland Regiment Band of Campbellford provided music all afternoon, and a programme of sports for the ladies and Companions were strongly and closely competed for; and a soft ball competition was played off by the different Chapters of the District—the championship going to Corinthian Chapter at Peterborough, and second prize to St. John’s Chapter at Cobourg.

After the sports were over, a procession was formed of all the Companions, their wives and families, headed by the band, who paraded around the Part to the Band Stand where short addresses
were made. The District was honoured by the presence of the M. Ex. Grand First Principal R. H. Spencer, who distributed the prizes and gave an excellent address.

Your Grand Superintendent hopes that this will become an annual affair, and from the expressions of satisfaction from all present, I feel that it will become a yearly gathering.

All of the Chapters in my District I visited, with the exception of King Darius' Chapter at Cannington, I found the various Chapters enthusiastic and progressive and the working of the different degrees of an exceptionally high order.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER, No. 23, OSHAWA.—On the evening of Tuesday, November 6th, 1923, I visited this Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a most excellent manner by Ex. Comp. Bennett and his officers. I find the attendance of this Chapter good and the equipment excellent for the carrying on of the work.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 35, WHITBY.—This Chapter is in excellent shape. On the 18th of May, 1923, I visited the Chapter. It was an occasion of renewing of acquaintances and making of many friendships. The Royal Arch degree was beautifully exemplified by the officers. Many Companions were present from Pentalpha Chapter, Oshawa, and the prospects are excellent for Keystone Chapter.

I wish to add a word of praise to Ex. Comp. W. N. Jermyn, the competent Scribe E., of the Chapter. I have never had the privilege of seeing such excellent books as he keeps. It is much to the progress of any Chapter to have such an efficient Scribe E.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 36, PETERBOROUGH.—I am no visitor to this Chapter and the Companions belonging to it, as I feel like one of them, for on many occasions I have been present with them and enjoyed their hospitality.
The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred by Ex. Comp. Ross Dobbin and his officers on the 26th of October, 1923, when I paid my official visit and was exemplified in a creditable manner. I also had the privilege of being present on the occasion of a visit from King Solomon’s Chapter of Toronto. The future of Corinthian Chapter is very bright.

**Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope.**—Accompanied by several Companions from Campbellford, I visited this Chapter on the 12th day of October, 1923. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the officers in an excellent manner. The work of the Principal Sojourner was the best I had ever witnessed. The Companions are enthusiastic and Royal Arch Masonry is flourishing at this place.

**Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.**—Many Companions from Warkworth, Campbellford, Port Hope and Cobourg were present with me at my Official visit on Monday, the 11th day of June, 1923. The Royal Arch degree was well done by the officers of Excelsior Chapter, and the Chapter is in a good healthy condition.

**St. John’s Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg.**—Tuesday, the 22nd day of May, 1923, with several Companions from Warkworth and Campbellford, I visited St. John’s Chapter, Cobourg. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner. This Chapter is prosperous and the officers enthusiastic.

**Midland Chapter, No. 94, Lindsay.**—On Thursday, the 18th day of October, 1923, accompanied by several Companions from Campbellford, I visited Midland Chapter, Lindsay, and had the privilege of witnessing the Mark Master Mason degree, which was well exemplified by the officers. All’s well with this Chapter.

**Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.**—This is my Mother Chapter, and accompanied by a
large contingent of Companions from Campbellford, I paid my Official visit on the 21st of June, 1923. The Royal Arch degree was worked exceptionally well and it was most gratifying to see the manner in which the various officers did their work.

Warkworth Chapter sustained a serious loss in the death of Ex. Comp. Oliver, their First Principal, which occurred in November of this year. He was well known to me and a faithful member of the Chapter. The prospects for Warkworth Chapter are excellent. Ex. Comp. Ewing, the most efficient Scribe E., informed me that at the December meeting, nine applications were received.

King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington.—I attempted several times to pay a visit to this Chapter. The officers are enthusiastic and while not much work was done during the year, I feel that this Chapter will pick up and improve.

Havelock Chapter, No. 139, Havelock.—On the 29th of October, 1923, along with several Companions, I visited Havelock Chapter. The candidate for the Royal Arch degree did not arrive, but the officers exemplified the degree in my presence in a very creditable manner.

Presqu' Isle Chapter, No. 144, Brighton.—With many Companions from Campbellford and Warkworth, I visited this Chapter on the 10th day of May, 1923, when the Royal Arch degree was well worked. This Chapter has an excellent Scribe E., in the person of R. Ex. Comp. Pickford, and the future should be bright.

Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford.—According to the established custom, I visited Ionic Chapter on the evening of the 17th of March, 1923, the birthday of this Chapter. The Royal Arch degree was exceptionally well exemplified by Ex. Comp. Allan and his officers. Each officer has his work well in hand, and during the year the Chapter has moved
into new quarters and have a splendid home with excellent appointments.

Quinte Friendship Chapter, from Belleville, visited this Chapter in October, bringing with them M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, of Belleville, and exemplified the Royal Arch degree. On the 14th day of December, the Chapter was honoured by the presence of M. Ex. Comp. Grand First Principal, R. H. Spencer, and R. Ex. Comp. Grand Scribe E., Henry T. Smith, when the new rooms were dedicated. All appreciated and enjoyed the visit of the Grand First Principal and the Grand Scribe E., and many useful and instructive suggestions were given to the Companions.

It is gratifying to report that the rendition of the Ritual in all the Chapters visited has reached a high degree of excellence and the impressiveness of the work as given cannot help but have a beneficial effect upon candidates.

My year of office has been one of especial pleasure to myself and it is most gratifying to say that the best of harmony and goodwill prevail in all the Chapters in the District. I hope that my successor will enjoy the same support and kind consideration which were given me during my year of office and my desire is that Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario District, No. 10, will continue to flourish and be a real power for service throughout the District.

Fraternally submitted,

I. A. HUMPHRIES,
Grand Supt., Ontario District, No. 10.

Campbellford, Ont.
ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1924

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:

Companions: Permit me to express my sincere appreciation of the honour conferred upon me at the last session of the Grand Chapter, by the Companions of District No. 11. While the honour of this office has brought added responsibilities, I have been more than repaid by the delightful associations it has made possible for me to enjoy throughout the District.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit each Chapter in the District once or more during my term of office, and on every occasion I was courteously received and made to feel, that to be a Mason was worth while, but to be a Royal Arch Mason in its truest sense far outweighs any official distinction; this spirit of true Masonry I am glad to say permeates the whole District, and has made my term both pleasant and profitable.

MADOC CHAPTER, No. 161, MADOC.—On October 30th I visited this Chapter and witnessed the Mark Master Mason degree exemplified by the officers of this Chapter, this being my first official visit I faced the duties with considerable trepidation, but I was at once put at ease by the hearty reception I received,—(Hills always appear steep on approaching them).—The work was satisfactorily executed, and no doubt was an inspiration to visiting Companions from point in the District. Ex. Comp. Geo. Wright, Scribe E., keeps in close touch with his duties, his books are in excellent condition, and the Chapter’s future seems bright.

My escort from Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, consisted of Ex. Comp. M. K. Adams, First Principal; Ex. Comp. Jas. Wright, J.; Comp. Henry Loney, Principal Sojourner, and Comps. Smith, Hicks, Leavitt, and Cox. I had also the pleasure of meeting
several Companions from Moira Chapter, No. 7, on this occasion. Comp. F. P. Smith gave us a talk on the Mark Master Mason degree which was intensely edifying and enjoyed by all. After the close of the Chapter we were royally entertained at Hotel Blue where an hour or two was most pleasantly spent.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee.—On the evening of October 31st I visited this Chapter in company with Ex. Comp. Jas. Wright and Comps. Irvine, Loney and Smith. The reception extended by Ex. Comp. Wilson and Companions of Mount Sinai Chapter, was all that one could desire. We were also graced with the presence of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. The Royal Arch degree was impressively interpreted by Ex. Comp. Wilson and staff. R.E. Comp. Walters, Scribe E., keeps in close touch with Capitular Masonry in Napanee, his books are well kept, and a general feeling of good will permeates its entire membership. The Chapter then closed and we repaired to their well appointed dining room and after satisfying the inner man, our minds were enriched by addresses from the M. Ex. the Grand Z., and Comp. F. P. Smith, who spoke on Royal Arch Masonry, thus terminated a most pleasant and profitable evening.

Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville.—November 6th found me at the portals of Moira Chapter, No. 7. I was right royally received by Ex. Comp. J. B. Boyce, officers and Companions. The evening's proceedings consisted in the conferring of the Mark Master degree by Ex. Comp. Boyce and staff. Moira Chapter has a well-earned reputation for doing everything well, and this evening was no exception to the rule.

The books of V. Ex. Comp. C. B. Scantlebury, S.E., are complete in every detail, and the Chapter is to be congratulated on having such an efficient Officer in charge of this very important post. There was a very large representation present. During the
evening it was my pleasure to present a Past Principal's Jewel to V. Ex. Comp. F. H. Chester. I was honoured by a large and representative delegation from my own Chapter; also from Companions from Quinte Friendship, Mount Sinai and Stirling. After the close of the Chapter we were entertained in their spacious dining hall to which all did ample justice to the good things provided. Comp. Smith again gave us a very inspiring address on the Mark Master Mason degree, several Companions gave short talks full of pith; these addresses were interspersed with song which brought to a close a very pleasant evening. We then said good night, feeling that our visit to Moira Chapter had not been in vain. The Chapter is moving onward in the good work, as its records will show.

QUINTE FRIENDSHIP, No. 227, BELLEVILLE.—On November 13th I visited Quinte Friendship Chapter and was cordially received by Ex. Comp. Herity, officers and Companions. The Mark Master Mason degree was exceptionally well exemplified, it has been my privilege to see this work, not only in my own Chapter but elsewhere, and can candidly say that the rendition on this occasion was such as to merit the hearty commendation of all present. The books and papers of this Chapter are well kept by the various officers in charge, and I believe that this Chapter has an imposing future before it. The election of officers was one of the features of the evening, and the selection was such as to assure continued interest and progress in the Chapter. At this convocation, as elsewhere, I had a large delegation with me from Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31. The business of the evening being concluded the Chapter closed in regular form, and we repaired to the dining hall where an hour was spent around the festive board, the usual toasts were proposed and suitably replied to interspersed with song, thus my visit terminated with pleasant recollections of an evening happily and I trust profitably spent.
St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton.—On the evening of November 20th I visited this Chapter, the fact that it being the home of our esteemed Grand First Principal, lent an added charm to the occasion and as a consequence the attendance was large and we were pleased to meet Companions from Belleville, Madoc, Stirling, Napanee, and Picton, these with a large representation from St. Mark's more than filled the Chapter room. I was most enthusiastically received by Ex. Comp. Potts, officers and Companions, I was not only reminded that this was the home of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., but it was also my home for the present. The Most Excellent Master degree was conferred in a most admirable manner, and the Chapter is to be congratulated on the excellency of their work. With the elevation of officers which took place at this Convocation the high standard already reached will be fully maintained. Comp. M. W. Andison, Scribe E., is a painstaking and efficient officer, his books are in every respect such as to meet the approval of all concerned, before closing I had the pleasure of saying a few words. The Most Excellent the Grand Z. in a short address gave us some food for thought after which Comp. F. P. Smith gave us a talk on the symbols depicted on the carpet, his address was received with profound interest and enjoyed by all. The Chapter was then closed, after which we partook of refreshments both for body and mind.

Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton.—I had the pleasure on November 26th of visiting my own Chapter and was accorded a hearty welcome by Ex. Comp. M. K. Adams, First Principal, officers and Companions of Prince Edward Chapter. The attendance was in point of numbers not as large as it otherwise should have been owing to weather conditions, and several side attractions that necessarily prevented some of the Companions being present. The Most Excellent Master degree was impressively rendered by Ex. Comp. Adams and staff. The books and papers of this Chapter are kept in a manner
worthy of imitation. Scribe E., Comp. J. L. Graydon has this well in hand and the summonses issued each succeeding month justifies the admiration of all. The business of the evening concluded with an address by Comp. Smith on the Most Excellent Master degree after which the Chapter was closed in regular form and a very pleasant hour spent in speech and song around the festive board.

Keystone Chapter, No. 72, Stirling.—I visited Keystone Chapter on December 10th, and was courteously welcomed by Ex. Comp. G. W. Bailey, officers and Companions of Keystone Chapter and visiting Companions. On this occasion my escort from Prince Edward was large, consisting of the First, Second and Third Principals-elect, also the Principal Sojourner and Comps. Shaw, Mallory, Brooks and Irvine, also two Companions of Keystone Chapter now residing in Bloomfield, Rev. McQuaid and Fargey. The Mark Master Mason degree was exceptionally well rendered, each officer taking his part in a most forcible and efficient manner. The books and papers of this Chapter are in excellent condition, R. Ex. Comp. Potts, Scribe E., serves the Chapter faithfully and well. At this Convocation the election of officers took place, the new officers recognize the importance of their several positions, and no doubt the Chapter will feel the influence of their United effort in promoting increased energy and good fellowship among the members. After the Chapter closed a sumptuous banquet was served, followed by the usual toast list interspersed with speech and song.

In conclusion I wish to again express my thanks to all the officers and Companions throughout the District for courtesies extended whenever and wherever I have been. To me the year has been one of pleasure and benefit, if any degree of success has attended my efforts, it can be directly attributed to the unanimous support I have received from the Past District Superintendents, Past and Present officers and members of the District. The record of my
stewardship is before you, and I trust that although far from perfect, I have accomplished something that will further the interest of Capitular Masonry. All the Chapters in the District are in a healthy condition both numerically and financially, may we hope that the year upon which we are just entering, will be one of increased activity.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

ED. C. GARBUTT,
Grand Supt., District No. 11.

Picton, Ont.
ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12.

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

I have the honour herewith to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the St. Lawrence District, No. 12, for the year 1923. In doing so I first wish to express my deep appreciation and sincere thanks for the honour conferred upon me by the Companions of the District in electing me to the honourable office of Grand Superintendent, and to the officers and members of the different Chapters for their many acts of kindness and courtesy extended to me during my term of office. I have endeavoured to discharge my duties with a full appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the Companions, and of the responsibility of the Office.

My first official visit was on April 13th paid to St. John’s Chapter, No. 112, Morrisburg, where I was most hospitably received and entertained by the Companions of the Chapter. As there was no degree work the Excellent Z. exemplified the Mark Master Mason degree in a very able manner. The prospects of this Chapter are bright.

On April 18th I visited Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall. My reception was all that could be desired, unfortunately there was no degree work. After a discussion in the Chapter room as to the work in the different degrees the Chapter was closed and a social hour spent in the banquet room. This Chapter has a splendid set of officers who are capable of doing good work. I again visited this Chapter on December 19th, on the occasion of a fraternal visit by the Grand Z.

I visited Leeds Chapter, No. 132, Gananoque, on May 2nd, as the candidate for the degree work failed to appear, the Chapter was opened and closed in a manner that showed that the officers were proficient in their work, and I have every confidence of the success of this Chapter.
Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston, I visited on May 18th, and received a warm welcome from the Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a most creditable manner. I cannot praise the work and the interest of the officers too highly. Seldom have I seen a better balanced set of officers. I again visited this Chapter on December 18th when the Past Principals conferred the Royal Arch degree on a class of twenty-two candidates. The interest manifested by the Past Z.'s of this Chapter assures me that it is in good hands and alive in every sense of the word. This meeting was the first the Companions had in their new Temple, which is a credit to the Craft.

Maitland Chapter, No. 68, North Augusta, was visited by me on June 3rd, and I received a royal welcome. I was accompanied by twenty Companions from Brockville, who occupied the chairs, and conferred the Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Mason degrees. On September 10th I accompanied M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, on a visit to this Chapter, who gave some much needed and helpful advice.

Sussex Chapter, No. 59, St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 100, Brockville, held a joint meeting for my official visit on October 4th. I was accompanied on this occasion by M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z. These two Chapters have always been noted for doing good work, and the present officers are maintaining the high standard set by their predecessors. The large attendance of members living at a distance is an indication of the interest taken in Capitular Masonry in this section.

I officially visited Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott, on October 9th, and found a large number of Companions present. The Royal Arch degree was conferred in a manner almost faultless by the officers of the Chapter assisted by several of
In conclusion I wish to again thank the Companions for the honour which they conferred upon me in electing me to the Office of Grand Superintendent. I wish also to thank the officers and Companions of the various Chapters for the whole-hearted receptions accorded me on the occasion of my visits. The work of the year has been a wonderful inspiration to me, and my sincere hope is, that in my humble way, I have been able to do something for the Companions, to assist them in being better men, and better Masons, and it was along this line of thought that I have endeavoured to have the work conducted throughout the District.

Yours fraternally,

MAURICE BROWN,
Grand Supt., St. Lawrence Dist., No. 12.

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

The work associated with the office of Grand Superintendent is important and the Companion nominated to perform the same should consider the action of the representatives of his District in this concern as bringing to him both a dignity and a responsibility. The author of this report endorses that interpretation. He does not hesitate to acknowledge his regard for the decision of Ottawa District at the Grand Chapter Convocation of 1923, to select him for this office. At the same time, in accepting the honour, he realized that the duties thereby assumed were, at least, commensurate with the rank attained and these obligations he has sought to discharge with fidelity.

The first requisite for successful work is to examine the purpose and scope of the labour to be performed. This may be ascertained by a study of the Institution; an analysis of the ceremonies involved therein; a survey of the whole field of Masonic teaching. As a necessary consequent there will be some adequate conception of what it all implies and a rare appreciation of the genius that moulded great principles into a comprehensive ceremonial system.

Freemasonry embodies a great spiritual force operating on behalf of human welfare and concerned with the discovery and utilization of Truth. It illustrates the tragical results that develop from employing means, other than those that harmonize with man’s noblest aspirations, while indicating the returns that accrue from the elimination of discordant elements in every effort to unveil life’s mystery. Never positive in her announcements nor combative in her outlook, she, nevertheless, points out what she classes as the “better” way. Revolution is shown to be ineffective even in what it attempts to solve, but knowledge is presented as the
highway to Revelation and the pursuit and realization thereof, while not minimizing difficulty, do suggest a Hope of eventual success. Throughout one sees the Human Spirit striving towards the goal of Self-realization by Knowledge, Labour and Worship.

Some such views as has just been outlined was the principle considered, when, through the kindness of R. Ex. Comp. Grant, my immediate predecessor, and R. Ex. Comp. R. S. Simpson, (1919), I was Installed, as the Representative of the Grand First Principal at the Regular Convocation of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, on March 16th, 1923. Firmly believing in the Royal Arch group as a teaching force and as an essential correlative of the preceding degrees, I considered the new position to which I was thus officially introduced as providing an opportunity for interpretative expositions of the trend and purpose of the ceremonies which might be offered for my adjudication.

While so concluding, I did not fail to make myself familiar with the official directions submitted for our perusal and enforcement. In every case where need arose, these were brought to the attention of the Companions in the various centres included in the District. I found a sincere effort on the part of leaders to measure up to these requirements. In every case I discovered that the officers performed their duties impressively, that the candidates were most attentive and that the audience evidenced marked esteem for the presentation. In this trinity of forces one looks for and finds good results. This does not mean, however, that I found no opportunity for counsel and advice. In every one of the eleven Chapters visited there was occasion for some revision and correction. The need varied in degree, quite considerably. I offered my criticisms, not in the manner of a martinet but sympathetically and with a sincere desire that they should be examined, considered and thereupon valued.
In March I mailed a circular letter to the corresponding Scribe of each unit, and enclosing an additional copy for the First Principal, with a view of introducing myself and giving the address to which communications should be sent. I made use of this means to give the data that should appear on the summonses to acquaint the Companions of the resolution adopted at the District Meeting regarding the sharing of the Superintendent's travelling expenses, and to ask that all official books be ready for my inspection. I also indicated what centres I proposed visiting during the spring term. Later in the year I sent a time card of my fall tour. I have been unable, through pressure from personal interests, to accept any invitations, other than such as had to do with my official visits.

I considered it fitting, as well as courteous, to refer to those of my predecessors who found it convenient to be present on the occasions of my visits, whether they were in office in any of the Chapters or not. In each instance of which I had information, I inserted in parentheses the year of election to office. In this way I sought to give credit reasonably due to men who had not forgotten the Institution that had honoured them. I was unable to provide this fact with respect to R. Ex. Comp. Butterworth for the reasons that he had held office prior to the formation of Ottawa District, and that the latter was the only Grand Chapter area, the data of which I had in my possession. It is the wish of the writer that for many days and years to come they may gather to welcome those who shall follow me as the Supervisors of this most important and interesting District.

I was permitted to witness exemplification of all the degrees included in the Series. Two Chapters conferred the Mark degree on real candidates, while two others presented the same work upon a volunteer member. The Most Excellent degree was worked by three Chapters while six had the Royal Arch degree as their contribution for my inspection.
With regard to the latter, only two First Principals fulfilled completely the ceremonial duties which the Degree assigns to the presiding officer, all the others calling to their aid the services of one of their predecessors. The two Excellent Companions who merited this distinction were Stewart Witten, of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, and R. J. McLaren, of Maple Chapter, No. 116. While I think it wise to enlist the interest of Past Principals at all times, I should suggest the advisability of the First Principal meeting all his obligations on official occasions, whenever possible. The exigencies of the case may necessitate substitutional work in all the degrees, but the opposite is offered as a workable ideal. Two Chapters, Carleton, No. 16, and Ottawa, No. 222, worked two degrees, the latter at a single Convocation, and upon a very large class.

The principles of Freemasonry have as their primary object, the amelioration of social relations through the promulgation of an adequate interpretation of life, its purposes and ideals. One might, therefore, legitimately expect that her devotees would be found serving the State in various public administrative positions. In my official survey, I learned that such was measurably true in the Ottawa District. The Mayor of Carleton Place was Second Principal of Maple Chapter; the Chief Magistrate of Renfrew is a member of Bonnechere Chapter, while the Presiding Officer of Ottawa City Council was an accepted candidate. Though the teachings of the Order do not advocate aggressive self-assertion they do endorse recognition of merit. In social service, in all its complex ramifications, there is a fertile field for the planting and the developing of Masonic idealism and the utilization therein of the combined genius of the ablest members of the Craft.

I was apprised, through the ordinary Chapter avenue of communication that in addition to the Superintendent, other Grand Chapter officials had been entertained during the year. Glengarry Chap-
ter, No. 143, officially welcomed M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., while Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, was also visited by the Grand First Principal. Not having been present at either of these gatherings, I am prevented from giving details.

On March 16th, the occasion of my Installation, Ex. Comp. Witten, First Principal of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, and his assistants, exemplified the Most Excellent degree. As this was not an official call, I did not feel justified in commenting upon the work, which, I thought, was fairly well done. At the conclusion of the refreshment hour, Bro. Hon. H. H. Stevens, M.P., for Vancouver Centre, gave a most valuable address upon the British Empire. Bro. Stevens is not a Royal Arch Mason, but holds membership in other Masonic bodies and is always much sought after as a speaker at Craft functions.

The real inspection, however, began on May 17th, when I was the guest of Laurentian Chapter, No. 151, Pembroke. The Royal Arch degree was exemplified by Ex. Comp. Millar and his aids. R. Ex. Comp. Sparling (1920), and Ex. Comp. Josephs, I.P.Z., gave valuable assistance in the ceremonial work, the former in the capacity of Principal Sojourner, and the latter replacing the First Principal in the Mystical Lecture. The officers did fairly well, and the candidate must have been impressed with his new experiences. At the banquet table a pleasant time was spent, Ex. Comp. Josephs, who presided, giving interesting facts relative to the history of Royal Arch Masonry in the locality. I feel much indebted to Ex. Comp. George H. Ross, J., for most considerate attention while I was a visitor in Pembroke.

A few days later, May 21st, I was received by Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew. Three Past Grand Superintendents, R. Ex. Companions McKay (1903), Wade (1909), and Conley (1917), were present and participated in the evening’s proceed-
In addition, two other Past Grand Chapter officers, in the persons of V. Ex. Comps. Murphy and Cox, were in attendance, the latter winning deserved encomiums, in a highly effective rendition of the First Principal’s Lecture, in the Royal Arch degree, which was the work slated for my official benefit. Ex. Comp. Morrison, Z., and Ex. Comp. R. F. Fraser, H., with Ex. Comp. J. C. Fraser, who supplied for the absent Third Principal, formed the Council. The Degree, generally, was well exemplified, but in some details there was room for considerable improvement. This advance, I was assured, would take place in due course. Companions Loken, Principal Sojourner, and Rochester, Scribe E., are capable officials. This most enjoyable event was concluded by a most delightful repast and the delivery of short addresses by R. Ex. Comps. Wade and Conley, and Comps. McDonald and Sampson.

On June 14th I made my call on Granite Chapter, No. 61, Almonte. The Mark degree was presented by Ex. Comp. McFarlane and his official supporters, a volunteer acting as candidate, the Brethren, who, it had been expected, would receive advancement, having failed to appear. It was a very good illustration of ceremonial work. V. Ex. Comp. Pollock, who is Principal Sojourner, has two sons, members of the Craft, while his father was Grand Superintendent in 1901, thus providing representatives of three generations for the Fraternity. V. Ex. Comp. Washburn gave the closing Lecture in the Chapter most impressively. Ex. Comp. McFarlane and Comp. Illingworth, the Scribe E., were most solicitous that my stay in Almont should be both pleasurable and profitable to me, and so it was.

On the following evening, June 15th, I was in Russell, the home of Kitchener Chapter, No. 210, at an Emergent Convocation. I had selected June 1st for my visit, but bereavement of a most tragic character, in the family of Ex. Comp. Boland, Second Principal, necessitated a postponement. The Mark degree was successfully worked by Ex. Comp. Shep-
herd and his aids, a member supplying for the absent Candidate. Without drawing upon the Treasury, the dues of a Companion who was seriously ill were promptly paid on the suggestion of Ex. Comp. Kyle, I.P.Z. Visitors were present from Ottawa and Maxville. R. Ex. Comp. Sutherland (1921) who was present, maintains a healthy interest in the Chapter; he assured me that he knew what it meant to be a Mason, and I have no hesitation in accepting this confession at par. Comp. R. C. Dillabough is an efficient Scribe E.

A trip to Perth on June 18th, to be present at the Regular Convocation of Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 226, completed my spring travelling. Through the kindness of Ex. Comp. Thornton, the First Principal, I had the pleasure of visiting the town's various manufacturing plants and many of its enterprising business concerns. A motor ride along a leading country highway added much to the interest of my visit. In the Chapter room the Most Excellent Master degree was exemplified in a highly creditable manner. In the banqueting room a social hour of much import was enjoyed, when addresses were delivered by R. Ex. Comp. Waddell, Past Grand Superintendent of St. Lawrence District, No. 12; Comps. Rev. Dr. Scott, Rev. Dr. Bedford Jones, Comp. Forbes, and others. The membership of No. 210, is thoroughly representative and the standing of the Chapter is high.

After the summer intermission I resumed my official work on September 7th, with a visit to St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, Smith's Falls. This is a large unit, but the attendance, for a number of reasons, was not at all in proportion thereto. The Royal Arch degree, the ceremonial event of the evening, while fair in execution, was generally indicative of inexperience. The officers, led by Ex. Comp. Arnold, did manifest commendable energy in the performance of the work assigned them. Ex. Comp. McDonald, the Treasurer, gave the Mystical Lecture. R. Ex. Comp. Craig (1911), and other
Past Z.'s were present to lend assistance where needed. Comp. G. W. Fluker, Scribe E., is most attentive to his duties and of great service to the Chapter. Some really good addresses were given during the social hour which followed.

On October 1st at an Emergent Convocation, I witnessed Ex. Comp. Gordon, of Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, and his colleagues advance and receive a very large class of candidates. Ex. Comp. Howie, H., conferred the Mark degree quite creditably, while Ex. Comp. Gordon, Z., assisted by Ex. Comp. Gowling and Comp. Jackson presented the Most Excellent Master's ceremonies in commendable fashion. Ex. Comp. McCleery, Past Z. of No. 16, gave valuable help in special portions of the work. I remarked in my review of the ritualistic numbers that only when urgent concern calls for it, should so much work be attempted on the occasion of the Superintendent's visit, for the officers in consequence have too much to think about and so would not do themselves justice except in very rare instances. Considered from this point of view, I think all the officers deserve much credit for their handling of a difficult situation. R. Ex. Comps. Butterworth, Simpson (1919), and Grant (1922), of our own District, and D. A. Clark, of No. 8, were present to show their interest in the proceedings. Comp. Montgomery is an efficient Scribe E.

Four days later, on October 5th, I was in Carleton Place to examine the work of the officers of Maple Chapter, No. 116. The attendance was below the average. The Royal Arch degree was the ceremonial item on the programme, and it was exceedingly well portrayed, every officer acquitting himself in a highly creditable manner. In the absence of the Principal Sojourner, Ex. Comp. McFadden, J., supplied therefor, while Ex. Comp. Porterfield was Third Principal. The Second Principal is Mayor of the town, and has a splendid record in his manifold portfolios of soldier, government official, civic administrator and Craftsman. Comp. Berryman,
Scribe N., has long held that office and is most interested in the same. He has been a Royal Arch Mason for 43 years. But the Nestor of Freemasonry in Carleton Place is R. Ex. Comp. McIntosh (1897), Scribe E. He is well known in Chapter circles throughout the District and in the Grand Body as well, and is a very strong factor in the success of the local Institution. He gave me access to the records of the Order in the town, and is, himself, an authority thereof from his long and intimate association with the Craft. The First Principal, Ex. Comp. R. J. McLaren, besides performing all the ritualistic work assigned to his office, gave the closing Lecture as well, thus establishing a record in this degree for my whole tour. Ex. Comp. Bennet, Past Z., of St. John’s Chapter, No. 148, of Vankleek Hill, accompanied me on this visit. The pleasure associated with my official sojourn in Carleton Place was materially enhanced through the thoughtful consideration of Ex. Comp. Hooper.

I was present at the Regular Convocation of Glengarry Chapter, No. 143, Maxville, on October 26th, when the Companions met for the first time in their new quarters. The attendance was most gratifying. The Mark Master Mason degree, conferred on three candidates by R. Ex. Comp. Munro (1914) and his assistants, was a laudable ceremonial exhibition, both the candidates and the audience manifesting keen interest throughout the exemplification. It is worthy of note that all the officers, with the exception of the Janitor, have either Past rank standing in Grand Chapter or are Past or Present Principals in the local body Glengarry Chapter, after a considerable period of comparative inactivity, has taken on new lease of life, the large membership increase this year evidencing thereto. The new rooms, much of whose furnishings were the products of a local industry controlled and operated by a member of the Chapter, were officially dedicated on November 2nd. Though I was not present at this ceremony, the First Principal has
since informed me that the same was consummated as scheduled. The Freemasons of Maxville are to be congratulated on their new home, both from its commodious character and its artistic fixtures. My special thanks are due to Ex. Comp. McDougall, who kindly met me at the train and devoted an hour or more from pressing business interests to my entertainment.

St. John’s, No. 148, Vankleek Hill, of which Ex. Companions Elvidge and McRae have been the outstanding figures for many years, was my next inspectional venture. At an Emergent Convocation on November 29th, I saw the Royal Arch degree conferred on two candidates. The Second Principal was absent but Ex. Comp. McRae, Past D.D.G.M. of Eastern District and Scribe E., of the Chapter, made an admirable substitute. The attendance was creditable and the work fair. Ex. Comp. Elvidge as Principal Sojourner, and Comp. McIntyre as Master of the Veils, gave noteworthy contributions, the former delivering the Mystical Lecture as well, and in his usual excellent manner. The Council was regularly composed, with the exception noted above, with Ex. Comp. Kirby as Z., and Ex. Comp. Holtby as J., and all the ceremonial work appertaining thereto was performed by this year’s officials, the First Principal’s Lecture only, providing the exception. As this is my home Chapter, I am familiar with all the circumstances, attendant upon the convocations of a widely distributed clientele. The work was most interesting to me, with each worker a contributory factor. While my own association with the Chapter is only of five years’ standing, when I affiliated from Covenant Chapter, Cornwall, I yet feel justified in saying that the calibre of the membership is high and that the increase each year though not spectacular has, nevertheless, been substantial. A very pleasant hour was spent in the banqueting room.

I concluded my visitation work where I began it, namely as a guest of Carleton Chapter, No. 16,
at the Regular Convocation on November 16th. The attendance was the largest of the whole series; there were representatives from at least six of the Centres included in the District, among whom were five Past Grand Superintendents, R. Ex. Comps. Munro (1914), Scott (1916), Simpson (1919), Sutherland (1921), and Grant (1922). Eight candidates were exalted, all the participants aiding in the rendition of what was a highly praiseworthy performance. "Degree" effect, the ideal which all official groups should have in view, was measurably attained. Ex. Comps. Witten, Taylor, and Powers, form a very strong Council, indeed. The Scribes Allen, E., and McCallum, N., deserve particular credit for their contributions to the total ceremonial effect. A most pleasant event was the presentation to R. Ex. Comp. R. S. Simpson, Past Z., of a Royal Arch Jewel. The recipient responded in a happy vein, referring to his long association with Carleton Chapter.

A more than usually interesting time was spent in the banqueting hall, when addresses and musical numbers were featured. R. Ex. Comp. Simpson proposed the toast to Grand Chapter, in an illuminative address. In replying I reviewed my work as the representative of the Grand Z., stressed what the real relation of the Superintendent was, to the governing body and concluded with a brief analysis of the content and purpose of the ceremonies of the Order. It was most fitting that such a splendid function should terminate my official inspection, which had been in every respect and in each of the eleven Chapters, a most pleasurable and profitable experience for me.

The preceding paragraphs reveal a criterion for estimating the ceremonial effort of the year. They indicate that, in every centre, Freemasons have sought the value of the Royal Arch Association. Carleton Chapter, No. 16, planned an active campaign, aiming at membership increase, but outside of Ottawa city no special work of this kind came
under my notice. It might be efficacious in this regard, to have some qualified Companions, either local or otherwise, deliver carefully prepared addresses upon the legitimate claims of the Institution, before the various Masonic membership represented by the various Lodges included in the District. But, after all, we must rely upon the individual initiate for the presentation of our principles to his own circle of Masonic fellowship. To this and to the incentive for investigation, to which all Craft ceremonies lend valuable contributory aid, will be traceable all healthy growth.

In the review of the work offered for my valuation, I have sought to mention salient features only. It is unwise to try to correct everything that may show defect. He who attempts too much may fail to achieve at all. A Drill Instructor may produce a perfect machine but the material is constantly under his supervision and for lengthy periods. But, though the accurate and artistic rendering of our ceremonies is the ideal we place before the officers in charge, it must not be overlooked that Masonic work is more than drill. It is life and as such, evolution, and not direction, is more likely to attain the desired goal.

In thus completing my work as Supervisor of Royal Arch Masonry in Ottawa District, No. 13, I do not forget the associations I was privileged to form nor the many considerate attentions proffered me throughout the year. Out of these, Memory will often provide much real pleasure as this year recedes.

Fraternally submitted,

M. W. SHEPHERD,

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

I have the honour to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14. I desire briefly at the same time to express my deepest appreciation of the high honour conferred on me by the Companions of the District, and to gratefully thank them for having done so. I wish to assure the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and Grand Chapter, that I found on my official visits, to the various Chapters that the true spirit of Capitular Masonry was known and practised, and the ritualistic ceremonies quite uniform and in conformity with prescribed forms and usages. This District again had the honour of a visit from the Grand Z. who honoured Shuniah Chapter at Port Arthur, and Golden Chapter at Kenora with official visits. The officers and Companions of both Chapters expressed to me their deepest appreciation of the honour as well as the benefit of these visits.

On April 10th, I visited Alberton Chapter, No. 152, and was duly installed in office by R. Ex. Comp. Gillon, of Alberton Chapter, assisted by R. Ex. Comps. Gorham and Ledger, of Atwood Chapter, Rainy River, Ont.

Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur, Ont.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on November 21st. Ex. Comp. R. Routley, the First Principal, was unavoidably absent on this occasion, but his place was most capably filled by R. Ex. Comp. A. Frank. I was officially introduced by R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Morgan, one of the grand old Masons of the city, and was most cordially welcomed. Although no degree work was exemplified, yet the business of the evening was conducted in such a manner as to leave no doubt as to the ability of the officers to render their work correctly. Ex. Comp. Rodden is
an earnest and painstaking Scribe E., and keeps his books in an efficient manner. The social side of Masonry is not neglected here as was shown by a nicely served lunch, and in addition at the close of the meeting a very entertaining illustrated lecture was listened to by those present with real enjoyment. I wish to thank R. Ex. Comps. Ray and Morgan and several others for courteous entertainment during my visit in Port Arthur.

Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William, Ont.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on November 22nd. Ex. Comp. C. E. Watkins, the First Principal, and his staff of officers were all in their places which they filled most efficiently. I was officially introduced by R. Ex. Comp. A. D. Cameron and received a courteous and hearty reception. The Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a most creditable manner. Comp. E. Dagger is the Scribe E., and is a most efficient and business like officer, and keeps his books carefully and well. As noted in last year’s report this Chapter has a live Committee to provide social entertainment, and on this occasion it took the form of an impromptu programme of recitations and songs after a nice luncheon had been served, all of which was heartily enjoyed. This Chapter has a capable group of young members besides quite a number of Past Z.’s, who all take a live interest in the work so the future looks bright indeed.

Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora, Ont.—I paid paid this Chapter my official visit on November 23rd. McConnachie, the First Principal, was absent through illness, but his place was ably taken by Ex. Comp. Baker, Past Z. All the other officers were in their places. I was officially introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Chapple and Brydon, and given a very sincere welcome. The Most Excellent Master degree was most creditably conferred on a candidate by the officers assisted by the Past Z’s., and I cannot help saying that it was the best I had ever seen.
The real true spirit of the degree and of Masonry was really felt by all present. During the afternoon of the day I was in Kenora I attended with the Companions the funeral of a late Brother and Companion of Golden Chapter who had been accidentally killed a couple of days previous. This circumstance had a noticeable effect on the evening meeting. V. Ex. Comp. H. S. Galloway, the very efficient Scribe E., delivered a brief lecture on origin and symbols of the Most Excellent Master degree, which was very instructive and was deeply appreciated. As we saw this Chapter we felt assured that the good work is being carried on as it should be. We are grateful to R. Ex. Comps. Campbell and Brydon and several others for courteous entertainment during our visit there.

ATWOOD CHAPTER, NO. 149, RAINY RIVER, ONT.—I paid this Chapter an official visit on December 20th. Ex. Comp. L. D. Hickey, the First Principal, and all the other officers were all in their places. I was officially introduced by R. Ex. Comps. Gorham and Ledger, and was received most cordially. Ex. Comp. Hickey is a most efficient First Principal and conducted the business of the evening with promptness and despatch. The officers are well versed in their work, the Chapter room fully equipped and tastefully arranged, and the books under the care of R. Ex. Comp. Ledger, the Scribe E., are in good order. This Chapter has made good progress during the current year, and with a fine group of Past Z's. who keep up their interest in the work the future of Atwood Chapter is assured. I was grateful to R. Ex. Comp. Ledger for kind entertainment during my visit to Rainy River.

ALBERTON CHAPTER, NO. 152, FORT FRANCES, ONT.—This being my home Chapter I visited it officially on December 11th, and received a hearty welcome on being introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Gillon and Ex. Comp. Wright. Ex. Comp. Watson, the First Principal, and his officers were all in their places on
this occasion and the business of the evening was conducted in quite an efficient manner. No degree work was exemplified on the evening of my visit, but on other occasions I have had opportunity of seeing the officers at work and know that they do the work well. Scribe E. Comp. R. Bryce is a painstaking officer, but has been a little lenient with the collection of dues with the result that the unpaid dues column is altogether too large. However, the officers have assured me that this point will be attended to as speedily as possible. The Past Z.'s in this Chapter are ready and willing at all times, to assist in the work and are quite regular in their attendance. I wish to express my thanks to Alberton Chapter for recommending my appointment to such a high and honourable office.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

Wm. J. Clark,

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

I have the honour to submit for your consideration, the report of this District for the past year, and in so doing desire to thank the Grand First Principal for my appointment, and to express my thanks to the Companions of this District for their recommendation, and for the many courtesies extended to me and the many favours shown me during my visits, and for the loyal support accorded me in the work.

I am pleased to report that Capitular Masonry in this District is in a very healthy condition. Harmony prevails throughout the District, and the officers and Companions are most enthusiastic in the performance of their duties. The work is performed in accordance with the Ritual, and is now uniform throughout the whole District. Finances are excellent in all Chapters; the books are well kept, attendance has been very good considering the small number of resident members of the Mining Towns, and outstanding dues have been brought up to date.

It is a pleasure to report the amount of benevolence expended by some of the Chapters in the District; some $922.00, showing that although our membership is comparatively small, our Companions practise that most important of all Masonic teachings; the care of those Companions who are in distress, and the widow and orphan. The District had the very great honour this year of being visited by M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, G.Z., and R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and I had the pleasure and privilege of accompanying them on the 24th September, to Tuscan Chapter, Sudbury; and on the 25th September, to Algonquin Chapter, Sault Ste. Marie. Meetings were held at both Chapters, after which the Chapters were closed and an open meeting held to which all Master Masons were invited. These meetings at both places were largely
attended, and were addressed by the Grand First Principal, the subject being the connection between Craft and Capitular Masonry. R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith also gave splendid lectures on the same subject. The meetings were most enjoyable and also instructive, and it is to be regretted that similar meetings cannot be held more often and at all Chapters. I visited one of the above Chapters at a later date, and had correspondence from the other, and find that a great deal of enthusiasm was created, as well as a large increase in petitions for advancement.

I have visited all Chapters once, and many of them on two occasions, and in every instance have been cordially and hospitably received. I also appointed Ex. Comp. T. E. Armstrong, of Cobalt Chapter, as my District Secretary, and desire to thank him for his careful attention to the duties of that position.

**Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard.**—I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Chapter on the 4th April. I made my official visit on the 5th December, and on this occasion installed the new officers, the By-laws of this Chapter having been amended to make the election and installation due at the end of the year. I did not see any work conferred at either of these meetings, but during the year the officers of this Chapter visited Cobalt Chapter and conferred degrees in a most efficient manner. The prospects of Temiskaming Chapter are very bright.

**Cobalt Chapter, No. 203, Cobalt.**—I had the pleasure of installing the officers of this, my own Chapter, on the 15th May; and also on the 18th December, the By-laws of this Chapter also having been amended; and I made my official visit on the 20th November. Ex. Comp. Frank Cassie presided, and the Mark Master Mason degree was conferred in a very efficient manner. This Chapter is growing and the prospects are exceedingly bright.
Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury.—I had the honour of accompanying M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, Grand First Principal, on the occasion of his visit to this Chapter, on the 24th September, and in the presence of a very large attendance, listened to an inspiring address given by the Most Excellent Companion. The Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, also gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on the three Chapter degrees. I made my official visit on the 27th November, at which meeting Ex. Comp. Workman and his officers exemplified the Most Excellent Master degree in a most efficient manner. The Grand officers and myself were royally entertained by the officers and Companions of this Chapter, and the visits will be long remembered by me as being some of the most pleasant I have ever had. This Chapter has a most efficient Scribe E., is in a very flourishing condition, and has a bright future.

Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.—I also had the honour of accompanying the Grand First Principal, M.E. Comp. Spencer, on the occasion of his visit to this Chapter, and I also made my official visit on the same day. An Emergent Meeting was held in the afternoon, at which there was a very good attendance, Ex. Comp. Hesson, Z., and his officers, conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a most efficient manner. In the evening, the Chapter received Most Excellent Comp. Spencer, and R. Ex. Comp. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and in the presence of a very large attendance, including Companions from the Chapter at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, listened to a very inspiring address by M. Ex. Comp. Spencer, and an interesting lecture by the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith. This Chapter is in a most prosperous condition, and has a most encouraging future. The Grand visitors were well entertained and had the pleasure of visiting some of the most interesting places of this old and historic place.
Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, Iroquois Falls.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on the 28th September, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Le Heup and Ex. Comp. Armstrong. Ex. Comp. Ratheram and his officers conferred the Mark Master Mason degree in a very efficient manner. This, the youngest Chapter in the District, is making progress, and will continue to go ahead.

Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, Mattawa.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on the 16th October, and am indebted to R. Ex. Comp. Angus, Ex. Comps. Thorpe and Thacker who accompanied me on that occasion. This town is rather hard to visit on account of poor railway connections from the Northern District, and the Companions mentioned met me at North Bay, and conveyed me by automobile, which saved a great deal of time, and was exceedingly pleasant. This Chapter is in good financial condition and has very good equipment, but on account of business conditions, the prospects are not very bright. I did not see any work done, except the opening and closing of the Chapter by Ex. Comp. Jardine, who, by the way, drives some 20 miles to attend the meetings. Great credit is due to Ex. Comp. Macdonald for holding this Chapter together, and I think that as business conditions are likely to improve in this section, that the Chapter will eventually go ahead.

St. John’s Chapter, No. 103, North Bay.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on the 18th October, and had the pleasure of seeing Ex. Comp. Thacker exemplify the Mark Master Mason degree in a most efficient manner. This Chapter is in a very good condition, the officers and Companions are very enthusiastic, and I can only see a continued era of prosperity for them.

Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins.—I visited this Chapter on the 2nd January. Ex. Comp. Frank Evans presided. The Mark Master
Mason degree was conferred in a perfect manner. This Chapter has had a very prosperous year, and the future is just as bright. The books and equipment are in excellent condition.

In conclusion, let me say that I have enjoyed the privilege of being the Grand Superintendent for this District for the past year. The District is very large, practically 600 miles separating the Chapters at each end, and although it has taken much time, and long railway journeys. I have enjoyed every visit and appreciated the opportunity of meeting so many Companions, and thank them for their hospitality and able assistance. Finally I can assure the Most Excellent Grand First Principal that this District, although large in territory and small in numbers is doing excellent work; has great enthusiasm, and that the future is exceedingly bright.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK H. TODD,
Grand Supt., Northern Ontario District, No. 15.

Cobalt, Ont.
Owing to the great distance from Toronto to Dawson City, the acting Grand Superintendent of Yukon Territory, R. Ex. Comp. F. C. Powell, just prior to his sudden sailing for Singapore, had to request that the Grand Scribe E. at Toronto be advised by a Night Lettergram of the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Yukon Territory.

It was reported that Klondike Chapter, No. 154, had in hand funds to the extent $1,100.00, carried $500.00 insurance on its property, and that there was in sight considerable work for the Chapter during the coming year.

The membership of this Chapter, although, but a little more than 100, has many Companions who are working very enthusiastically for the general welfare of the Chapter.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, and—

Resolved,—That the reports of the Grand Superintendents of districts be referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, to report later at this Convocation.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS RECEIVED

Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Canada:

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton in introducing the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master said:—It gives me very great pleasure to introduce to you Most Worshipful Grand Master W. J. Drope, and Deputy Grand Master John A. Rowland. We recognize in the Grand Master one of whom it was written: "Uneasy lies the head that was born to rule," and most of all he was born to rule a school. But that does not worry him, because he is always happy and always genial among the friends of his boyhood whom he loves so well. He is father of 100,000 boys and children in the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, Solomon in all his glory was never so popular as one of these.

I have also great pleasure in introducing the Deputy Grand Master as one of that profession, which like Scotsmen likes to hear stories at its own expense. Well, he is administering justice, which is one of the primary virtues of Royal Arch Masonry. I am clothed in pride in seeing carried on the good work, which I helped to erect and to see the wonderful superstructure erected by them.

M. Ex. the Grand Z.:—We are more than delighted to receive the foundation stone of our Royal Arch. Last Fall I learned of M.W. Bro. Drope's good qualities, and you notice, Companions, how peculiarly and well the Immediate Past Grand Master introduces him as the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. Let me say that we have a prouder title than that, "the Grand Chapter of Canada." Will you brethren approach the Grand East so that I may extend to you the hand of good fellowship.
From New York

The Grand High Priest and his colleagues from the Grand Chapter of the State of New York were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Hopkings, who said, he presented M. Ex. Comp. F. L. Dutcher, of Rochester, Grand High Priest; R. Ex. Comps. Washington A. Russell, of Buffalo, Grand Scribe; Charles Hammel, of New York, Grand Captain of the Host; Samuel S. Forster, of Schenectady, Grand Principal Sojourner. These Companions were well known in the State of New York as Royal Arch Masons, and I present them to you for your cordial welcome.

R. Ex. Comp. Kenneth J. Dunstan said:—I welcome you to this our Sixty-sixth Convocation. We think it is no small honour that a Grand Chapter, such as yours, is represented here to-day. We realize that you are the largest Grand Chapter on this Continent and one of the oldest. You have already celebrated your 125th Anniversary and just as we all belong to those people whom we are proud to speak of as "Ancient and Honourable," so you are justified in speaking of your Jurisdiction in the same way. It is a peculiar pleasure to welcome you. Links of iron and steel bind the two peoples together. Thousands of people pass to and fro each day, but the ties which bind us together are of a pure and more enduring metal, the golden chain of friendship and brotherly love, which binds us more closely together as the years roll by. You are the Representatives of a foreign Jurisdiction, but we refuse to regard you as foreign in any other than a secondary sense. We are members of the great Anglo-Saxon race; our philosophy of life and our ideals are the same and we are both working for a common object, the betterment of man. We thank your Jurisdiction for having selected you as their official Representatives. No selection could be more grateful, more satisfactory or give more pleasure to us. I will ask you not to estimate the warmth of our welcome by our words, but rather to read in the hearts of the members of this Grand Chapter that warmth which I
know you will find there in abundance. May I express the hope that in the friendships which you will cement, and those friendships which you will create by your visit here you will always have a wealth of pleasant recollections, which, as years go by, will be gratefully remembered. On behalf of the Grand Chapter of Canada I bid you abundant welcome and hope your stay may be altogether happy and delightful.

M. Ex. Comp. the Grand Z.:—I have had an excellent Representative to welcome you. Will you come to the Grand East so that I may show how cordially we receive you.

FROM MICHIGAN

Representatives of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan were introduced by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, in the following terms:—I have the honour to introduce to you the Representatives from the Grand Chapter of Michigan. They have travelled many miles to come here to-day to pay their fraternal respects, not only to you personally, Most Excellent Sir, but to the vast delegation here assembled. It has been said, that Freemasonry girdles the Globe, and if that be true, then Most Excellent Grand Z., whether we greet our worthy Companions with water, wine or speech, we know they belong to our own tribe and family. I have the honour to introduce to you M. Ex. Comp. W. E. VanInderstine, Grand High Priest, who comes from the far northern part of Michigan. Then I introduce to you R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Goff, the Deputy Grand High Priest, who comes from Battle Creek, where they provide a good deal of the cereal food for the hungry peoples of the United States. And then as to my historical friend, R. Ex. Comp. George King Phillips, Grand Scribe, who, let me tell you, Companions, I think it was two or three years ago, had the honour of witnessing the youngest Royal Arch Mason ever introduced to a distinguished gathering of Masons such as this to-day, in the arms of the Grand Secretary of the Grand
Lodge of Michigan, Comp. Phillips' youngest son, in swaddling clothes. M. Ex. Grand Z., last year you greeted them with the "personal touch." May I not ask you on this occasion to extend to them your greetings with "the human touch," that touch of true fellowship, which, I trust, knows no country, no division or dividing line.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. addressing the delegates by name said:—Allow me to extend to you a very hearty welcome this morning. You, I am sure, have heard with a great deal of pleasure the words of our Grand Scribe E. As one of your members of the Grand Chapter of Michigan it affords me the greatest pleasure to welcome you. May your stay with us be pleasant and profitable; may it be so extremely pleasant that you will want to return and visit us again. We are indeed delighted to have you with us, and may I say to the assembled Companions, that our reception at the hands of the Grand Chapter of Michigan is always of the heartiest kind, especially from Bill Goff. Kindly come to the Grand East so that I may give you "the personal touch."

**FROM PENNSYLVANIA**

Delegates from Grand Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania were:—M. Ex. Comps. John M. Core, Grand High Priest; Thomas M. Connell, Jr., Past Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer; Joseph E. Quinby, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary; and R. Ex. Comp. Robert D. Cole, Principal of the School of Instruction. R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Reade who introduced them said, he was quite sure the distinguished Companions would receive a very cordial and hearty welcome.

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore said:—The honour falls to me to greet and welcome you here to-day in the name of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada. Coming as you do from one of the largest Jurisdictions in the world it is indeed fitting, and it is an honour which I esteem very highly, to welcome you here to-day. In the last
short few hours it has occurred to me, M. Ex. Sir, that there is really a little historical touch, which affects us to-day. I believe your Grand Chapter was instituted in 1795. My own mother Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, was instituted in the days of Washington; at the time of his death, when the great Altar and Charter were in mourning on the occasion of the death of that famous Mason. So you see all those little points affect us, and make it a really pleasant occasion to-day. Will you Most Excellent Companions approach the throne where you may be received in proper form by the Grand Z.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton in introducing the delegation from the State of Massachusetts said, I do not introduce, but I announce the presence of our old friend, M. Ex. Comp. Curtis Chipman, Grand High Priest, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Paul Sterling, Grand Chaplain, of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. Comp. Chipman is one of those special friends who is dear to us all. They know a good thing when they see it in Massachusetts, and they have given him the third year of office. He is good in substance and in form. We know him well. He comes from a Grand Chapter that is the centre of a great brotherhood, and he is the embodiment of all the good qualities that distinguish that wonderful State, where we have received such abundant hospitality. I leave the Companions to receive your cordial greeting.

R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis said:—Though you are the last to arrive of the deputations to our Grand Chapter, representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are not least in the love of this Grand Chapter of Canada. I am pleased that the happy lot should have fallen to me to welcome you as it affords me an opportunity of expressing my thanks to you and the Companions you represent for the cordial and bounteous hospitality bestowed upon M. Ex. Comp. Spencer and myself in a recent visit
to your City. If you enjoy yourselves here as well as it was my pleasure to enjoy your Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter of Canada will be abundantly gratified.

The M. Ex. the Grand Z. added appropriate words of welcome, after which Grand Honours were accorded the distinguished Companions.

ADDRESSES FROM SOME OF OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M. Ex. Comp. F. L. Dutcher, Grand High Priest of the State of New York, said:—On behalf of the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of New York, which I have the privilege and honour to represent, I wish at this time, being the first opportunity I have had, to express to you my appreciation of the hearty reception and the eloquent address delivered at the time that we were received within the sacred walls of this tabernacle, to extend to you the felicitations and best wishes and hopes for a most prosperous future from the Grand Chapter of the State of New York to the Grand Chapter of Canada. Upon my reception into this Grand Chapter it was facetiously remarked that my origin should not be charged up against me, because I go back far enough to have sprung from behind the Dutch lines that separate the lowlands of Holland from the rising waters between that country and the next. But in passing it behooves both of us to bear in mind, that those of that nation across the Channel at one time furnished a fleet for Prince William of Orange. (Applause)

He worked for religious freedom, for that liberty of thought and freedom of conscience for which he stood until his native country should be made a haven of safety. Then he returned and blessed Old England with that freedom and liberty of conscience and thought and opportunity for which our Masonic fraternity has always stood in the past and always will stand. It behooves us on the other side to bear in mind that the Pilgrim Fathers, for many years, until they gathered the strength and fortitude and
courage and independence to finally launch out and land on the New England coast, came from England. So pardon me if I make reference with some degree of pride to these matters in which we are both so deeply interested.

Also, as has been so well said by M. Ex. Comp. Ponton, whom we love on the other side of the border, these exchanges of fraternal greetings have made and will continue to make for a united Anglo-Saxon race.

We must bear in mind, whether we hail from one particular division or another, that in the main the great strain of the Anglo-Saxon blood and the English language, civilization, liberties and conceptions of law and order, which are peculiarly manifested in the English-speaking nations are expressed in the two great State papers, the Magna Charta and the Constitution of the United States.

We spring from one source; we are brothers, journeying along life’s pathway; meeting the trials and troubles to which all mankind is subject. We here are bound by, if not a greater tie, at least an equal tie, one of a common fraternity, a common companionship and brotherhood; and so long as the Masonic fraternity of America goes hand in hand with the Masonic fraternity of the Dominion, united in purpose, in thought, working upon a common problem—so long and no longer, are the principles for which both nations stand in the western hemisphere safe and secure. (Cheers)

In closing, because I must not trespass upon you at greater length, in the sea upon which this Craft is destined to pursue its journey and determine its course, there are storms, there are waves and there are hostile forces, elements more or less insidious and in others more bold in their assertions to which you and I must look. But the Anglo-Saxon race, the English-speaking race and the great Masonic fraternity can maintain unsullied those outstanding principles for which Masonry has always stood and always will stand; among others, educational life
and development, religious freedom of thought and independence; and last, but not least, respect for law and order, reverence to the God above; religion and patriotism going hand in hand with Masonic doctrine and principles. And it is not in generalities I am speaking, however you may find it on this side, but we remain alert in defence of the school system, public education and enlightenment, freedom of thought and equal opportunity; suppression of pernicious and evil influences. I have no fear for the future if we go hand in hand as we are doing to-day, meeting and exchanging cordial greetings of friendship, brotherhood and kindliness. Your problems are ours. Stand true to them, and there need be no fear of the future of these great democracies in which you and I are equally interested, and to which we naturally hold allegiance.

I thank you Companions of this Grand Chapter and your Grand First Principal for this opportunity of addressing you, and I hope when this year goes round and our Grand Chapter is in session, we shall have with us the Grand Council from this Grand Jurisdiction and not only them, but also all here present and more if they desire to come. (Cheers)

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Core, of the State of Pennsylvania, addressed the Grand Chapter as follows:—M. Ex. Grand First Principal and Companions, although I am here as the Grand First Principal representing the Grand Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania, I do not come with the idea of giving instruction or advice, I come rather to obtain useful information and to learn from our Canadian Companions what they have so well developed and worked out. I was very much touched yesterday afternoon when I came into this room in your hall and saw the emblems for which so many of our bravest and best have died for the two countries, which are so close together in this western hemisphere and which we all so dearly and justly revere. (Applause)
I do not know whether I have the same view of the Masonic fraternity that even many of our brethren and Companions to the south of you have, but having been a member for many years and having given some attention to its teaching and origin, as well as to its spirit, I feel that I have a fair working knowledge of Freemasonry.

The one thing that is outstanding in my view of the Fraternity is that it is first and primarily Anglo-Saxon. It has appealed to the mind of the Anglo-Saxon and has made progress with that race such as it has not made anywhere else. We in Pennsylvania, although we do not join you geographically, realize that all the foundations of Masonry, as we know it and practise it came to us—we are proud to say—from England. We are really English Freemasons in Pennsylvania, and we are very proud of it. Of course Freemasons have met on our shores within the geographical confines of the United States since early days. Not many years after the first Grand Lodge in England our Lodges were established in Philadelphia and Boston. We have had Freemasons for many years in our State and in our Jurisdiction and in the City of Philadelphia.

The oldest Chapter of the western hemisphere is in Jerusalem. No. 3, which runs as far back as 1750. We are very much attached to Freemasonry, and particular Capitular Masonry in the United States. I have just this to say: for years it seemed that the Chapter rather apologised for its existence in the States, and somehow the idea got out that it was only a stepping stone to something else, but Capitular Masonry is a Sovereign organization, existing solely for the good that it can do and not as an annex to any organization. We believe that the very foundation of Masonry is, to a certain extent, committed to the members of the Chapters. Our Lodges revere Freemasonry, but their memberships do not sometimes live up to the spirit of the Craft, but Capitular Masonry is the leaven that is keeping Freemasonry in the proper channel and true to the pur-
poses for which it was originated, and we are very proud to have this duty in our Jurisdiction.

I do not know how you Canadian Companions are getting along here, but from a secondary point of view we think that we in the United States are at a critical period in our experiment of government, which has now been tried out for many years. There are many ideas that are being promulgated there; I do not know that they are here; I would not be surprised if they were. But there is a feeling abroad in our country that anything that is necessary, or if there is anything that anybody wants, all that it is necessary to do—whether it be financial assistance or anything else—all that it is necessary to do is to amend the Constitution and it is all right. That is a feeling that is gaining ground, and in the great Middle West States and in the extreme West there is a great deal working that is of a Socialistic tendency. My conception of our duties is this: I believe in the individual responsibility of a man for his own well-being and not expect government interference to make him a Christian or a saint, or to make him healthy and independent.

It is not a matter of government; it is a matter of individual responsibility, and that is what is taught us in Freemasonry, from the E. P. degree up. The individual's obligation is: "I will do so and so"; not the Lodge or the Chapter will promise to do so and so. It is individual responsibility that is emphasized and not the class liability that is spoken of. Those are things that we should do well to consider. In the south we do not believe that Freemasonry is confined to the conferring of degrees and charity, but that we as citizens have rights and that we are bound to be good citizens and do our best for the up-building and betterment of our community. I thank you most heartily for this reception. I have certainly enjoyed my stay, if possible even more than a year ago. I hope that as many of the Companions as possible will come and pay us a visit in the City of Philadelphia. (Applause) I trust to see them as our guests and we shall esteem it a privilege to re-
turn some of the hospitality so lavishly bestowed upon us since we arrived in your city. (Applause)

M. Ex. the Grand Z.:—You have heard a most able address by my good friend, M. Ex. Comp. Core. There is one item in his address that I was a little surprised at. He made one allusion that he was never known to have made before. He said he had come to Canada to learn. Well, he has.

Comp. W. J. Drope, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, said:—Most Excellent Companions and Companions, it affords me a great deal of pleasure to be present on this occasion, and I wish to thank you, Most Excellent Sir, for the privilege you have conferred on me. I am ashamed to say that I have never taken an active part in the work of Royal Arch Masonry. I have concentrated all my efforts on Blue Lodge Masonry. I wish to convey to you the greetings of the scores of thousands of Masons throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. The Blue Lodge is the foundation stone of Masonry. Without it, there could be no Chapter, and it is gratifying to know that these two Grand Bodies pursue their separate but similar destinies in perfect harmony.

It is a pleasure to meet so many illustrious Companions from the various Jurisdictions of our neighbouring Republic. International spirit and fellowship is worthy of cultivation. I feel that we, on either side of the international border are not sufficiently acquainted, and this exchange of visits is very commendable and can only be the means of cementing more closely the ties that bind Masons in our various Jurisdictions. Masonry in the United States and Canada is a living vital force and we must individually and collectively work for the betterment of mankind.

I wish to congratulate you, Most Excellent Sir, on the zeal and enthusiasm you have displayed during your term of office in the prosecution of your labours. You have been most active and wherever I meet Chapter Masons throughout the Province I hear words of commendation of your work. I con-
gratulate you on the skill and ability you have displayed in conducting the affairs of this Convocation, and wish to thank you one and all for your kindly reception.

M. Ex. Comps. Curtis Chipman, Grand High Priest of the State of Massachusetts, and W. E. Van Iderstine, Grand High Priest of the State of Michigan, in a happy manner extended felicitations to the Grand Z., and the assembled Companions. Their remarks were not reported.

COMMUNICATIONS AND GREETINGS

We have, said the Grand Scribe E., this year received a large number of letters and many greetings. In response to our Christmas Card there was received from H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, an original autograph acknowledgment, “With best wishes for Xmas and 1924—Edward, P.” Greetings were also received from the Government House, Ottawa, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, His Worship, Comp. Mayor Maguire, of Toronto.

Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, wrote:—“Many thanks for the Greetings and good wishes from your Grand Chapter which have been so kindly sent to me. They are heartily reciprocated.”

The Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia in a letter said:—“I am instructed by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia, M. Ex. Comp. Vernon W. Stewart, to express to the Mother Grand Chapter of Canada, the kindest greetings and sincere wishes that the Annual Convocation may not only be harmonious but of especial value and benefit to the Royal Craft in general.”

From the Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan the following telegram was received:—“Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan send Greetings to Companions of Mother Grand Chapter in session. Regret we cannot have a Representative with you, and wish you continued prosperity and a very successful Convocation.”
Letters were also read from the Mayor of Windsor inviting the Grand Chapter of Canada to hold its next Annual Convocation in that city, this was followed by a letter from the Commissioner of the Border Chamber of Commerce, as well as one from the Assistant Secretary of the Border Masonic Temple Association, Limited, who said,—“It will be a great pleasure for us to welcome you here, and I am satisfied that we have first-class hotel accommodation, and can take care of all who will be here, and then there are a great many attractions around here, also we are very close to Detroit.” Ex. Comp. P. J. McConnell, Scribe E. of Ark Chapter, in his letter said,—“Having ample accommodation both in our New Temple and new Hotel we feel that we will be honoured if our City is selected for your next Annual Grand Chapter Convocation, and that it will be of interest to the Companions in this District.”

Regrets, owing to inability to be present, were received from R. Ex. Comps. Sir John M. Gibson, Grand Representative of Kansas; Judge T. W. Chappie, Grand Representative of Arkansas; J. K. Brydon, Grand Representative of Alberta; J. H. Cowan, Grand Representative of Florida; M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, Grand Representative of New York, all near the Grand Chapter of Canada, as well as from R. Ex. Comp. Edward Rolle, Grand Representative of Canada, near the Grand Chapter of New York.

Communications were also read from Lord Ampthill, Pro Grand First Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, as to exchange of Grand Representatives, as well as from Bro. Major T. G. Lumley-Smith, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, respecting fraternal relations having been renewed between the two Grand Bodies. Also from Lord Cassillis, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland, in which he refers to a proposed visit to Toronto in the month of May or June next.
GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

February 1st, 1923, to January 31st, 1924

Received by Grand
Scribe E. from Chapters on account of Dues, Fees, etc. $17,025.52

Accounts Paid—
Cheques and Cash $17,588.03
Benevolent Grants.. 2,900.00

Interest on Investments 3,108.40 Excess Payments over Receipts 354.11

$20,133.92 $20,133.92

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Investments, February 1st, 1923 at cost as per last accounts $55,761.80

Bought, January 28th, 1924, $2,000.00, 6th War Loan Bonds, Due 1st Nov., 1934 2,054.00

$57,815.80

February 1st, 1923 Capital:—
At Canadian Bank of Commerce $13,568.73
Incidentals Account in hand 25.67 $13,594.40
Investments, as per Schedule 55,761.80 $69,356.20

January 31st, 1924, Capital:—
At Canadian Bank of Commerce $11,168.04
Incidentals Account in hand 18.25 $11,186.29
Investments, as per Schedule 57,815.80 $69,002.09

Decrease $354.11
# INVESTMENTS HELD JANUARY 31st, 1924

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Totals ........................................ $57,815.80 $58,521.00

(Signed)  **GEORGE MOORE,**  
Grand Treasurer.  

B. F. GRIGGS, C.A.,  
Auditor.
REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

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

The continued growth of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction is most gratifying. When it is remembered that last year by the severance of the Chapters in the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan from this Grand Body, to form Grand Chapters of their own, we had a net loss of 3,948 members, yet we can show an actual increase in the membership, from the previous year, in the Province of Ontario alone of 946. Even after special grants to the newly formed Grand Bodies of $3,000.00, we have been enabled to invest $2,000.00 in War Bonds, and our finances were never in better condition.

It may not be amiss to state, that when the present Grand Scribe E. assumed his position, in the year 1915, we had then 19,179 members, and at that time the Jurisdiction included the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. Since the year 1916, owing to the Chapters of the four Western Provinces, having formed Grand Chapters of their own, we have lost in membership, 6,331, yet to-day we have a membership in this Jurisdiction of 24,547, showing, even with the loss mentioned, an actual increase in membership, during the past eight years, of 5,368.

As to our future from a business standpoint everything looks bright for the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction. In activity we sometimes find misgiving as well as joy, but consistent labour, like everything else that is good, finally brings its reward. Then the activity of our aim should ever be for the continued success of our Order.

No Delinquent Chapters

Every Chapter in the Jurisdiction has forwarded, for the past year, its Annual Return to the Office of
the Grand Scribe E. The constituent Chapters are making a better return of their officers than in previous years.

**DISPENSATIONS**

During the past year there have been issued one hundred and eleven Dispensations, some for Companions, as a body, to attend Divine Service, wearing Royal Arch Regalia, others for qualifying Companions elected to fill positions of First and Second Principals, while others for changing dates for holding convocations of Chapters. There were also a few issued for holding “At Homes,” and to permit the Companions to wear Royal Arch regalia, as well as to allow rural Chapters to confer the Royal Arch degree in conjunction with the other degrees on the same evening.

**RECEIPTS FROM CHAPTERS**

It will be seen from the Annual Statement, accompanying this report, that the amounts received, for the past year, from the constituent Chapters, in fees and dues, were $17,025.52, and with the interest on investments of $3,108.40, making a total in the receipts of $20,133.92. This information is fully set forth with the disbursements in the reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Audit and Finance Committee.

**CERTIFICATE OF STANDING**

During the past year a Certificate of good standing was issued to Comp. David Thomas Williams, of Crow’s Nest Chapter, No. 137, G.R.C., Fernie, B.C. This Chapter became dormant on January 29th, 1918, by surrendering all of its books and Warrant to Grand Chapter. Comp. Williams subsequently affiliated with Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 20, G.R. B.C., Fernie, B.C.
NEW CHAPTERS

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

Halton, No. 234, Georgetown, Ont.
Aurora, No. 235, Aurora, Ont.
Caledonia, No. 236, Caledonia, Ont.
Whitesand, No. 237, Canora, Sask.
St. Andrew, No. 238, London, Ont.
Blenheim, No. 239, Blenheim, Ont.
Smithville, No. 240, Smithville, Ont.
University, No. 241, Toronto, Ont.
St. Paul’s, No. 242, Lambeth, Ont.

CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION

McKay Chapter, Stoney Creek, Ont., received its Dispensation, October 27th, 1923, and was instituted December 5th, 1923.

Respecting Kildonan Chapter, East Kildonan, Man., and Prince of Wales Chapter, Winnipeg, Man., referred to in my report last year as having received Dispensations in the month of January, 1923, subsequently withdrew from the Grand Chapter of Canada to become connected with the Grand Chapter of Manitoba. Warrants were not issued to these two Chapters by the Grand Chapter of Canada.

WARRANTS CANCELLED AND SEALS DESTROYED OF CHAPTERS IN MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN

The Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan having at the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, with the consent of this Grand Body, formed Grand Chapters of their own, it was arranged that the Warrants of the several Chapters should be returned to the Office of the Grand Scribe E. as well as the Seals of the Chapters be destroyed. After the Warrant of a Chapter had been marked “Cancelled,” it could, if a request was made, be returned to the Chapter to which it formerly belonged.
All the Chapters of the two Provinces, which formerly had been connected with this Grand Body, have forwarded their Warrants to the Office of the Grand Scribe E. for "Cancellation," and they have been returned to their respective Chapters. The Seals of the Chapters have also been destroyed.

PRESENT STANDING OF MEMBERSHIP

The following tables show the present standing of the membership in Grand Chapter:

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Note.—Net loss of 3,002 members is owing to withdrawal of 3,948 Companions belonging to Chapters in Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan which formed Grand Bodies of their own.
Ontario 1,104 158
Manitoba - 1,461
Saskatchewan - 2,487
Yukon Territory - -

1,104 4,106

Note.—Net increase in the Province of Ontario for 1923 is 946.

The Jurisdiction embraced 149 Chapters, December 31st, 1923, distributed as follows:

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<td><strong>149</strong></td>
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**ACTIVE CHAPTERS**

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

University, No. 241, Toronto, 49; Occident, No. 77, Toronto, 41; Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston, and Antiquity, No. 91, Toronto, 40 each; St. Alban’s, No. 217, Toronto, 33; Ark, No. 80, Windsor, 31; Ottawa, No. 222, Ottawa, 30; Toronto, No. 185, Toronto, and Beaver, No. 225, Toronto, 29 each; Fort William, No. 140, Fort William, 26; St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto, and St. Clair, No. 231, Toronto, 25 each.

**BY-LAWS**

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

Sussex, No. 59; St. Lawrence, No. 100; King Cyrus, No. 119; Sombra, No. 153; Port Credit, No. 230; Halton, No. 234; Aurora, No. 235; Caledonia,
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

No. 236; Blenheim, No. 239; University, No. 241; St. Paul’s, No. 242.

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

— Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1; The Hiram, No. 2; St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4; Wawanosh, No. 15; Keystone, No. 35; Guelph, No. 40; Harris, No. 41; Niagara, No. 55; Orient, No. 79; Ark, No. 80; Warkworth, No. 110; Succoth, No. 135; St. Andrew’s, No. 139; Presqu’ Isle, No. 144; The St. Patrick, No. 145; London, No. 150; Ancaster, No. 155; Lorne, No. 164; Kichikewana, No. 167; Cobalt, No. 203; Abitibi, No. 223; Quinte Friendship, No. 227.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

YEAR 1ST FEBRUARY, 1923, TO 31ST JANUARY, 1924.

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ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1924
It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, and—

Resolved,—That the statements of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Scribe E. for the year 1923 be received and referred to the Executive Committee for report thereon at the present Convocation.
Warrants.

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

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report as follows:—

McKay Chapter, Stoney Creek, Ont., was instituted on Wednesday evening, December 5th, 1923, with seventeen petitioners, and it now has a membership of thirty-three.

The Grand Superintendent of the District, in which the Chapter is located, reports that the officers of the Chapter are capable of performing their duties, that the records of the Chapter are regularly kept, that it has the proper regalia and equipment, and he recommends the Chapter should receive a Warrant at this Annual Convocation.

Your Committee recommend that a Warrant be granted to—

McKay Chapter, No. 243, Stoney Creek, Ont.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES McC. Potts,
Chairman of Committee on Warrants.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. James McC. Potts, and—

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

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

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

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All of which is fraternally submitted.

WALTER G. PRICE,
for Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Walter G. Price, and—

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

AUDIT AND FINANCE

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

Your Committee on Audit and Finance submits the Auditors' Report and Statement of the Financial Standing of Grand Chapter as at January 31st, 1924:—

While we regret to note a small deficit through the operations of the year, we feel that the results are quite satisfactory when we consider the conditions that prevailed.

The formation of Grand Chapters in the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan reduced our membership some 4,000, and consequently reduced our revenue approximately $3,000.00.

The payment of the sum of $1,500.00 to each of these new Grand Chapters, as authorized at last Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, out of our reduced revenue, has resulted in a deficit of $354.11, for the year, but with the increased membership of the past year, and the fact that we are relieved of any further liability in connection with these Provinces, we can look forward to a comfortable and pleasing surplus for the current year.

There has been an increase in the expenses, chargeable against the Grand Z., for visitations, deputations, etc., but your Committee feels that the expense incurred by the Grand Z., in this connection, has been fully justified. The splendid, and much to be appreciated, harmony existing with sister Grand Jurisdictions, has been maintained, and his many visitations to subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, has been an inspiration to the Officers and Companions of the Chapters so visited, and produced beneficial results. We feel that Grand Chapter is greatly indebted to the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., for the many sacrifices of time and convenience which he has given to the Royal Craft, during his term of office.
In the matter of benevolence, Grand Chapter is proving itself a veritable hand-maiden to the Grand Lodge of Canada, by supplementing grants made by that Grand body in deserving cases of need and distress. The amount expended in benevolence during the past year was $2,900.00, and in this connection your Committee recommends that the remuneration of the Inspector be fixed at $50.00 per annum, in place of the allowance of $100.00 every third year, as formerly provided for.

The investments of Grand Chapter have been increased by the purchase of $2,000.00, 1934 Victory Loan Bonds, at a cost of $2,054.00.

Our investments now total a face value of $58,521.00, most of which is bearing interest at 5½ per cent., payments half yearly, the revenue from which, it is anticipated, will meet our requirements for benevolence during the current year.

As will be noted in the Grand Treasurer’s Report, our Investments are all in Gilt-edged Securities, purchased at a cost of $57,815.80, and having a face value of $58,521.00.

On the 13th of November last, we were notified by our Auditor, Comp. Bryan Pontifex, that under medical advice, he was required to relinquish the duties of his office.

Comp. Pontifex recommended Bro. B. F. Griggs, C.A., who had worked with him for some time, as his successor, and his recommendation was approved, and he has compiled the Annual Report here presented.

**SUMMARY CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1924.**

**RECEIPTS**

Balance, February 1st, 1923, as per last Account, at Canadian Bank of Commerce .................................................$13,568 73

Incidentals Account, in hands of Grand Scribe E. ................................................................. 25 67

$13,594 40
Receipts from Chapters—
Certificates ........................................... $ 1,576 00
Dues .................................................... 12,492 96
Fees ..................................................... 1,561 00
Dispensations and Warrants ......................... 200 75
Constitutions ......................................... 459 65
Sundries ................................................ 735 16

$17,025 52

Investment Account—
Interest Received ................................... 3,080 20

$33,700 12

PAYMENTS

Benevolence ........................................... $ 2,900 00
Inspection of ........................................ 100 00

$ 3,000 00

Investment Account—
$2,000.00 1934 Victory Loan bought.............. 2,054 00

Charges—
Salaries ................................................ $ 4,520 83
Superannuation ....................................... 1,000 00
Foreign Correspondence Report .................... 250 00
Office Rent, Telephone, etc ....................... 1,271 41
Premium on Guarantee Bond and Fire Insurance 18 00
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses ............. 472 12
Expenses of Executive Committee attending Convocation of Grand Chapter 1,158 75
Printing, Engrossing, etc.—
Proceedings .......................................... $1,385 54
Constitutions ........................................... 438 52
Certificates .......................................... 221 02
“The Work” ............................................. 1,022 53
Warrants ................................................ 40 00
General, Printing, Stationery and Binding..... 336 59

3,444 20

Audit and Financial Reports to January 31st, 1923 250 00

Grand Z. expenses, including Deputation Expenses and Visits to Grand Bodies in U.S.A., Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and the Western and Eastern Districts 1,100 00

Funeral Wreath and Flowers 35 50
Deputation, etc., Expenses 65 00
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Grand Chapter—
Office Equipment .................. 264 60
Officers' Collars .................... 152 00

$14,002 41

Grand Scribe E.—
Office Incidents, Postages and
General Expenses .................. 457 42

$14,459 83

Grand Chapter of Manitoba .......... $ 1,500 00
Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan ...... 1,500 00

3,000 00

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Balance, January 31st, 1924—
At Canadian Bank of Commerce ....... $11,168 04
Incidentals Account in hands of
Grand Scribe E. .................... 18 25

$11,186 29

$33,700 12

I certify that I have audited the books, accounts and
dvouchers of the Grand Chapter and found them in order; and
that the above is a correct summary of the Accounts. I also
certify that I have inspected the Investments of Grand Chap-
ter and found them in order, the cost value being $57,815.80
and the par value $58,521.00.

B. F. Griggs, C.A.,
of Sharp, Milne & Co.,
Successors to Pontifex & Co.
Toronto, 14th February, 1924.

Your Committee recommends the following
appropriations for the current year:—

Benevolence ................................ $ 3,000 00
Salaries .................................. 4,770 00
Superannuation .......................... 1,000 00
Foreign Correspondence ............... 250 00
Office Rent, Telephone, etc. .......... 1,275 00
Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses ... 500 00
Expenses of Executive Committee ...... 900 00
Printing, Engrossing, etc. ............. 2,500 00
Grand Scribe E., Office Incidentals ... 450 00
Other Incidentals ..................... 500 00

$15,145 00
We further recommend the re-engagement of Bro. B. F. Griggs, C.A., as Auditor for the current year.

We desire to again express our confidence in the loyalty and integrity of the paid officers of Grand Chapter, and our pleasure at the harmony and co-operation existing between the Offices of the Grand Scribe E. and the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

O. ELLWOOD,
Chairman.
M. E. Sherwood,
FRANK H. TODD,
Committee.

Toronto, February 27th, 1924.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, and—

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

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

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg leave to report as follows:—


This case came before Grand Chapter last year and the facts are reported at page 204 of the Proceedings of 1923. Companion McMullen has since been tried by his Chapter, found guilty of un-Masonic conduct and indefinitely suspended.

Your Committee recommend that the suspension be continued and that he be notified to appear before the Executive Committee and Grand Chapter at the next Annual Convocation to show cause why he should not be expelled.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. COWAN,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Alex. Cowan, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.
REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

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

Your Committee, to whom Grand Chapter has entrusted this Annual Review of what Royal Arch Masons within this Jurisdiction and in contact with their neighbours—(for the Golden Rule runs everywhere)—think and say and write and do, again report that all's well along the living lines of communication. A year of steady, steadfast though not spectacular progress and prosperity has closed with good fruitage and good sheaves of excellent wheat and we stand eagerly expectant on the threshold of another year of more than normal promise and prospective harvest. "So builded we the wall, and all the wall was joined together for the people had the will to work." We have been adapting ourselves to new conditions—new and narrower areas, but by no means narrower or more limited opportunities, and we have gone forward in the conscious pride of affluent motherhood, satisfied with our addition of "1,000 strong" to our own old hearth and home, and proud in the prowess and progress of our daughter Grand Chapters, between whom our parental and filial affection will ever be constant. Bringing the mellow experience of the past to the service of the present, concentrated in a definite jurisdictional territory of still nearly a half million of square miles, while they may with the Great Empire builder, modestly say "so much to do, so little done," yet we feel we are the honest interpreters of this Grand Chapter of Canada in assuring our Grand Principals, Grand Officers, and all in authority over us, that they have done their duty well and worthily, "have done the State some service," have perhaps builded better than they knew, and now with all Grand Honours pass on the sceptres of office and the insignia of responsibility to their successors, with the record-
ed verdict of their Companions—"something accomplished, something done." Under them we have settled into our stride—a good swinging vibrant forward movement, keeping the step, keeping the touch, keeping the faith, and hereafter under those who may be chosen to be the future Rulers of the Royal Craft, we press forward towards the mark, grateful for the past, confident in the future—"with heart within and God o'erhead." Surely then the Condition of Chapter Masonry, as well as that on which it is founded, is healthy and wholesome, and in the main straight, strong, sound and sure. Yet even the Highways of Friendship must be kept in repair. The Ways of Life to Heaven and light must be kept open—the rubbish cleared away by men of thought and men of action. So now as always, in the history of our radiant race and of our comrade-like companionship, there must be no remiss relaxing of effort, no anaemic apathy—no complacent optimism. Still we must obey the old behests. "Be strong, quit you like men." Live up to the standards of manhood under the Standards of the King of Kings. Eternal vigilance is the price of safety. "Behold he that keepeth Israel, he slumbers not nor sleeps." The Grand Superintendents report very few dormant Chapters and few drowsy drones among the members. The Royal Arch has no room or time for the moribund, the somnolent, or the indifferent, so let it be the message of this active Grand Chapter; "Companions if you know any such let this be part of your ministry, galvanize them into renewed activity—get the unifying and vivifying current going—renew their flagging interest and contact. Excellent Principals and Companions be introspective and ask yourselves for how much of their inattention and loss of touch am I responsible. What can I do to knit up again the ravelled sleeve—to improve the attendance at my Chapter. Make each Chapter (as has been said before and can't be too often repeated) a reservoir of vital resource, a centre of light and delight. Let the Men's House be more than the repository of
rite and ritual and mystery, but also of the joy of life. Your Committee are led to make this appeal and challenge because the only two outstanding discouraging features of the Chapter Reports are the relatively small percentage of attendance of members and the relatively large amount of arrears of dues in some Districts. Both these negative troubles can be cured by greater efficiency in administration, enthusiasm in those who lead and guide, and by making each member realize that he is a positive factor and sharer in the work and beneficient beatitudes of the Chapter. Principals and Grand Superintendents must not merely glow themselves but be able to kindle fire in others. Royal Arch Masons are quick to kindle—eager to respond—"Gladly would he lerne and gladly would he teche." We know of no picked body of men (chosen of the true) so satisfying to a speaker to address—to fix the purpose—stir the thought—strengthen the life—as a gathering of Masons who absorb, in order to reproduce and share with others. And as to the other complaint (much commented on) outstanding and accumulated arrears of dues, they are more than a problem of arithmetic. They are thoughtlessly buried talents—buried alive. Try the personal equation—appeal to "business and bosoms." Let us show that the converse of "where your treasure is there shall your heart be also," is also true. Be diligent in business as well as fervent in spirit.

This year as last year—like a tale that is told—the condition of Capitular Masonry has been affected and influenced by the passing of Companions true and good, sincere in friendship, ready in relief, gentle in sympathy, kind in grief. Some of them laid down their working tools in office—with their knightly harness on their backs. Of them as of the living—we who are spared to serve a little longer—it may be truly said the burden bearers become the blessing sharers. He giveth his beloved sleep. They do rest from their labours. On the pass of a life well lived each has entered beyond the veils. "No stream from
its source flows seaward, how lonely soever its course, but some land is gladdened.” Their works do follow them. Resurgent!

This year, to a greater extent than ever before, encouraged by the Grand Council, the constituent Chapters have attended Divine Service in Regalia on chosen Sabbaths, and together have sheared in prayer and praise, and have qualified themselves through illuminating addresses to give a reason for the faith that is in them. This privilege and practice of individual and collective and corporate worship, has always characterized the British Race, and who will say but that our standing in the community has been elevated thereby and that our own knowledge and love of the volume of the Sacred Law—our moral and spiritual trestle-board—has been increased and intensified. We have learned once again to say Our Chapter—Our Craft—Our Companion—Our Father—in those sacred edifices which as Cathedrals our ancient operative Brethren endeavoured to create so as to appeal to all as “Unity, mystery, majesty, grace. Stone upon stone, and each stone in its place.” And in this connection it is a matter of felicitation as directly affecting the condition and welfare of the Royal Craft; that so many new Masonic Temples have been constructed by the Builders during the past few years. Windsor, Kingston, Brockville, Hamilton, Haileybury, St. Thomas, are beacon lights calling on other Lodges and Chapters to do likewise. Provide for the social as well as the ceremonial side of Capitular Masonry—and do not forget that the column of beauty should always accompany the column of wisdom. Build like the giant, polish like the jeweller. As the King said, “The organization that is meanly housed is apt to be meanly housed is apt to be meanly esteemed.” We cannot have an A1 Chapter in a C3 compartment. Clear air gives clear thought, and attractive environment will be a magnetic lure to secure the attendance of those who love comfortable and congenial surroundings as well as attractive grace in action. Ameliorate conditions and the condition of Masonry
will improve. The workmen are not always in the quarries of toil—and there is an individual pride in the collective possession of our own Masonic home. Nowhere more than in Royal Arch Masonry is the interdependence of the groups and the individual better exemplified. It is the democracy of aristocracy—each a necessary and integral unit yet all brigaded together in the quest for the best.

And as Companions breathe life into the Chapters and the Chapters through their selected representatives—constitute the Grand Chapter with all its potential strength and responsibility, so the Grand Chapters that exchange Grand Representatives, and especially those Grand Chapters who reciprocally interchange visitations which are far more than official, conventional and courteous, do constitute linked Battalions. Here and now greeting and welcoming those Grand Jurisdictions that have sent their best to us from their Home Centres where our Rulers have tasted their abounding hospitality—their corn, wine, oil, incense and salt, we emphasize their significance and high import in determining the condition of Capitular Masonry. Our realization of its universality becomes clearer as latitude and longitude are merged in one far-flung brother line, and we emphasise our beneficent likenesses and forget our differences in this mutual clearing house of amity and friendship, this broadcasting and diffusion of good will and good sense. Our Masonic life is the richer through this interweaving of the magic carpet of Freemasonry—and while each retains his loyal allegiance to his own Flag and Mother Grand Chapter, the cords are lengthened and the stakes are strengthened in that good will among men that makes for peace among nations—peace, productive and permanent peace—peace at the centre and the circumference—

"Along our broadened border line—
We give but one glad countersign
So may it be till time shall end!
Halt—who goes there?—A friend!—a friend!
And thus we to the world may prove
That Nations can as Brothers love."
While the living actual present has both the "pith o' sense and pride of worth" and gives us much cause for satisfaction, and while it is the future that beckons with hope and opportunity, yet it is both of interest and profit sometimes to pause and examine our steps of progress—our rungs of the ladder of development—so that by a species of recapitulatory book-keeping, we may realize that our chronological decades have not been in any way chronically decadent.

Let us hope that every Chapter has its full shelf of Annual Proceedings with their pregnant Reports—and inspiring Addresses—the nucleus of the Library which every Royal Arch Mason ought to possess—opening up lands of treasure and lines of pleasure—in these repositories of things, new and old.

From the statistical records of these Proceedings we learn that in 1894 there were 87 Chapters, 4,023 Members, and the Receipts were $2,742. Benevolence nominal or anonymous.

In 1904 there were 108 Chapters, 7,675 Members. Receipts, $8,997; Investments, $24,082; G.C. Benevolence, $580.

In 1914 there were 166 Chapters, 18,333 Members. Receipts, $11,377; Investments, $31,304; G.C. Benevolence, $1,600.

In 1924 after the pangs and joys of last year's productive birth of the Gemini-gems of the West, the G.C.'s of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, we have in Ontario and the Yukon 149 Chapters, 24,547 Members. Receipts, $20,133; Investment assets, $57,815; G.C. Benevolence, $3,090. Our net gain in membership in the Province of Ontario for the year, 946. Gratifying as are these returns—especially when their values are increased by the well-founded confidence that in most of the Chapters due care for the concordant characters, constructive calibre, capitular candour and Craftsmenlike capacity of those chosen for exaltation to this Supreme Degree of Ancient Craft Masonry, has been exercised, yet we must not sit back
in supine satisfaction. We have more to do than merely to preserve what we have received. In our little world of the Royal Craft, "My mind to me a Kingdom is," and where there is mental energy, there must be vital activity. Mind is a motor; not a memory-box. All our circumambulations through this life in which we are enlightened citizens but transitory sojourners, tell the story of brotherly and companionable progress—of motion and emotion. We enter—pass, raise, advance, receive, exalt. We must level up, never level down—be fountains not cisterns, running rivers not stagnant pools. The world moves, new conditions arise. New occasions teach new and broader duties. "They must upward still and onward who would keep abreast of truth." So let this representative Grand Chapter, full of dynamic penetrativeness, fling forth its fiat to the fraternal forces of the constituent Chapters, gird up your loins, to do, not dream; serve, not swerve; work, not shirk. Let members and officers co-operate in bringing home to the Mother Chapters from the Mother Lodges, true and trusty Master Masons—not raw material but living stones, who will be pillars, columns and ornaments of the Royal Craft. There never yet was a true Chapter Mason who did not feel personal and enduring gratitude to the Companion through whose unobtrusive influence, he was brought into the light and knowledge of the story fully told—the real giving a new significance to the substituted, and the Great Name that is above all others. Nevertheless let each Brother to whom we discriminatingly offer a share of our Royal Birthright and Sovereign privileges, be also fully persuaded in his own mind—leave him a measure of spontaneity. Above all, let him be a matured Master Mason—able to understand this intellectual and teaching and devotional degree. Your Committee cannot too strongly decry and denounce, undue influence and premature pressure—sometimes we fear—in the enthusiasm for numbers—exercised on the inexperienced neophytes of the Craft. Wait till
they are able mentally and spiritually to appreciate and merit the grip and charm—faith and fulness of our catenarian covenant the one with the other, and all with Him who “set His bow in the clouds”—if peradventure we as faithful stewards of the mysteries and as men of good deeds and good will might attain thereto, and having attained, be strengthened, stabilized and settled within the great and four square Mansion of the Infinite which we, far from flawless, far from faultless human men and Masons, are privileged even in this Globe terrestrial to glimpse and touch through the Royal Arch—which never sleeps.

A deep debt of gratitude is due, and a whole-hearted recognition of merit should be given to all those manifold and organized activities in which the life of Royal Arch Masonry—so versatile in its points of view and contact—finds expression. The Principals’ Associations, The Building Committees, the Bureaus of Relief, the Christmas Tree and Hospital organizations, the Society of Masonic Research, the Librarian of the Robertson Library, the Historians of the Chapters, the Masonic Periodicals—each with a character and flavour distinctly its own—the Toronto Masonic Male Chorus (a matrix of melody), and all other choirs, organists, musicians, singers and entertainers who help us to forget toil and trouble, and realize that we are or ought to be “all good fellows together”—for we hold our being on the terms “each aid the others.”

Some subjects mentioned in the Reports—good food for thought and action—we may but briefly mention by way of friendly counsel and suggestion—

(1) Sixteen Chapters have no Insurance. Experience is a hard teacher. Better have Insurance and not want it than want Insurance and not have it.

(2) Several Chapters have not the Banners and Standards. After this period of depression passes they should be obtained. They add to the impressiveness. But more than Banners and Standards we
need Companions who can explain their traditional and tribal symbols.

(3) Chapters of Instruction, although those held have been very successful, appear to be less favourably received than the intervisitations of groups of Chapters and exchange or sharing of work. There are, of course, notable exceptions, and at a Chapter of Instruction the Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E. are towers of strength.

(4) Local registers of nights of meeting of Chapters and Lodges are recommended to be printed, framed and hung in the offices of leading local hotels, so that the stranger within your gates may realize and take advantage of the opportunity of visiting with you. This is not publicity—it is welcoming good fellowship. Know and be known.

(5) Past Principals continue to do loyal work for their Chapters. Indeed in some they are reported as not merely having a stabilizing influence—inducing confidence and unity, but also they are sometimes the mainsprings of action, especially when acting as Scribe E. All old and young should co-operate, and latent or backward talents should be drawn out.

(6) Promptness and clarity in correspondence with G.C. Officials is essential. The G.S.E. sets a commendable example in this respect. There is such a thing as too much correspondence and the “chain letters” with which Companions and Brethren have recently again been flooded, cannot be too strongly denounced. How otherwise sensible men can lend themselves to such superstitions and perpetuate and propagate them is one of the mysteries. Clear away the rubbish.

(7) Immigration into Canada this year promises to be large. Many British Companions will bring their credentials and will receive a special welcome and warm handclasp. But we Royal Arch Masons have a special part to play in helping to make a homogeneous Canadian whole from the heterogeneous materials annually landing on our shores. We can use the transforming alchemy of our wise and
gentle and constructive Craft—putting into patriotic action the desire we should all possess to make Ontario a productive province of well ordered homes and loyal citizenship. Here is philanthropic work for all. Give them greeting—find them work. Let them realize that our Masonry is **Truth, Charity and Service**—as that great Mason, Dr. J. Fort Newton so comprehensively defines it. Then they will in very truth stay and say, "Entreat me not to leave thee—thy people shall be my people—thy God my God."

While the Grand H., Grand J., and other Grand Officers have done their full duty throughout each month of the busy year just past, when we read the Grand Superintendents' Districts Reports, we are lost in wonder at the mileage covered, the visits paid, the speeches made by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E. Apart from their friendly excursions and incursions to the territories of our friendly neighbours in the South, they have simply camped on the trail of about all our Chapters in the North, East and West. Their sun was literally always at its meridian. They ate and were merry—they never slept. They gave admonition and instruction and encouragement, and stimulated the circulation of the life blood of the Chapters. They were not too good, but just offered human nature's daily food. And the Companions apparently with one voice sang in chorus, "May your speeches and species continue to multiply and your shadow never grow less."

Let the **Grand Superintendents** speak for themselves—while there are four outstanding ones, there has never been a higher average of ability, fidelity and zeal. Read the following suggestive and informing paragraphs, which best reflect and interpret the men of light and leading who wrote them and also the Chapters and Companions who gave them birth, who with few exceptions amid all the vicissitudes of fortune and varying circumstances and fields of labour, are building buoyantly and well those power houses on the line, without whose united and per-
sonal energy, and leaven, their communities would be stale, flat, unprofitable and colourless. Here are some extracts which we hope will whet the appetite for more:—

It has been a delightfully profitable experience to me and I recall with pleasure the spontaneity of welcome extended. To point out the excellence of the Royal Craft and the duty required of all to raise it to its proper eminence by a daily public exemplification of its principles.

This zeal is especially noticeable in the Younger Chapters.

The loyalty of the highly efficient body of Past Z.'s whose presence at regular convocations is a guarantee of support and guidance.

I desire to express my approval of the actions taken by three of the Chapters in holding "Master Mason" Nights at which brethren were addressed by distinguished Royal Arch Masons on the beauties and mysteries of Capitular Masonry.

They were truly purple robes of oratory uniting practically as well as symbolically, Ancient Craft Masonry with the Holy Royal Arch.

The ceremony of the Royal Arch Degree with a precision of movement and address which was delightful to witness. It was impressive not only to the candidate but to the large number of Companions present.

I advised the officers to take Companions and personally train them and so prepare for the coming year.

The quiet dignity, which pervaded the Chapter and the ceremony, produced an air of solemnity highly suitable to the reception of lessons of this Royal Craft.

I received the impression of an alert, inquisitive and interested body of Royal Arch Masons, eager to receive and give the best in the Craft.

This Chapter is supported by two pillars of strength and wisdom, while the beauty is completed by the spirit of the Companions.

The Christmas benevolence of this Chapter must preserve it in a high position in the esteem of the community.

I sincerely hope that a satisfaction with past good works is not rendering the Companions less enthusiastic than those who raised it to its pinnacle of fame. Let us shun mellowness and keep our interest as green and flourishing as the Isle of your Patron Saint.

I saw here a grand example of the benefits to be obtained from the performance of our ceremonies which enable those who faithfully discharge their duties to overcome natural reserve of disposition.

Such events impress on us the real value Masonry has to those devoted to it and inspire us to onward effort to make her a decided factor in the life of the community.
At the Fourth Degree a splendid and most varied programme was rendered by Companions of the Chapter which believes in developing the talent of its own members so that all may be kept interested and at work.

Being thus firmly established among us and drawing its membership from that great body of men destined to occupy prominent stations in every branch of the sciences, it possesses a unique position for the dissemination of the principles of the Royal Craft. Responsibility is the complement of opportunity.

The enthusiasm and companionship was exceptionally cordial and the evening was a succession of impressive ceremonial, pleasurable companionship and congenial social intercourse.

This Chapter stands out pre-eminently in the practice of that virtue we all profess to admire. Annually they entertain and provide presents for the children and attendants from the Children's Home.

The Christmas tree and dinner given to 500 children of their district, is only one of the many charitable deeds of Antiquity.

The Fourth Degree was made especially pleasant by the high calibre of the talent provided.

His books are kept in a businesslike manner and are a model of neatness and accuracy—his Mark book being up to date.

The Chapter contributed $500.00 to a very worthy cause, the building of Peel Memorial Hospital.

The noted hospitality of Mount Sinai was much in evidence at the Fourth Degree.

At the Fourth Degree the usual Irish Companionable spirit was very much in evidence. Their songs and stories added much to the evening's enjoyment.

After the close of the degree, the Worshipful Master gave a very interesting and instructive explanation of the origin and use of this Mark.

A pleasing feature of the Fourth Degree was that the talent for the entertainment was all provided by members of the Chapter.

To a considerable extent, Shekinah's members are made up of transportation men and it was a happy thought inaugurating a night for this body of men.

The Fourth Degree was made doubly interesting by the address of Ex. Comp. Senator Gideon Robertson, former Minister of Labour, who spoke on the appropriate and interesting subject of Transportation.

A pleasant and unique feature of the evening was the original manner in which beautifully illuminated addresses were presented to Most Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer and Right Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith.
After thanking the Companions for their thoughtfulness, the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal, spoke at considerable length in his usual happy manner, which with his personal touch, left with the Companions an impressiveness which they will not soon forget.

King Cyrus Chapter is to be congratulated on holding a Past Grand Superintendents’ Night, as it keeps alive the interest of those who have occupied this important office.

I bespeak well, for the future of this Chapter, judging by the enthusiasm shown by the Officers and members. On my first visit to this Chapter, there were fifty-nine members present, out of a total membership of sixty-one.

Most Ex. Comp. Spencer on being called by the First Principal, gave a short address in his usual style, on the aims, objects and progress of Royal Arch Masonry in his Jurisdiction.

R. Ex. Comp. H. T. Smith gave an excellent and instructive address on "The Connection Between Symbolic and Capitular Masonry."

The Companions of this Chapter are to be congratulated on their beautiful and well-furnished quarters, which are a credit to themselves and the District, and an evidence of growth and prosperity.

The interest in Capitular Masonry is increasing all over the District and the prospects for the coming year are most encouraging.

Many of our Chapters call off for two or three months during the summer, and as our winters are quite severe, especially in the north end of the District, and as the majority of these Chapters are composed of and draw largely from the farming community their season for business is much too short and leaves very little time for Fraternal visits.

I have advocated through the District the advisability of curtailing the holidays and increasing the Fraternal visits if we are going to see Capitular Masonry bloom and grow as it deserves.

It is good to see these Past “Z.’s” so energetic and pains-taking. We dispersed with feelings of mutual good will and a desire to meet again.

The exemplifying showed much attention and thought.

Fraternal visits I believe would be more instructive and more beneficial than Chapters of Instruction.

If possible, Past Principals’ Night should be incorporated into all the Chapters, then rigidly adhered to at least once a year; it keeps the Officers not only in touch with the work, but also with the Chapter.

The solemn and impressive ceremony of the consecration of a Chapter should be taken advantage of by all possible.
Many questions of vital importance were asked and answered to the fullest satisfaction of those seeking knowledge.

They have a very strong Lodge to draw from there.

While the duties at the time loomed large and onerous they were made comparatively easy by the spirit of zeal and co-operation that permeated the officers.

These Companions regularly travel the intervening distance in all kinds of weather to carry on the work without any appreciable assistance from the Companions resident.

The personnel of this young Chapter is seemingly of the proper type, and will no doubt gain greater distinction as they advance in the school of Capitular experience.

The sound policy of the three Principals respectively taking charge of the various degrees has been perpetuated admirably.

Illuminating addresses were presented to the Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E. in a unique and happy manner.

His initiative and all-round good qualities have assisted materially in placing the Chapter on the high pinnacle attained.

They are well fortified financially, have a fine staff of officers, ably supported by the Past Principals, four of them being Past Grand Superintendents, all of whom were present on this occasion.

The work was a masterpiece in every detail, the processions were dignified, and the addition to the splendid choir lent charm and beauty to the effect.

The Grand Z. and the Grand Scribe E. adding with characteristic kindness such information and instructions as they deemed necessary in the best interests of the Royal Craft.

It was a pleasure indeed to see so many of the older Companions of Brant Chapter participating in the work. Time surely has not dealt unkindly with those old Companions from Paris nor dimmed their ardour for Capitular Masonry. I must congratulate Oxford Chapter on their beautiful rooms. Capitular Masonry is indeed flourishing and a spirit of optimism prevails throughout.

An enjoyable "Sit around talk" was indulged in prior to leaving for home.

A spirit of good fellowship was to be found everywhere. It is with pleasure and pride that I noted the strength and growth of Capitular Masonry.

In conclusion, Companions, my heartfelt prayer is that you all be of one mind, live in peace and thus shall the world see how dearly Masons love each other.

This has been a year of healthy growth and sane progress and I believe that it can honestly be said that we have made a strong step forward during the year.

Believing that Fraternal visits do immeasurably more good than any Chapter of Instruction.
This was an unique event in that it was the first time that the whole of the Grand Council were present at any function.

There is a lesson for all of us in their perfection and that is that the officers must turn out to rehearsals.

It is to be hoped that there will be more of these visits for so are we bound together.

I feel that to the Organist is due a large share of the credit for the wonderful floor work.

A goodly number of Past First Principals indicated the sustained interest they entertain for the Order and the zeal with which they labour for the success of Bruce Chapter.

In a town of this size there should be a more aggressive and enthusiastic Chapter.

It is indeed very gratifying to note that this Chapter which was so long dormant is now forging ahead very rapidly.

Owing to the influence of one or two Masons in the town there seems to have arisen an unfortunate spirit of ill will which discredits both those responsible for it and the Lodge to which they belong.

If every Companion in the larger centres was as enthusiastic as those at Inwood the Royal Craft would double its influence overnight.

The work is well done and the books and records are a model.

Only one Chapter has not yet secured the tribal banners and they have promised.

After the regular work was finished Master Masons were permitted to enter the Chapter and then R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith gave a much appreciated lecture on the relationship of Symbolic and Capitular Masonry. M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer gave a very interesting talk on the DeMolay movement. Several visiting Companions from the Grand Chapter of Michigan gave short addresses.

M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer also gave a short address that was greatly appreciated which went a great way towards strengthening the bond of companionship in Royal Arch Masonry.

This Chapter have good ground to work on, and I feel that the spirit of Companionship that seems to predominate is a real factor and essential to Royal Arch Masonry.

It often occurred to me in years gone by that it would be a splendid thing for Royal Arch Masonry if it were possible to bring together all the Companions in the District in one central meeting place, which would enable them to become acquainted with each other and also to have present at that meeting, the wives and families of the Companions.

My desires is that Royal Arch Masonry will continue to flourish and be a real power for service throughout the District.
One is so appreciative of the honour of representing the Grand Z. that it seems ungrateful to criticize; hence the impulse to forget that which is unpleasant, and to repeat the self-satisfying platitudes, that are apt to soothe us into inaction, even if they do not put us to sleep.

Our statistics show a favourable year. Our officers are, for the most part, leading citizens, of whom the Craft may be proud.

But we have apparently devoted so much attention to producing letter perfect degree work, that we have become mechanical, cold unsympathetic, to the exclusion of the personal touch, friendship, love. I recommend that the greatest emphasis be placed on our social activities in 1924, and that there be no hesitation in raising the dues to a point where the officers will have some latitude in this respect.

On Wednesday, June 20th, we held a Chapter of Instruction. The meeting was very successful, due largely to the presence of the G.Z. and G.S.E.

All the Chapters co-operated most heartily, and, in the making of friendships throughout the District, as well as in the instruction gained, all feel that the meeting was a most profitable one, to be repeated at frequent intervals.

Attendance has been very good considering the small number of resident members in the mining towns, and outstanding dues have been brought up to date. It is a pleasure to report the amount of benevolence expended by some of the Chapters in the District; some $922.00 showing that although our membership is comparatively small, our Companions practice that most important of all Masonic teachings. The District had the very great honour this year of being visited by Most Excellent G.Z. and R.E. Grand S.E.

I find that a great deal of enthusiasm was created, as well as a large increase in petitions for advancement.

The District is very large, practically 600 miles separating the Chapters at each end, but although large in territory and small in numbers, is doing excellent work; has great enthusiasm, and that the future is exceedingly bright.

On every occasion I was courteously received and made to feel, that to be a Mason was worth while, but to be a Royal Arch Mason in its truest sense far outweighs any official distinction.

This being my first official visit I faced the duties with considerable trepidation, but I was at once put at ease by the hearty reception I received. (Hills always appear steep on approaching them).

Several Companions gave short talks brim full of pith.

I was not only reminded that this was the home of the Most Excellent the Grand Z., but it was also my home for the present.

The influence of their united effort in promoting increased energy and good fellowship among the members.
This District again had the honour of a visit from the Grand Z. The Officers and Companions of both Chapters expressed to me their deepest appreciation of the honour as well as the benefit of these visits.

This Chapter has a capable group of young members besides quite a number of Past Z.'s who all take a live interest in the work, so the future looks bright indeed.

Scribe E. is a painstaking officer, but has been a little lenient with the collection of dues with the result that the unpaid dues column is altogether too large.

I have endeavoured to discharge my duties with a full appreciation of the confidence placed in me by the Companions, and of the responsibility of the office.

Seldom have I seen a better balanced set of officers.

The interest manifested by the Past Z.'s of this Chapter assure us that it is in good hands and alive in every sense of the word.

Better Masons—it is along this line of thought that I have endeavoured to work throughout the District.

The office brings to him both a dignity and a responsibility.

He realized that the duties thereby assumed were, at least, commensurate with the rank attained and these obligations he has sought to discharge with fidelity.

A rare appreciation of the genius that moulded great principles into a comprehensive ceremonial system.

Throughout one sees the Human Spirit striving towards the goal of Self-realization by Knowledge, Labour, and Worship.

Firming believing in R.A. group as a teaching force and as an essential correlative of the preceding degrees.

Though the teachings of the Order do not advocate aggressive self-assertion, they do endorse recognition of merit. In social service, in all its complex ramifications, there is a fertile field.

In the banqueting room a social hour of much import was enjoyed.

A widely distributed clientele. The work was most interesting to me, with each worker a contributory factor.

The increase each year though not spectacular has, nevertheless, been substantial.

We must rely upon the individual initiate for the presentation of our principles to his own circle of Masonic fellowship. To this and to the incentive for investigation, to which all Craft ceremonies lend valuable contributory aid, will be traceable all healthy growth.

He who attempts too much may fail to achieve at all.

Masonic work is more than Drill. It is Life and as such, evolution, and not direction, is more likely to attain the desired goal.
The foregoing excerpts from the District Reports are fairly illustrative of "many men, many minds," yet with a singleness of purpose though many sided, and a whole-heartedness that finds its outlet along many channels. The Districts need men of virile strength and mental stamina.

When one member suffers all the members suffer, and where none member is honoured, all the members rejoice thereat. To be unanimously chosen as the Head of the Law Society of the Province in succession to such a long line of distinguished men, is indeed an honour, and Most Excellent Companion Harcourt, Past Grand Z., is to be cordially congratulated by all of us, his Companions and friends.

This Report would not be complete if your Committee failed to note and to commend the closer drawing together of the Mother Lodges of the Craft and the Chapters who recruit their membership from these their cradles, fountains and source. Commencing a few years ago this approachment has become more and more evident both in the interchange of officers and of visits, and the holding by the Chapters of Master Mason Nights, when all meet together to consider matters of mutual interest, to enjoy social functions, and to realize their mutual identity of interest, of origin and of aim. The more intimate the co-ordination of our work and standing, the more will we Chapter Masons "be fruitful and multiply."

In conclusion, all along the line, we note the loyal note struck by the Companions of this Royal and law-abiding Craft. No anarchy—no rebellion against constituted authority—no demagogues dallied with or fanatics tolerated. We express ourselves with no uncertain sound. We are positive, not negative. Of two evils we choose neither.

We have advanced with no dramatic surprises and no melodramatic haste—in strength and fibre as in mass and multitude—in quality as in quantity. Let us continue to guide and guard—and strive as Excellent Comrades to excel in all that is good and great. We are co-trustees together for the sturdy
reliability of the race, which is our heritage. For centuries we have been laying foundations, gathering materials, shaping stones into unborn to-morrows. It is time for action and productive work. "My Father worketh hitherto and I work"—said the Most Excellent Master. One part of our work is educative and stabilizing—another is the mitigating the bitterness of controversy and conciliating those who are sometimes apparently (though not really) hostile or detached through misunderstanding or selfish leadership. No politics, but good citizenship and statecraft and an intelligent interest in all that concerns the welfare of this Commonwealth of free Nations within the Empire. Surely these are not beyond the ken or horizon of a Canadian Masonic Service Association. Men of brain and brawn not supplanting, but supplementing each other, and all standing four square together—one bulwark of the right—one front in every fight—all Masons one. No nobler wordcraft—no worthier thoughtcraft, could close this Report on conditions as they are or ought to be within our cementing bonds—our ever enlarging and plactic bounds, than those of Thomas Carlyle, sage and philosopher and Brother—who thus gives us in Sartor Resartus an ideal of life and honour:—

"Two men I honour. First, the toilworn Craftsman that with earth-made implement laboriously conquers the Earth, and makes her man's. Venerable to me is the hard Hand; indefeasibly royal, as of the Sceptre of this Planet. Venerable, too, is the rugged face, for it is the face of a Man living man-like. Hardly-entreated Brother! For us was thy back so bent. Yet toil, toil on: thou art in thy duty; be out of it who may; thou toilest for the altogether indispensable, for daily bread.

"A second man I honour, and still more highly: Him who is seen toiling for the spiritually indispensable; not daily bread, but the bread of Life. Is not he, too, in his duty; endeavouring towards inward Harmony; revealing this, by act or by word, through all his outward endeavours, be they high or
low? Highest of all, when his outward and his inward endeavour are one: when we can name him Artist; not earthly Craftsman only, but inspired Thinker, who with heaven-made Implement conquers Heaven for us! If the poor and humble toil that we have Food, must not the high and glorious toil for him in return, that he have Light, have Guidance, Freedom, Immortality? These two, in all their degrees, I honour: all else is chaff and dust.”

William N. Ponton,
Chairman.

Belleville, February, 1024.

It was movevd by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

The Executive Committee through its Sub-Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence has carefully considered the Notices of Motion which appear on the Agenda and beg to report as follows, namely:

1. By M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone—

The object of this Notice of Motion is to amend that portion of Section 11 of the Constitution referring to the designations of the Grand Superintendents and of their several respective Districts. The Companions will recollect that at the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada its consent and approval was given to the formation of Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in those portions of our then occupied Territory consisting of the Provinces of Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, and that at a prior Convocation of Grand Chapter consent and approval was given to the formation of a Grand Chapter in British Columbia. Since the withdrawal of the Chapters in each of the respective Provinces no change has been made in our Constitution where same refers to the respective Grand Superintendents of the respective Districts of the fifteenth to the twenty-second, both inclusive. In order, therefore, that our Constitution may correctly set out the designation of the Superintendents of the existing Districts of this Grand Chapter, it is necessary to eliminate all reference to the Superintendents of the Fifteenth to the Twenty-second Districts, both inclusive, and to give New Ontario District the Number "Fifteenth" instead of "Twenty-third," which it at present enjoys.

There is no legal objection to Grand Chapter considering this motion.
2. By M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spence—
The object of this Notice of Motion is—
(a) To amend Section 173 of the Constitution by fixing a definite uniform date for the election of Officers of all constituent Chapters. At the present time the date of the annual election of officers is provided for by the By-law of the respective Chapters.

(b) To amend Section 251 to the effect that in addition to the payment of arrears by a member suspended for non-payment of dues, his restoration to good standing will be subject to a majority vote of the members present at a regular Convocation.

(c) To amend Section 252 which now provides for the remission of dues of a member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues after certain formalities have been complied with and his consequent restoration to good standing without ballot. It is now proposed that the restoration to good standing is to be subject to the majority vote of the members present at a regular Convocation.

Apparently it is not intended that notice of a motion for restoration shall be given in advance to Companions of the Chapter.

There is no legal objection to Grand Chapter considering this Motion.

To amend Section 278 of the Constitution by the insertion of the words “with gold lace and fringe” in the reference therein to the collars of certain Grand Chapter Officers.

There is no legal objection to Grand Chapter considering this Motion.

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. Malone,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, and—

Resolved,—That the report of the Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead present the following:—

Another year has passed, and we meet and find that our lives are growing shorter and that the spark of life has been extinguished in many of those faces, who we miss at this Convocation.

But what is the Death of a Companion, whose body we give back to Mother Earth? What is the Death of a Companion in the light of the teaching of the Word of God, one of our greater Lights? It is a victory, God's Victory in man. Instead of grief and sorrow and tears, our hearts should feel that their souls have been garnered to God.

Nature demands we must weep, but above this should be the higher nature that looks upon the deceased Companion and says to God another noble life ended, another soul gone home, and when the Lord should come to claim His own, and the wilderness blossom as a rose, and shame and sin and sorrow be no more, then our thoughts of an earthly farewell may sunder us only for a time, for they are not dead they only sleep.

We should be living the life, giving the message and leave nothing undone that human life could do to bring honour and glory to our Master's Name.

"The soul of life is in the will to give
The best of life in willing sacrifice,
Youth only reaches greatness when he dies
In fullest prime that love and truth may live."

We cannot but deplore the loss to Capitular Masonry of so many good and faithful Companions and so we desire to place on record our knowledge and appreciation of their services.

M. Ex. Comp. Henry Robertson, who was elected an Honorary Past Grand Z. of this Grand Body many years ago, and who had in the early days been Chair-
man of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence died in Collingwood, on the 19th of September, 1923. He had been ailing for many years prior to his decease. He was in his 84th year.

The late M. Ex. Comp. Henry Robertson was born in Whitchurch, York County, Ontario, on May 31st, 1840, and was educated at Hamilton Central School and at Barrie Grammar School. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1861, with the degree of LL.B., and was called to the Bar the same year, and has practised law in Collingwood ever since. In 1890 he was created a K.C. by the Earl of Derby.

In sports the deceased was a leader. He was President of the Golf Club, also of the Curling Club, while other organizations that provided recreation usually had his endorsement and assistance. He was a skilled player of whist and was Honorary President of the Canadian Whist League, also the First Vice-President of that body.

For over 60 years he had been a prominent figure in Collingwood, taking part in the public life of the town, and engaged in many of its social activities, having been Reeve and at different times Chairman of the High and Public School Boards. A Liberal in politics, for several years he was President of the West Simcoe Reform Association.

As to his Masonic career, he was initiated, passed and raised in Manitou Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood, in 1861, and was Worshipful Master in 1865-66.

In Grand Lodge Offices. He was Grand Steward, 1865-66; Board of General Purpose in 1867-1922; Grand Junior Warden, 1870-71; Deputy Grand Master, 1884-85 and 86; Grand Master, 1886-87, and 1887-88.

As a Royal Arch Mason, in 1896 he founded Manitou Chapter Royal Arch Masons, No. 27, and was its first Principal Z. He was on the Executive of Grand Chapter for 20 years, and was created an Honorary Past Grand Z. in 1888.

Then as a Knight Templar, he became a Fratre in 1868, was Supreme Grand Master of Great Priory
in 1891. He was also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, being a 32nd degree Brother. He was well known as a Masonic author. He was the Editor of the Jurisprudence Department of the "Craftsman," 1877 to 1882. Published the Digest of Masonic Jurisprudence in 1881, this book run into three editions.

The funeral took place, under Masonic Auspices, on Friday afternoon, September 21st, 1923, from the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. Arthur, to the Collingwood Presbyterian Cemetery.

Among other Companions who have passed away are:


R. Ex. Comps. John Spiers Masters, of Windsor, Grand Superintendent of St. Clair District No. 1 in 1914, died November 28th, 1923.

R. Ex. Comp. William S. Milne, of Toronto, Grand Superintendent of Toronto District No. 8, in 1912, died February 4th, 1924.


V. Ex. Comp. George Parker, of Ottawa, Grand Steward in 1913, died February 24th, 1923.


V. Ex. Comp. N. W. Emerson, of Toronto, Grand Pursuivant in 1914, died June 17th, 1923.

V.E.x. Comp. Edwin Henry Fogarty, of Port Hope, Grand Steward in 1891, died April 26th, 1923.

Let these Companions' names not pass from your memories for they have endeavoured to impress upon you the simple teaching of our ancient Craft.
"What will it bring, this Chapter of to-morrow?
What will be written on its fresh turned page?
Will it be joy or will it be deep sorrow,
That will its days engage?
Perchance 'twill bring a mingling of the two
But "God is faithful," He will bring us through."

Thus in the power of wealth and station and intellec,
greater still and more lasting too, is the power
of a good life, and we hear at the end of the day the word of our Divine Redeemer saying:—

"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou
into the joy of thine elect."

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—Stewart McQueen, Grand Chaplain.
Arkansas—George Thornburgh, P.G.H.P.
California—William Henry Gaynor, P.G.H.P.
Colorado—Lawrence Nicholas Greenleaf, P.G.H.P.
Connecticut—Isaiah Baker, Jr., P.G.H.P.; Eugene Ashley Hall, P.G.H.P.
Florida—John Madison Caldwell, P.G.H.P.
Iowa—Cromwell Bowen, P.G.H.P.; Leroy T. Weld, P.G.H.P.
Kansas—Robert Ellwood Nickles, P.G.H.P.
Kentucky—John Hess Leathers, P.G.H.P.
Maine—Frank Eugene Sleeper, P.G.H.P.; Edwin Albert Porter, P.G.H.P.
Maryland—Charles Clark, P.G.H.P.
Montana—Robert Vickers, P.G.H.P.

New Jersey—Ralph R. Eichlin, P.G.H.P.


Oregon—Thomas Franklin Ryan, P.G.H.P.; J. Tuttle, P.G.H.P.

South Carolina—William Edward Ganttt, P.G. H.P.

Tennessee—Henry Martyn Aiken, P.G.H.P.; Nathan Sullins Woodward, Grand Treasurer.


West Virginia—Thomas Martin Turner, P.G.H.P.

"The days grow shorter, the nights grow longer,
The headstones thicken along the way;
And life grows sadder, but love grows stronger,
For those who walk with us, day by day,
Then let us clasp hands as we walk together,
And let us speak softly, in love's sweet tone;
For no man knows, on the worrow whether
We two pass by, or but one alone."

All of which is fraternally submitted.

EDWIN SMITH,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Smith, and—

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on the Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The report on Fraternal Correspondence, that appears as an Appendix to these Proceedings, was presented by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton in a few well chosen words, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and—

Resolved,—That the Report on Fraternal Correspondence be received and adopted.
GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

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. Percy John McConnell,
Windsor ................................St. Clair Dist. No. 1


“ “ Robert Young Morrison, Woodstock ........................ Wilson “ 3

“ “ William Downing, Kitchener .................................. Wellington “ 4

“ “ James Hooper, Port Nelson..Hamilton “ 5

“ “ Hugh Carfrae Dunlop, Goderich ................................ Huron “ 6

“ “ James Avery Coleman, Niagara-on-the-Lake ..... Niagara “ 7

“ “ Heman Humphrey Lang, Toronto ..........................Toronto East “ 8

“ “ John Marr, Toronto ..........................Toronto West “ 8a

“ “ Albert Grove Bright, Meaford ..................................Georgian “ 9

“ “ Charles Blackstock Adair, Peterborough ..........................Ontario “ 10

“ “ William James Potts, Trenton ..................................Prince Edward“ 11

“ “ Charles William Marsh, Morrisburg ..........................St. Lawrence “ 12

“ “ Harry W. Aunger, Smith’s Falls ..................................Ottawa “ 13

“ “ William Whitaker, Kenora..Algoma “ 14

“ “ Rev. William McDonald, Sudbury ..........................New Ontario “ 15

“ “ Franklin H. Osborn, Dawson City ..........................Yukon Terr’y “ —

The Grand Z. then called for nominations for the elective offices of Grand Chapter and the next place of meeting.

**Called off**

Grand Chapter was called from labour at 4.45 o'clock p.m., to meet again at 10 o'clock a.m. the following day.

**Thursday, February 28th, 1924.**

**Called on**

Grand Chapter resumed labour at 10 a.m., the Grand Z. on the Throne.
To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal has had a busy year, his visitations have been many, his services have been in constant demand, and his activities have found scope not only at home, but also in the friendly jurisdictions of the United States.

His receptions by Companions everywhere have been of the happiest character, and at the "After Meetings" when he discoursed with Master Masons on the beauties of the Royal Arch, he found himself surrounded by interested and attentive listeners. This is a comparatively new thought, but a very worthy and important one to Capitular Masonry, the ambition of the young Craft Mason, is to advance and participate in the mysteries of the Holy Royal Arch, and the addresses delivered to those young pilgrims by such a distinguished Companion as the Most Excellent the Grand Z. can hardly fail to bring about good results, and should create additional zeal in the hearts of our Chapter Companions.

Again as ever, the Grim Reaper has entered our ranks, and we join with the Most Excellent the Grand Z. in expressions of sympathy to those who have been bereaved by death and are in sorrow. Our late M.E. Comp. Henry Robertson, was one of the most distinguished and gifted Masons in this jurisdiction, and his memory will be revered by all who knew him.

We join with the Most Excellent the Grand Z. in extending most cordial fraternal greetings to the distinguished Representatives from the United States, who are visiting us at this our Annual Convocation, their presence is a source of joy and satisfaction to the members of this Grand Chapter and a distinguished compliment to our Grand Z. we welcome them, and give them the right hand of fellowship,
with the hope that their visit will be both enjoyable and profitable.

Your Committee expresses satisfaction that the Grand Chapters of Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, are now regular constituted Grand Chapters, and that to our own Grand Z. fell the honour of installing and investing the Grand Officers. We will watch their progress with great interest and rejoice at their prosperity.

We congratulate the Most Excellent the Grand Z. on the success of his efforts to awaken from their lethargy, those Grand Representatives of foreign jurisdictions, near the Grand Chapter of Canada, who year after year have given evidence, by their absence, that they have forgotten the honour which was conferred upon them, when they were commissioned as Grand Representatives. We should wear our honours worthily and perform well the duties they impose.

The exchange of courtesies between the jurisdictions in Canada, and the United States and this Grand Chapter have been reciprocal and pleasant, the advice given by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. should be heeded, and the first Principals of the constituent Chapters should remember that when matters concerning foreign jurisdictions arise the rule to follow is “Write to the Office of the Grand Scribe E.”

The Order of “DeMolay for Boys” was a subject introduced in the address of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. at the last Annual Convocation. The Committee on the address, recommended “A judicious period of observation. The subject is again presented to Grand Chapter in the address of the Grand Z. at this Convocation. Your Committee is of the opinion, that the interests of this Grand Chapter will be best served by the appointment of a special committee consisting of R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown, and R. Ex. Comp. Frank Hills, to inquire into and report upon the advisability and practicability of establishing or endorsing the
“Order of DeMolay for Boys” within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and to present their report thereon, at the next Annual Convocation.

It is gratifying to your Committee, that we have the assurance of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. that the finances of the Grand Chapter continue in a satisfactory condition.

We concur in the views of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. on the subject of Benevolence. Last year your Committee advocated the policy of every Chapter, annually setting aside a sum, for benevolent purposes. We will be glad if the Companions have applied themselves to that purpose.

Your Committee is of the opinion, that in matters concerning dispensations, consecrations, rulings, appointments and the manifold duties demanded of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. he has exercised his authority with constitutional judgment and discretion.

Grand Superintendents are the Representatives of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. in the Districts in which they have been selected and elected to Office. It is most unfortunate that the Most Excellent the Grand Z. should himself discover that some Grand Superintendents, have been lax in the performance of some of their duties. There can be no excuse for failure to answer correspondence, especially as Grand Superintendents now appoint Secretaries to attend to details. In view of these facts, it is the duty of every Companion, to use his influence, to elect to that High Office, only those who have proved themselves capable Companions in Chapter government.

Your Committee is delighted at the immediate prospect of a final settlement of the question, of exchange of Grand Representatives, between the Grand Chapter of England and the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Your Committee join with the Most Excellent the Grand Z. in anticipation of the visit to Canada, in May or June, of Most Excellent Companion Lord
Cassillis, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Scotland. We bespeak of him a royal welcome.

The announcement by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. that the exemplification of degrees, by Representatives of Toronto Chapters, under the direction of the Principals' Association, will occur during his Convocation, is commended by your Committee. It will afford an opportunity, for Chapter Officers to examine the whole paraphernalia and also to see a properly prepared Chapter room for ceremonial work.

In conclusion your Committee expresses its entire satisfaction at the energetic and successful manner, in which the Most Excellent the Grand Z. has conducted the affairs of Grand Chapter, during his term of office, and hopefully look forward for a continuance of the good work under the guidance of his Successor. His generous appreciation of the efficient co-operation of his colleagues in office is timely and worthy.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MOORE, Chairman.

W. N. PONTON,

Committee.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and—

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

NOTICES OF MOTION

REFERENCE TO GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. E. T. Malone, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, and unanimously—

Resolved—that Section 11 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

(a) By eliminating from the list of Grand Officers all reference to the Grand Superintendents of the Districts “the Fifteenth” to “the Twenty-second,” both inclusive, and—

(b) By designating the Grand Superintendent of the “Twenty-third or New Ontario District” by the number of “the Fifteenth,” instead of the present designating number “Twenty-third.”

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., (with M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton in the Chair) moved, seconded by Ex. Comp. W. J. Potts, and unanimously

Resolved—that Section 173 of the Constitution after the word “elect” and before the words “by the,” in the first line, be changed to read “at the Regular Convocation in November.”

SUSPENDED MEMBERS

M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer moved, That Section 251, of the Constitution be amended after the word “standing” in the fifth line, delete the words “without ballot,” and substitute the following:—“Only by the majority vote of the members present at a Regular Convocation.”

After some discussion, and the Motion being seconded by R. Ex. Comp. W. S. Ormiston, it was unanimously—

Resolved—that the substituted words should consist of:—

“If the majority vote by ballot of the members present at a Regular Convocation.”
RESTORATION OF MEMBERS

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, seconded by Ex. Comp. H. F. Cowan, and unanimously—

Resolved—That in Section 252 of the Constitution after the word "standing" in the eighth line, delete the words "without ballot," and substitute the following as amended,—
"Only by the majority vote by ballot of the members present at a Regular Convocation."

GOLD LACE AND FRINGE ON COLLARS OF ELECTED OFFICERS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, seconded by Ex. Comp. A. J. Brown, and unanimously—

Resolved—That Section 278 of the Constitution in the seventh line be changed to read "with gold lace and fringe."

FOR CONFIRMATION

The following amendment to the Constitution given by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, and passed upon at the last Annual Convocation, was presented for confirmation:—

That the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by inserting the following sections:—

86 (a) Any member of a Royal Arch Chapter who has been declared suspended for non-payment of dues or for any other cause in a Masonic Craft Lodge shall ipso facto stand suspended in his Chapter, unless in the opinion of the Grand Z. such special circumstances exist as should exempt him from the operation of this section.

86 (b) Any member of a Royal Arch Chapter who has demitted from a Masonic Craft Lodge shall (unless he remains in good standing in another Craft Lodge) after one year from the date thereof ipso facto stand suspended in his Chapter unless in the meantime he again becomes an affiliated member of a Craft Lodge.

86 (c) Immediately upon receipt of a written notice from the Masonic Craft Lodge to the Scribe E. of the Chapter that the member thus suspended has been reinstated by his Lodge he shall ipso facto forthwith be reinstated in his Chapter unless by resolution the Chapter decides otherwise.
It was suggested to add, after the words “Craft Lodge” in the last line of paragraph (b), “or unless in the opinion of the Grand Z., such special circumstances exist as should exempt him from the operation of the section.”

The foregoing amendment to the Constitution for confirmation as further amended upon being presented for adoption was declared lost.

**COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE**

R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price’s term, as a member of the Committee on Benevolence, having expired, on motion of M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. O. Ellwood, it was resolved that R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Price 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 1925.
- R. " " J. B. Nixon, retires in 1926.

**FLOWERS TO BE SENT TO M. EX. COMP. F. W. HARCOURT**

M. Ex. Comp. George Moore referred to the unavoidable absence of M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, owing to illness. He was sure that the M. Ex. Companion was keenly disappointed at not being able to be present, and that every Companion present regretted his absence.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, and seconded by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, that the Grand Scribe E. be directed to forward a letter to M. Ex. Comp. Harcourt, expressing the sympathy of this Grand Body, owing to his absence through illness, and at the same time send to his residence the finest bouquet of roses that it is possible to procure. This resolution on being presented was carried unanimously.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis, Hamilton........Grand Z. Grand Council
R. " " Kenneth J. Dunstan, Toronto........Grand H. Grand Z.
R. " " Edwin Smith, London...............Grand J. Grand Z.
M. " " George Moore, Hamilton ..........Grand Treasurer Grand J.
R. " " Henry T. Smith, Toronto............Grand Scribe E. Grand J.
R. " " E. W. E. Saunders, Toronto........Grand Scribe N. Grand J.
R. " " D. S. L. MacDougall, Toronto......Grand Prin. Soj'er Grand J.
R. " " Herman R. Clark, Hamilton........Grand Registrar Grand J.
R. " " Thomas Peters, Windsor.............Grand Janitor Grand J.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood..........................London Grand Z.
" " " Walter G. Price............................Port Credit Grand Z.
" " " Alex. Cowan.................................Barrie Grand J.
" " " George L. Gardiner...........................Toronto Grand J.
" " " Marshall E. Sherwood.........................Woodstock Grand J.

HISTORIAN Elected

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, that M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton be elected Historian for the ensuing year. This motion on being put to Grand Chapter was carried unanimously.

WINDSOR NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Windsor being the only place nominated for the Sixty-Seventh Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter to be held on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday, February 25th and 26th, 1925, that City was declared to be the unanimous choice of Grand Chapter.
Scrutineers Receive Thanks

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to R. Ex. Comp. A. L. Tinker, Chairman, and the other Excellent Companions who acted as Scrutineers for the services so capably rendered in the election of officers.

Thanks to Credential Committee

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Alexander Cowan, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. James McC. Potts, and—

Resolved,—That the Credential Committee receive the thanks of Grand Chapter for the excellent manner in which the members of the Committee discharged the duties allotted to them.

Revision of Instructions in Ritual

R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Reade said, he wished to bring forward a motion in reference to the instructions appearing in the Ritualistic Work. At present the instructions were at variance. He therefore moved, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. J. Shelley, and—

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to go over those instructions, so that when the present supply of the "Ritual" is exhausted that Grand Chapter will have in hand revised instructions to be used in the renewed "Ritual."

Subsequently the following Committee was appointed:—R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Chairman; M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, R. Ex. Comps. R. J. Reade, and Henry T. Smith.

For Courtesies Extended

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, and unanimously—

Resolved,—That for courtesies so generously extended to this Grand Body during the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter that $25.00 be donated to Comp. C. B. Murray.
Resolution of Thanks to Toronto Companions

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. M. E. Sherwood, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to the Principals' Association and the Toronto Chapters, for courtesies extended, to the Directors of the Masonic Temple Corporation, Ltd., for the use of the rooms, to R. Ex. Comp. A. C. Larter, who looked after many of the arrangements for the Reception of the delegates, as well as to the Toronto Companions in general for their kind attention and fraternal reception accorded to the officers, delegates and distinguished visitors in attendance at this Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Officers Installed

M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, assisted by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, then proceeded with the Installation and Investiture of the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

Words of Appreciation by Grand Z.

M. Ex. Comp. W. H. Davis, in most appropriate language, thanked the delegates in attendance for placing him in the position he now occupied. He would endeavour to faithfully discharge the duties of his office as Grand Z.

Thanks to Installing Board

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, and—

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer and the other members of the Installing Board for the able manner in which the ceremony had been performed.

M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer aptly responded in a few words to the vote of thanks.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

TESTIMONIAL TO RETIRING GRAND Z.

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Oliver Ellwood, and—

Resolved,—That a committee consisting of R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Chairman; M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Harcourt, and R. Ex. Comp. William Croft, be appointed to procure and present a suitable testimonial to the retiring Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, in recognition of his devoted service, during his term of office as Grand Z. to the Royal Craft.

APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Haentschel .................................. Haileybury
“ “ “ James McC. Potts .................................. Stirling
V. “ “ A. D. MacIntyre .................................. Ayr
R. “ “ W. Y. Mills .................................. Kingston
“ “ “ T. L. Cochrane .................................. St. Thomas

ASSISTANT OFFICERS

R. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon Toronto....... Grand Lecturer
V. “ “ Robert Cassels, Toronto... Grand Senior Sojor’r
“ “ “ Walter Lee, Brockville... Grand Junior Sojor’r
“ “ “ William T. Turner, Windsor.......................... Grand Sword Bearer
“ “ “ Frederick Thos. Zapfe, Parkhill ................... Grand Master 1st Veil
“ “ “ John Lambert Revell, Ingersoll ................... Grand Master 2nd Veil
“ “ “ Hiram John Smith, Oakville .................. Grand Master 3rd Veil
“ “ “ Charles Frederick Brookes, Toronto ...... Grand Master 4th Veil
“ “ “ Alexander McClellan, Orillia .................. Grand Standard Bearer
“ “ “ Griffith R. Lloyd, Hamilton .................. G. D. of Ceremonies
"Isidor Finberg, Toronto..Grand Pursuivant
"Alfred E. Covell, Toronto ..........Grand Steward
"Paul E. Lumsden, Hamilton ..........Grand Steward
"William A. Rapp, Guelph..Grand Steward
"Duncan M. Scott, Stratford ..........Grand Steward
"Lewis Smith, Port Colborne ..........Grand Steward
"Thos. Henry Moorehead, Brampton ..........Grand Steward
"Wesley Stephens, Campbellford ..........Grand Steward
"John Milton Branscombe, Bloomfield ..........Grand Steward
"E. H. Elvidge, Vankleek Hill ..........Grand Steward
"Thomas Edward Armstrong, Cobalt ..........Grand Steward

The labours of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 1.15 o'clock p.m., Toronto, Thursday, February 28th, 1924.

Henry J. Smith,
Grand Scribe E.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

THE LUNCHEON HOUR,

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH.

At noon on Wednesday nearly five hundred Companions partook of a tasty luncheon in the banqueting hall of the Masonic Temple. M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, Grand Z., presided.

After the Toast to the King and the Royal Craft, and that of the President and the Royal Craft of the United States of America were honoured to the strains of the National Anthem and "America, 'Tis of Thee," the Grand Z. said, we are going to have a few lightning speeches of two minutes and no more; we are going to hear some of the lesser lights from across the imaginary line here, and in the Chapter room upstairs we will hear the heavier weights.

Comp. H. L. Freestone sang "The Floral Dance" in excellent voice.

R. Ex. Comp. Washington Russell, of Buffalo, who was received with musical honours and prolonged cheers said,—Companions in view of the fact that the Most Excellent Grand Z. has designated us as lesser lights and such lights can only shine by reflection of the greater lights whom you will hear upstairs, I shall merely say that I have enjoyed your hospitality, your meeting, your friendship, your cordiality, and I assure you that if I ever get up to the head of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, which to say the least is doubtful, Canada will have first place. I thank you, however, for the very kindly and cordial manner in which you have greeted us this morning. I told R. Ex. Comp. Dunstan that I thought it was the best speech of welcome I had ever heard and I meant it. It surely came from his heart and it reached ours and we thank you kindly for it.

R. Ex. Comp. George Phillips, of Grand Rapids, on rising was greeted with the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." He said, Most Excellent Sir and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada, I
think your Most Excellent Grand First Principal is a prevaricator. (Cheers and laughter) I remember distinctly in the Chapter room upstairs he said he would not call upon me. Both he and the Grand Scribe E., R. Ex. Comp. Henry T. Smith, evidently have it in for me because of the little historical matter I have given them, and for some of the stories I have told. After telling a story, Comp. Phillips concluded by saying, I have never enjoyed anything in my life so well as I have enjoyed the hospitality of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and I have never seen anything more impressive than your meeting in the room above this morning. I have in my Masonic life attended a great many very dignified and impressive meetings. I want to congratulate you upon your system, on your wonderful sense of hospitality, and on the friendship you have shown to us.

R. Ex. Comp. Charles Hammel, of New York, said: This is the second time that I have had an opportunity of coming before you and speak of your hospitality at your festive board and also of your hospitality at the Queen's Hotel. It was my privilege to be in Toronto last year, as Grand Captain of the Host. I learned of the cordial relationship that exists between Canada and New York, because as M. Ex. Comp. Ponton has said, it is only an imaginary line that divides us Americans. We have had him with us and again we had the pleasure of welcoming M. Ex. Comp. Spencer as our guest in Albany, New York. I am glad to see so many of the Companions whom I met last year and those whom I have had the pleasure of meeting this morning. I was the guest of the St. Patrick Chapter two years ago, so I am no stranger to you.

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. E. Goff, of Battle Creek, Michigan, said:—Most Excellent Grand First Principal and Companions of the Royal Arch Craft of Canada, I was accused last night and on one or two other occasions of being bald, and I plead guilty to the charge, but I want to let you know a little secret,
because I have found the fountain of youth and have organized a company in my town to manufacture it. We expect to supply it to anyone interested; it is guaranteed, and I am coming next year with a full complement of hair on the top of my head. I want to attend your Grand Chapter next year; next to going fishing at Nipigon, where I have fished many times and had the most wonderful luck, I ever had in my life. I hope when I am Grand High Priest that we shall receive, not only your distinguished Companions here, but a grand delegation from your Jurisdiction to Michigan. We will be delighted to see you all, and I hope and trust you will find it convenient to come and be our guests.

R.W. Bro. John A. Rowland, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, who was received with musical honours, said:—Most Excellent Sir and Companions, I was out very late last night with my wife and that is such an unusual experience that I am not quite myself to-day. But it is a very great pleasure to be here with the Grand Master to represent the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and I am quite sure that I appreciate very much the kind words of welcome addressed to us in the Lodge room upstairs. If we were all as good as we think we are, or as we would like other people to think we are, and as our friends sometimes say we are, this would be a very different world—almost an impossible world to live in. But there is one thing for which I wish to thank Most Excellent Companion Ponton. When he introduced the Grand Master and myself he ascribed to him the parentage of 100,000 Masons in the Province, and excepted me from all credit for that feat. I thank him for that; it protected my reputation and held out hopes for the future. When that time comes I shall require some of your elixir of youth. I am primarily a Blue Lodge Mason; my experience in the Chapter has been very limited. Circumstances have made it necessary that I confine my efforts pretty much to the work of Blue Lodges, but they lay the founda-
tions for the Chapters. The security, the strength and the stability of the structure depends on the foundations in a large measure. If we lay them broad and deep and strong you can build with security, but if we do not do that you cannot build with security.

We not only lay the foundations for you, but we also select the material with which you must build. Having this fact in mind, it appears to me to be essential that these two great organizations should work in close co-operation. If we succeed you may succeed; if we fail you are bound to fail. It is a great privilege to be with you and I wish you all success. (Cheers)

M. Ex. the Grand Z.: “Allow me to say to the Deputy Grand Master that while they do select the material we still sift it further. We are not looking for quantity; we are looking for quality and we are getting it.”

M. Ex. Comp. W. N. Ponton, who was also received very heartily, and the singing of “Soldiers of the King,” said:—That song always recalls to me and to the Companions who are chosen of the True our realization that experiences of those representatives of ours, who in France and Flanders proved that no greater combination could be made than comradeship of the Craft and of the Field; so we are brigaded together in sections, and Companies and Battalions, and in Corps.

And here we have not only linked comrades and battalions, we have four Grand Jurisdictions, representing achieved aims and purposes and some aspirations. I am delighted as a resident of Belleville, on the Bay of Quinte, not to break a lance, but to wield a lance for the old Bay of Quinte, which has the city of Trenton at the head, where we get our light and power from. It is all very interesting to us Masons. There was the foundation, the cradle of a nation, not merely of Empire, of this nation, but of Masonry. Nearly all those Loyalists, due to the crime of being loyal to King George, came over here. All the heads
of families were Masons and that is why we precede, almost, the city of Toronto. Those men were driven from their homes, then condemned to death. Then they kept the rendezvous with death; now we keep the rendezvous with life. Now we exchange the most friendly visits of amity and good will, and there are no more enthusiastic representatives of the old descendants of the old stock of those days, that forgotten dream of the country, not of revolution but of evolution.

In connection with the anniversary in Belleville, those citizens who are coming to pay a visit and celebrate that old memory emphasise all the loving kindness and good will and to bury all the old disturbing memories and they are coming to do it with us. There is need of co-operation. It is delightful to think that now we are all working together for good. Here, we in Canada, united with Great Britain by lineage; with the United States by geography, but far more also by lineage—linked up in that way surely we can develop that destiny—

“One bulwark of the right,  
One friend in every fight,  
One noble destiny,  
One glorious memory,  
One life of liberty,  
Anglo-Saxons one.”

(Cheers)

The gathering then repaired to the Chapter Room to resume business.

GRAND CHAPTER BANQUET AND EXEMPLIFICATION OF DEGREES

At the conclusion of the proceedings of Grand Chapter on Wednesday afternoon, the officers of Grand Chapter with the invited guests from the States of New York, Massachusetts, Michigan and Pennsylvania, with the newly selected Grand Superintendents and others, dined at 6.30 o’clock together at the Queen’s Hotel, with M. Ex. Comp. R. H. Spencer, the Grand Z., presiding.
Subsequently the party of fifty repaired to the Masonic Temple, Yonge Street, and there, under the direction of the Principals' Association of Toronto, witnessed the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees exemplified in a most impressive manner by Representatives from the nineteen Chapters of the City. V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Luttrell acted as Worshipful Master in the Most Excellent Master degree, and Ex. Comp. W. W. Ash, as First Principal, in the Royal Arch degree.

The exemplification took place in the Auditorium and was witnessed by fully seven hundred Companions.

Executive Committee

R. Ex. Comp. K. J. Dunstan, Toronto, Grand H., President.

By Virtue of Office

M. Ex. Comp. J. E. Harding ........................................ Hamilton
    "    " Michael Walsh ........................................... Ingersoll
    "    " George Moore ........................................... Hamilton
    "    " F. W. Harcourt ........................................... Toronto
    "    " A. S. Gorrell ............................................. Regina
    "    " W. N. Ponton ............................................. Belleville
    "    " R. H. Spencer ............................................. Trenton
    "    " W. H. Davis, Grand Z. ................................. Hamilton
    "    " Harry H. Watson .......................................... Vancouver
    "    " E. T. Malone ............................................. Toronto
    "    " A. T. Freed .................................................
    "    " John M. Gibson ............................................. Hamilton

Grand Superintendents

R. Ex. Comp. Percy John McConnell, St. Clair Dist. No. 1
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James McC. Potts...Stirling
A. D. MacIntyre...Ayr
W. Y. Mills...Kingston
T. L. Cochrane...St. Thomas

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#### Recapitulation

| Number of Chapters, Warranted | 149 |
| Number of Members, December 31st, 1922 | 27,549 |
| Number of Registrations, December 31st, 1923 | 1,597 |
| Number of Joinings, December 31st, 1923 | 2111 |
| Number of Restorations, December 31st, 1923 | 58 |
| Number of Withdrawals, December 31st, 1923 | 1,784 |
| Number of Suspensions, December 31st, 1923 | 4,205 |
| Number of Deaths, December 31st, 1923 | 354 |
| Net Loss | 4,786 |

Total Membership, December 31st, 1923 | 24,547 |

**NOTE.** — Net loss of 3,002 members is owing to withdrawal of 3,948 Companions belonging to Chapters in Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan which formed Grand Bodies of their own.
GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

SUSPENSIONS

Chapter No. 1. Wm. Wallace Niles, Jas. Robert Lowery, Wesley Herbert Michea, Herbert Clute Gibson, Franklin Andrew, Sidney John Sully, Ralph R. Barker, Wesley D. Stevens.


No. 4. John Hawley, Franklin A. Moore, Albert C. Pye.


No. 7. Alexander Rilley.

No. 8. Frederick Wm. Davis, Walter Harrison, J. Frank Foster.

No. 16. William Henry Townson.


No. 27. Frank C. Nixon, Harold Osmond Finlay.


No. 32. Harry Havelock Whitehall, Gordon White.

No. 36. R. M. Hamilton.


No. 45. Richard Gordon Terry.


No. 54. Henry George Mills, Albert Barber, Maxwell Ray Johnson, Herbert Ward Copeland.

No. 55. Claude Horan Fowler.


No. 63. H. L. Collins, Francis A. George, George A. Norman, Malcolm Matheson.


No. 67. Henry E. Bywater, G. H. White, Charles Davidson.


No. 72. Darius Green.


No. 119. William Byron Squire, Harry Kiff, W. A. Burgess, James Eustace Pastorious.

No. 130. Walter Frank Briggs, Angus Munroe, Geo. Somerville, George Frederick Thomson.


No. 133. Joseph Thompson.

No. 139. Elias Williams, John Albert Sexsmith, Thomas Brown, Robert Chambers, Frank White.


No. 146. George M. Yates, James M. Campbell, Rudolph Millar.


No. 149. Neil McLean, E. S. Fairbanks.


No. 218.  John Arthur Cook.


No. 235.  W. J. Buchanan.

SUSPENDED FOR U.M.C.

Chapter

No. 18.  R. A. Scott.

RESTORATIONS

Chapter

No.  2.  Herbert A. Bendsworth.

No.  3.  Chas. W. Boyce, Donald Ferguson.

No.  4.  Byron Albertson.


No.  15.  W. Frank Hawn.

No.  22.  James Stoddart.


No.  29.  Wm. Harris Robins.

No.  31.  Frederick E. McDonald.

No.  32.  Harvey Llewlynn Willson.

No.  34.  George Livingstone, Louis Edward Lane, Walter Carruthers Towers.

No.  36.  Fred. A. Clark.

No.  45.  Frederick Spence.
No. 53. Charles Harmon Smith.
No. 55. Frederick William Cowley.
No. 59. E. M. Robinson.
No. 62. D. A. Webber.
No. 66. George Murray.
No. 76. John Lewis Harris.
No. 79. Thomas James Parsons, Vernon C. Knowles, Frederick McGraw.
No. 88. James Quinnell.
No. 90. Dugald McMurphy.
No. 91. Humer Lloyd.
No. 102. J. M. Wemyss.
No. 103. Archibald Earchman.
No. 129. John A. Aikens.
No. 139. George Andrew Mathison, William Cullen Inkster.
No. 150. Myer Harris.
No. 166. Malcolm Orr.
Our
Departed
Companions

IN MEMORIAM

They Rest in Peace

In gathering around the Great White Throne may they find content and hear the welcome plaudit,
Well Done!
Pass On

"There comes a time—it comes to all—
When we shall hear the Warden's call,
And each with Ashlar, rough or true.
Must pass death's solemn portal through;
Be it ours, Companions, then to hear
From the Master's lips these words of cheer:
Your work is found both true and square,
Pass on."

"It is not death to die, but the door into the higher kingdom, the greater Temple of our Lord and Master."

M. EX. COMPANION

Henry Robertson
ELECTED HONORARY PAST Z. IN 1888
DIED SEPTEMBER 19th, 1923
COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

William Harcourt Waddell
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12
DIED OCTOBER 28th, 1923
PERTH, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

John Spiers Masters
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1
DIED NOVEMBER 28th, 1923
WINDSOR, ONT.
R. EX. COMPANION

William S. Milne
PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT
TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8
DIED FEBRUARY 4th, 1924
TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Richard Radcliffe
PAST GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER
DIED APRIL 15th, 1923
GODERICH, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

George Parker
PAST GRAND STEWARD
DIED FEBRUARY 24th, 1923
OTTAWA, ONT.
V. EX. COMPANION

William F. Gerow
PAST GRAND MASTER 4th VEIL
DIED APRIL 19th, 1923
NAPANEE, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

W. F. McGiverin
PAST GRAND JUNIOR SOJOURNER
DIED APRIL 26th, 1923
HAMILTON, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

Edwin Henry Fogarty
PAST GRAND STEWARD
DIED APRIL 26th, 1923
PORT HOPE, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

N. W. Emerson
PAST GRAND PURSUIVANT
DIED JUNE 17th, 1923
TORONTO, ONT.

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, they passed on.”
Deaths

Chapter

No. 1. James Kearns (date not given), 1923; John Alexander Thompson Robertson, 17 Feb., 1923; Henry F. Bray, Jan., 1923.

No. 2. George W. Holmer, 14 July, 1922; Bon E. Oldfield, 14 Sept., 1922; George H. Lanigan, 18 Jan., 1923; Calvin M. Sinclair, 18 Jan., 1923; Frederick W. Woods, 25 Jan., 1923; Percy Glover, 13 March, 1923; John A. Robson, 17 March, 1923; John Howard Smith, 1 April, 1923; George Argent, 23 May, 1923; John Porter, 18 July, 1923.


No. 5. N. W. Emerson, 17 June, 1923; Stephen Grant, 13 June, 1923; W. A. Hart, 12 Nov., 1923; James Priddis, 31 Aug., 1923.

No. 6. Thomas Burnip (date not given), 1922; William G. Reid, 20 Feb., 1923; George W. Brown, 25 May, 1923; Franklyn H. Nairn, 21 Sept., 1923; David Duncan, 21 June, 1923; William F. McGiverin, 26 April, 1923; Thomas Vennor, 21 Oct., 1923.

No. 7. James Thomas Middagh, 16 April, 1923; George G. Boyle, 21 June, 1923; John Stanley, 12 Aug., 1923.


Deaths


No. 18. H. P. Williamett, 9 Nov., 1923.

No. 20. Thomas Hendry, 18 Jan., 1922.


No. 23. Charles Grant, 25 Jan., 1923; Abram M. Tobin, 2 June, 1923; William Lorne Munro, 6 April, 1923.


No. 27. Frank B. Gregory, 14 Feb., 1923; Henry Robertson, 19 Sept., 1923.


No. 31. Thos. Edward Shaw, 9 April, 1923; Samuel James Cotter, 8 Nov., 1923.

No. 34. Robert King, 28 Feb., 1923; Robert Cannon, 11 Feb., 1923.

No. 36. T. Q. Quartermain, 6 Oct., 1923.

No. 37. George Norman Giddy, 26 April, 1923; Edwin Henry Fogarty, 26 April, 1923.
Deaths

Chapter
No. 40. Thomas C. Rundle, 5 Feb., 1923; Charles Spofford, Sept., 1923; John Joseph Whaley, 10 Feb., 1923; James Grant St. Clair, 18 Feb., 1923.


No. 44. Wilbur F. Gerow, 19 April, 1923.


No. 60. John Brodie, March, 1923.

No. 61. Tom Lawton, 22 Nov., 1923.


No. 63. Andrew Shoebottom, 12 May, 1923; Samuel J. Agnew, 10 June, 1923; Robert Madden, 28 Dec., 1923.


Deaths

Chapter
No. 66. Henry Town, Feb., 1923.
No. 68. William H. Waddell, 28 Oct., 1923; James Langstaff; Robt. J. Jelly (dates not given).
No. 70. John Wesley Ney, 21 Sept., 1923.
No. 71. James Manson Gibb, 9 Jan., 1923; Lennox Thompson Bray, 10 May, 1923.
No. 73. Daniel Leitch, 17 June, 1923.
No. 78. Thomas Magladery, 4 April, 1923.
No. 79. Fred Carey, 8 Feb., 1923; John B. Hay, 29 May, 1920; Chas. L. Hanks, 5 Aug., 1923.
No. 80. E. S. Crump, 2 Feb., 1923; Ambrose Appleton, 16 April, 1923; Lloyd Bennett, 19 July, 1923; Charles Sears, 31 Aug., 1923; Arch. M. Smith, 1 Nov., 1923; John Spiers Masters, 28 Nov., 1923; J. K. Holland, 24 Dec., 1923.
No. 81. George Ellis, 21 May, 1923.
No. 82. W. S. Furlonger, 14 May, 1923; G. W. Cox, 13 July, 1923; A. A. Main, 8 Aug., 1923.
No. 83. John M. Dods, Jan., 1923; James Clarey, 14 June, 1923; Albert S. Maxwell (date not given), 1923.
No. 86. De Alva Sutherland, 10 Nov., 1923.
No. 88. Samuel Bentley (date not given), 1922.
Deaths

Chapter
No. 95. Floyd Alfred Tifft, 2 Feb., 1923; Edward Alfred Hill, 18 Aug., 1923.
No. 112. Thos. Wesley Hare, 19 Oct., 1923; T. Paull Townsend, 15 May, 1923.
No. 131. Frank Campbell, 3 Feb., 1923; R. M. Neilson, 12 May, 1923.
No. 139. Ward Patterson, 3 Dec., 1923.
No. 140. John D. Young, 19 April, 1923.
No. 145. Allan S. Thornton, 6 Dec., 1922; Robert Haldane Muir, 30 March, 1923; Norman T. Reid, 26 June, 1923; Arthur Edward Leverty, 5 Dec., 1923; David A. Bemis, 8 Dec., 1923.
No. 146. J. J. Foster, 16 April, 1923; J. R. Grant, 6 Nov., 1923.
No. 147. W. W. Irwin (date not given).
Deaths

Chapter
No. 153. S. A. Haywood (date not given).
No. 154. Eliel Abner Wert, 13 Feb., 1920; Francis Ludwig Lindblad (date not given), Benjamin VanVolkenburg, 26 July, 1923.
No. 164. Walter S. Carter, 27 April, 1923.
No. 175. Frederick William McGiverin, 26 April, 1923; Frank John Magee, 1 Nov., 1923.
No. 240. Albert M. Snyder, 29 Nov., 1923.

"Let it be said of them, that they have not failed in their heritage."
WALTER HAMMILL DAVIS
M. Ex. Grand Z.—1923-24
WALTER HAMMILL DAVIS.

(A MAN WITH A STRONG PERSONALITY, AND WITH A KEEN LOVE FOR OUT-DOOR PHYSICAL EXERCISE.)

M. Ex. Comp. Walter Hammill Davis, the subject of this brief sketch was born of United Empire Loyalist stock, in 1863, in Ancaster Township, County of Wentworth. His early school days took him through the village school at Stoney Creek and the Hamilton Collegiate Institute; after which he received his professional training as a teacher in the Ottawa Normal School, where he won the gold medal at graduation. He taught successfully for many years in the public schools, both rural and city, and many men now remember with pleasure and gratitude their pupilship under him.

In 1900, when he was Principal of the Hamilton Central school and County Model school, his qualifications especially in Mathematics, caught the attention of the President of the Federal Life Assurance Company, and he was induced to enter the service of that Corporation. When the Sun Life Assurance Company absorbed the Federal Life, of which at that time he was Secretary, Comp. Davis left the Insurance business and shortly afterwards, in 1915, was made Auditor of the City of Hamilton. In this office he remained three year until his selection as Inspector of Taxation for the Dominion of Canada for the Hamilton District. In 1920 the Treasurership of Hamilton became vacant, and the City Council persuaded him to re-enter again their service and to become the guardian of the civic funds. This important post he still holds to the general satisfaction of all the citizens of Hamilton.

M. Ex. Comp. Walter H. Davis has always been an out-door man with a keen love for physical exercise. In his earlier days he played football. Himself an ardent curler and bowler, he is a Past President of the Hamilton Thistle Curling Club and of the Hamilton Thistle Bowling Club. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Ontario Curling
Association. Also he plays golf on the celebrated links of the Hamilton Golf and Country Club.

His chief indoor recreation and constant avocation has been Masonry in all its branches. He was initiated in St. John’s Lodge, Hamilton, in 1887, and served all the offices, including the Senior Warden-ship, which he held in 1893. Much to the disappointment of his friends he refused to occupy the Master’s chair, fearing he could not devote the time which the office deserved. However, having affiliated with the Barton Lodge, he was induced again to take office and in course of time became Master of that Lodge in 1917. He has done good service in Grand Lodge, as Chairman of the Committee on Scrutineers, and he was appointed Grand Senior Deacon in 1921. He is at the present time President of the Hamilton District Past Masters’ Association, as well as President of the District Association of Past Principals.

In the Scottish Rite he has always been active. A member of that order since 1888, he has held many important posts. He has been Secretary at different times of all three bodies of the Rite in Hamilton. He was made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council for Canada in 1913, and was elected an active member of that body in 1921. He is now the First Lieutenant-Commander of Moore Sovereign Consistory. He also belongs to Godfrey de Bouillon Preceptory of the Knights Templar, and he has been a member of the Royal Order of Scotland since 1896.

Comp. Davis was made a Royal Arch Mason in St. John’s Chapter, Hamilton, in 1896. He is a Charter member and Past Z., of Hamilton Chapter, and was selected Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District in 1918. He was unanimously elected Grand Second Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1922, and Grand First Principal in 1924. It is a safe prediction that after his term as Grand Z., none will regret that M. Ex. Comp. Davis was chosen as the chief representative of the Royal Craft in this great Jurisdiction.—W. M. L.
## ANNUAL CONVOCATION, TORONTO, 1924

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FOREWORD.

Belleville, Canada, February, 1924.

As the privileged spokesman of “Our Lady of the Snows and Sunshine” I cordially greet our colleagues of the Round Table and our Companions of Sister Jurisdictions, from this true North. The co-operative Commonwealth of Capitular Craftsmanship under Review has done good and true work all along the lines of communication, and officers and members have tried to excel in all that is good and great. Yet in all humility we must all admit—“How little done how much to do”—the tragedy of the unfinished task. Intervisitations by accredited Representatives of neighbouring and often distant Grand Chapters of the Royal Craft are being more and more encouraged: and the results—educating, unifying, vivifying—never fail to satisfy. We discover one another—we realize ourselves—in association and good comradeship. In perhaps a lesser and more impersonal way this correspondence has its cohesive use—its contagious touch of good will, good word and good deed, based on the analogy of Burns’ sermon in miniature “A correspondence fixed with Heaven is sure a noble anchor.” Here beginneth then our “Little Journey to the Homes” of those who strive to excel as excellent companions in all that contributes to make life worth living through generous friendship, practical philanthropy and real ideals.

ALABAMA.

Robert Toomer Ward, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 13,683.
Net gain, 1,227.
Of Grand High Priest Ward his biographer says—
“In his wider acquaintance among the Craft throughout the State he is respected, esteemed and
honored as one of our best workers and wisest counsellors.”

and his face betokens a congenial Companion.

Canada’s Representative, Comp. Lew Lazarus was present.

The Grand High Priest delivered a very striking address, all worthy of quotation. The following must suffice:—

“Among the principles for which our fraternity has ever stood, and must ever stand, there are two in particular which are fundamental in their nature; the principle of reverence for God, and the principle of good-will to man. Upon these strong twin-pillars must eventually rest not only the structure of Masonry but also the structure of civilization.

“The principle of reverence for God is at once more important and more difficult for us, as human beings, to achieve. Its only suitable expression is in character. Let us not forget that it is by our reverence for God that we are taught righteousness, truth, justice, service and all those great principles which make it possible for us to act towards one another as becometh companions, and to so live in our relations to our fellows that our nation may endure.

“Life, whether individual or collective, at all times involves problems. In this day of reaction and readjustment we have a serious part to play.

“I have not been unmindful of that great institution which is the outstanding monument to Masonry in Alabama. Our Masonic Home needs our support and assistance now as never before.

“Our Masonic Home stands to-day as one of the most substantial expressions of the tenets of our Order, an object of pride to every Mason and a token to the world of that spirit of helpfulness and brotherly love so impressively taught in every degree of our Fraternity.

“We have been adding buildings and increasing facilities from time to time. We have also been receiving an ever increasing number of those who need our assistance until there are in the home at present
two hundred and twenty-five children to be cared for and educated, and sixty men and women to be provided for in their old age and infirmity.”

He notes the appointment of Comp. Edwin Smith of London, as his Grand Representative, and of his official family he says:—

“Not only has the help they have given me proven invaluable, but the spirit also, in which it was given has been princely.”

The distinguished visitors in the persons of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters, the Grand Commander and the Past Grand Commander of the Thirty-third Scottish Rite were welcomed in the East.

It having been moved that any number of candidates may have administered to them the obligation in the Royal Arch Degree at one and the same time based upon a decision that exaltation is not accomplished until the candidate has received the word, the Committee on Jurisprudence wisely deferred action until other Grand Jurisdictions had been consulted.

The Proceedings thus reverently close—

“After solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace, by the Right Excellent and Reverend Grand Chaplain, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama was closed in Ample Form.”

Many appendices and registers of Chapters and lists of Officers fill out the Proceedings, which contain no Fraternal Correspondence Report.

The Dead are not forgotten, and worthy tributes are paid in “In Memoriam” cards.

Jacob Bley, Demopolis, M.E. Grand High Priest.
George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

James W. Oglesby, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 7,297.
Net gain, 342.
The 73rd Annual Convocation was held in the Albert Pike Consistory Building in Little Rock, November 23rd, 1922.

Canada was represented by Comp. J. L. Davis.

The Proceedings record the presentation by the Grand Chapter of Arizona of a Past Grand High Priest's jewel to an honoured Companion of Arkansas, M.E. Fay Hempstead, which was suitably acknowledged, and he was received as Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, and grand honours were given to him as well as to Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Telegram and letters from many absent members and intended guests were read, and among them a specially characteristic one printed in full from our old friend, Comp. David M. Drury, of New York.

The address of the Grand High Priest contained many sentiments to which we can respond, and among them the following:—

"I have done my best to serve you and to obey the laws and customs of our great Order, to render justice impartially, and to perform faithfully the duties required of me, and knowing that I stand in the presence of friends, both tried and true, who are as ready to pardon my errors as to praise my efforts. I leave the result with you.

"During the last few months this great country of ours has been in turmoil, and with capital and labor at war, a period of business depression has existed, the like of which has never before been experienced and this depression has also extended to fraternal bodies.

"I appointed Past Grand High Priest Mark P. Olney, a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and am sure that he will measure up to the standard in every respect. I note that he is mentioned by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of nearly all other Jurisdictions with love and praise and am pleased to believe he warrants it.”

The Grand High Priest follows the lead of many other Ruling Masters of the United States and sets out in full much of the correspondence and many of his visitations, and concludes with a valedictory benediction.

The following in the Grand Secretary's Report is of interest:—

"Three Chapters reported a large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues on Sunday, October 1st. I held that
this was not legal and held the Chapter responsible for the dues. No Chapter meets on Sunday for any kind of business. Two of the Chapters paid up the deficit."

Comp. Mark P. Olney, Fraternal Correspondent, made a special report which was read with interest and approval, and the Grand Chapter of New Zealand was recognized. We quote the following:—

"This is my third annual report submitted to this Grand Chapter, and the labors have been performed with mingled pleasure and profit. Owing to our authority to make the report short, to conform to our finances, it has been impossible to go into detail at the length we might have desired, and make some comments that the reviews have merited. "There is growing throughout Capitular Masonry, a desire to limit the rush through the degrees, in order to be eligible to receive the Shrine, and many States are putting limitations of both time and proficiency in Blue Lodge, before the applicant is eligible to petition for the Chapter degrees. The terms of service vary from three to twelve months' probation as a Master."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances contain the following unusual incident:—

"On motion of Companion John C. Bone, which was seconded and duly carried, the report was amended to read: 'That the action of the Chapter in expelling Bro. B. E. Oglesby be reversed and that Bro. B. E. Oglesby be made a Past Master Mason at large that he may apply to any other Chapter that will receive his petition.' "On motion which was duly carried the report of the Committee as amended was adopted."

In Memoriam pages, statistical tables, and payrolls are given full space.

The Order of High Priesthood met as usual and many were anointed.

A list of the surviving Past Grand High Priests is an interesting feature.

Canada for 1922 is reviewed in favourably and friendly fashion. On our Regalia he is pleased to comment as follows:—

"The Grand Zerrubbabel greets us in full regalia which is much more elaborate than any we see on this side of the line. His apron and jewels are both resplendent and yet with all he has pleasing personality and well to look upon." In spite of the regalia!

Officers of each constituent Chapter are given and Arkansas is evidently awake.
A photograph of the new Grand High Priest—evidently a strong personality—forms the frontispiece of the volume.

Nick Kizer, Monticello, M.E. Grand High Priest.
John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary and Lecturer.

CALIFORNIA.

Hiatt T. Hiatt, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 20,687.
Net gain, 1,443.
The 69th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held in Stockton, 17th April, 1923, and the next regular Communication will be held at Pasadena, 15th of April, 1924.
The frontispiece of the volume of Proceedings is a fine photograph of a very competent looking executive, Grand High Priest Hiatt.

Prefixed to the volume is a certificate of the Grand Secretary that it contains a true and faithful transcript and also a notice to each constituent Chapter that at each meeting, whether stated or special, the Secretary’s copy should be on his desk and at the service of those present, a wise and prudent provision.

Canada’s Representative did not answer the roll call.

A feature of the Proceedings is the noting of those present who are survivors of the earthquake and fire of April 18th, 1906, seven of whom were specially received.

All the Grand Officers and six Past Grand High Priests were present, and the Grand Master of the State, Representatives of the General Grand Chapter and of the Grand Council and Knights Templar were given the official honors and responded in happy terms.

The address of the Grand High Priest is full of interest. The following are specimen paragraphs:
“Its character can tax the endurance of the ordinary man. The honor of this position carries
with it the corresponding duty of rendering unto it the fullest measure of devotion and the same wholesome degree of care and study as one would render to his own personal affairs.

"Its banner is ever borne forward and onward with spotless purity. Masonry has a duty to perform in this land of ours, and we must not shirk the duty imposed upon us. Let us again renew our pledges to continue this work, and go forth to the destiny which awaits our Order."

His official visitations were numerous. With regard to the pleasant relationships between Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter he speaks as follows:—

"I have at all times during my administration sought to cultivate a feeling of co-operation between the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge, ever bearing in mind that our first duty is to the Mother Lodge. I am happy to report that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge has written to this Grand Chapter thanking us for our active co-operation with him in all matters affecting the Grand Lodge and its activities. I believe, that at no time in the history of Masonry in California, has such a close harmony existed between the two separate Grand Bodies. May this condition ever prevail."

And makes the following general observations in conclusion:—

"There still exists in this land of ours a decided condition of unrest and to the Masons there should be no half way stand regarding those theories which nestle close to our hearts."

"Radicalism must not be permitted to undermine either our Government or our Masonic Lodges. Masonry has always taught her sons that law and order were the first and primal duties towards our Government and we must ever and always strictly adhere to this doctrine. If this radicalism is engendered by reason of lack of law enforcement, then the means of removing unworthy officials are readily at hand, and it is your duty as well as mine to use that weapon and on its proper use depends the future
welfare and greatness of our nation and our fraternity. In this respect I am willing to trust the individual Mason to do his duty. We must not permit any radicalism to creep into our Lodge affairs. The many warm friendships formed around our altars shall ever burn bright and clear in my memory until the last syllable of recorded time.”

The Grand Lecturer’s Report among other matters contains the following:—

“A goodly number of our Chapters are awake to the necessity of and material benefit derived from a more close co-operation with our Symbolic Lodges, and are seeking every opportunity of joining with them in their social, educational and Masonic activities. This is a very important matter, and one which I feel sure would add to the material growth, and create increased interest in Chapter affairs. I commend this subject to the thoughtful consideration of all High Priests.

This paragraph is of interest:—

“Grand Chapter called off for lunch until 2 o’clock p.m., and was addressed by the Rev. Harry W. Jones, better known as “Chaplain Jones,” having acquired his nom-de-plume from his service in the United States Navy as Chaplain on the battleship Texas, during the Spanish-American War.”

Golden Gate Chapter exemplified the Royal Arch Degree.

Annual scholarships of the value of $400 are appropriated by Grand Chapter for worthy and needy sons and daughters of Master Masons, and $500 was appropriated for the Masonic Club House.

A Resolution was passed that the Grand Officers shall be elected at each Annual Convocation by majority vote; each vote must be by secret ballot.

The Committee heartily approves of smaller Chapters and of more careful attention being given to the newly exalted Companions.

The newly elected Grand High Priest Humphreys in his acceptance address touches on that sensitive plant in United States’ gardens—“History Text
Books.” Blessed be the country that does not have to worry over such matters!

“I shall appoint a Committee on Patriotic Education, which will communicate with the various High Priests, and request them to ask the Companions of their respective Chapters to investigate the textbooks on American history used by their sons and daughters. If the Companions find anything in such books which they believe tends to belittle the heroes or our country, then they are to report to this Committee, citing book, page, passage and criticism.”

Many pages are devoted worthily to biographies and memorial tablets of the dead.

Interesting tables of statistics are given with regard to the members of United States and other Grand Chapters and of Grand Lodges. These are adapted from the Kansas Committee whose Grand Secretary was indefatigable in their preparation.

The Committee on Correspondence only took up some thirty-three pages under the Chairmanship of Comp. Max A. Plumb, who begins with the following sentence:—

“I present herewith the annual report of the Committee. In it I have ‘read, marked and inwardly digested’ the contents of fifty-nine proceedings of other Grand Chapters not, however, without an occasional attack of ‘intellectual dyspepsia.’”

He treats the transactions from the subjective point of view, grouping odd gleanings from the Reports under various headings and commenting upon them. For instance, under “Character of Chapter Officers” we find the following from the address of the Grand High Priest of Ohio:—

“We would impress upon our Subordinate Chapters the vital necessity of elevating to office only those who are willing to apply themselves and are fully competent to discharge the duties of the office assumed. Whenever an officer proves inefficient, disinterested, fails in reasonable attendance, or is unfaithful in the discharge of his installation vows, he is not entitled to further preferment, no matter how
pleasing his personality or by how many he may be regarded as 'a good fellow.'

"Too many officers of Subordinate Chapters are advanced from year to year merely because of their willingness to serve in the line and without much further recommendation, so that these remarks seem pertinent."

Under "Decisions"—

"It is time enough to say good morning to the Devil when you meet him."

Under "Distinguished Visitors" he quotes from our friend Quimby, of Pennsylvania, with approval:—

"Each Chapter is a rung in the ladder that leads to the success of Grand Chapter; indifferent officers make weak Chapters. May I urge upon each High Priest present that when you return home it will be with the determination that your Chapter is not going to be a weak one, but rather that you are going to see that it shall become the strongest rung in the ladder of success."

Under South Carolina, re Correspondence Report:—

"For this excellent work, requiring a special fitness and no mediocre ability, this Grand Chapter appropriates the pitifully small sum of three hundred dollars. I recommend the increase of this appropriation to at least five hundred dollars.

"The Finance Committee proposed this amendment which was unanimously adopted."

And our Californian colleague adds this comment, laconic but graphic:—"Bully for South Carolina!"

He reprints in full as of sufficient interest and importance, with which we entirely agree, the rallying call of Grand High Priest Chevalier, of New York.

William P. Humphreys, San Francisco, M.E. Grand High Priest.

Thomas A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.
COLORADO.

Samuel J. Sweet, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Number of members, 7,813.

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1922 are preceded by a comprehensive biography and by an excellent photograph of the newly elected Grand High Priest, Will D. Grisard, who was of Swiss ancestry, and of whom it is said that "he has won that respect and esteem of his fellow citizens that is deserved by a man of uprightness and integrity."

The 48th Annual Convocation was held at Denver, September 21st, 1922, with officers and Committees all present.

The G.H.P. of the Grand Chapter of Utah was received with honours, and the M. Ex. General High Priest, William F. Kuhn responded felicitously to his welcome.

Canada’s representative was not present at roll call, which is made a feature of the Proceedings. One of the Grand Representatives responded at length and in terms that set a rather rapid pace for other Grand Jurisdictions and other nations. One paragraph will express his perhaps somewhat self-centred ideas.

"We hope, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, that not only the membership of this Grand Jurisdiction, but of all the Grand Jurisdictions that we have the honor to represent, will so deport themselves that they cannot fail to cause the citizenship in general to so influence governmental affairs and direct policies and diplomacy, that this great republic, the greatest, the most resourceful and most powerful nation of the earth to-day, will dominate the world in love, and bless it with its example, so that other nations seeing our prosperity and strength and character will strive to imitate us, not only in matters of government, but in matters of religion and morals."

The Grand High Priest in his address strikes the right note—
"The gathering together of duly accredited representatives to this Grand Convocation is significant of two important thoughts, namely:—First, the acquisition and understanding the value of what this great branch of Free Masonry stands for, and second, the participation and exchange value of 'honest to goodness' good fellowship.

"It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I point to the earnest workers in our Chapters. Unremitting service is characterizing the life of our work; sacrifices are being made every day on the part of these workers, but their watchword, prompting them onward, is not 'What can I get out of life?' but 'How much can I give to make the world better because I have lived in it?'

"With such spirit dominating the circles of our Institution, success is sure to follow, and great shall be your reward.

"Whenever I have received correspondence bearing on this subject, I have said to myself, 'Brotherly love and co-operation work wonders.' It is what makes this Grand Institution the bulwark of Fraternalism and the great influence for good in the community wherever it is located."

Sterling Chapter having passed a resolution to apply for "Letters Temporary" in the Order of De Molay which it proposed to organize and sponsor, the Grand High Priest gave his reasons in negative reply and added—

"Therefore, I disapprove the above quoted resolution. It is not my intention or purpose to comment on the merits of the De Molay Order for Boys."

After praising the Masonic Home and his official family he thus concludes—

"Companions, the pendulum has swung for about the last time, and my official acts in the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado are about to close, thanks to the Great I Am for His sustaining Power."
"'Tis the human touch in this world that counts
The touch of your hand and mine
Which means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine.
For the shelter is gone when the night is o'er
And bread lasts only a day;
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Sing on the Soul alway."

The Grand Lecturer comments upon the difficulty a visitor experienced in passing his Board of Trial and of the care the Presiding Officer must exercise in the choice of a Committee, the majority of the members present not being qualified to conduct the examination, and adds—

"This condition is almost entirely lacking in the Blue Lodge, due to the fact that the candidates must pass examination for proficiency before advancement, and must learn the Third Degree lecture within a stated time limit, and some such rule might be of great value to Capitular Masonry. The present lectures are, I believe, too long, but they could be cut down to a point in which the essence of the work will still remain."

The Report of the Committee on Necrology is a touching one. It heads their obituary with this quotation:—

"As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up, so man lieth down and riseth not up, till the heavens shall be no more."

Again as in so many other Jurisdictions, G.H.P. Kuhn scored most effectively. His influence throughout the United States must have been incalculable. Listen to his outspoken and fearless words:—

"Royal Arch Masonry to-day does not hold the proper position that is due it because of indifferent, sloppy work and horse-play and the inefficiency of incompetent officers. There lies the trouble. Do not complain that the Scottish Rite is getting your candidates unless you have first cleaned your own door-steps and do the work right and proper as it should be done. In other words, make the Chapter talk for itself, and you will have no trouble."
“Brethren, the Royal Arch Degree is a great degree. Masonry revolves around one great centre, the Master’s Word. It is lost and it must be recovered and it must be interpreted. It is lost in the Master’s Degree and it is not recovered. You were put off with a substitute after you had been promised the Master’s Word. He is in search of the eternal truth and he ought to get it.

“I have taken all the extraneous orders: I once thought I was the chief boss of the Eastern Star in the United States, but that’s where I made a sad mistake. I am a member of the Shrine and I apologize, but I feel better toward the Shrine since each one of them is contributing two dollars each year towards the help of the boys and girls. I was thinking the other day that it would take us Shriners fifty years at two dollars per man to raise the same amount that has been spent in booze since the organization of the Shrine, but we are going to get it back somehow. Now, as I said, I have no hesitancy in saying what I think of Royal Arch Masonry. I have taken all the degrees of the Scottish Rite and I am a worker in the Scottish Rite. I am acting as Prior in the Consistory, in the thirty-second degree, and I want to say to you candidly and honestly that there is more practical work and more practical teachings, morally and spiritually, in Royal Arch Masonry than in all the other degrees combined. That is why I am the champion of Capitular Freemasonry. I know what it teaches and what it means.”

The Correspondence Report is brief but to the point. Canada 1922 is more fully and generously reviewed than almost any other Grand Jurisdiction, and liberal quotations from Grand Z. Ponton’s address are made. The reviewer adds—

“Your Scribe is of the opinion that the system of Grand Superintendents as organized and carried out by the Grand Chapter of Canada is worthy of consideration by the Grand Chapter of Colorado.”

Under New Jersey he quotes:
“Do you know what the Keystone would say if it would speak? I’ll tell you. It would say: ‘I am here to strengthen the plan.’”

And he adds this wise comment—

“He irrevocably declares against collective ballot- ing and considers our objection to the requirement of petitioners being American citizens well taken.”

The review concludes with a digest of decisions recorded in the Proceedings reviewed—an admirable feature, and the Committee composed of Ernest LeNeve Foster, with Jacob M. Meales as co-worker, concludes as follows:—

“Dignity and sound teaching with a desire to serve will alone make Royal Arch Masonry successful. To help the Blue Lodge in its philanthropic work is a good step in this direction. Fewer cigars, fewer banquets, and the money thus wasted put to good use, makes Masonry worth while. Let Colorado be a leader in the good cause.”

Will D. Grisard, Pueblo, Grand High Priest.
William W. Cooper, Denver, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

Membership, 15,122.
Net gain, 732.
Number of Chapters, 44.
Received for Grand Chapter dues, $6,048.80.

In Connecticut your reviewer is on familiar ground and welcomes the fine clear cut, military countenance of Grand High Priest Nash, with whom he has been happily associated in many visitations, and whose hospitality, with that of his predecessors, he has enjoyed.

The 125th Annual Convocation was held at Hartford, May 8th, 1923, with a full quota of officers, and no less than sixteen Past Grand High Priests on the roll.

In his annual address the Grand High Priest says among other sentences well worthy of citation—
"I am reminded of a short sketch that appeared in one of our Masonic papers a short time ago,—'All Masonic Bodies have turned out too many theoretical Masons. Masonry needs more of the shoulder-to-shoulder Masonry and less of the elbow-to-elbow brand, as exemplified at the banquet table; it needs more of the heart and less of the mouth; it should find expression in giving rather than taking and paramount to all, men who can serve and not swerve.' I fear too often we have made members, not Capitular Masons."

"It is certainly a striking example of unity, and the universality of our institution, as well as a most convincing proof of the cordial relations which exist between the jurisdictions of Rhode Island and Connecticut, that a Chapter of one State Jurisdiction, has been for more than thirty years allowed to hold its Convocations in an adjoining State, and to receive as members brethren from the latter State."

With regard to inter-visitation he says:—

"I think that we all will admit that this exchange of visits between these Grand Jurisdictions has been productive of great good, not only by broadening the viewpoint of the Officers, which in turn is passed along to the Companions, but in the actual information that we receive in the discussions held after the meetings."

He speaks very favourably of the Order of De Molay, and feels sure that in a few years a great deal of our "material" will come from these Chapters.

With regard to applications to be allowed to use the Royal Arch as a passage-way, he gives his reply to a request in the following words:—

"Reason: so that certain men might apply to the Shrine. Request denied. While I have always been active in the Shrine, do not believe in making the Chapter simply a stepping stone for the other Masonic Bodies, and as the only reason (stated) for asking for this dispensation is "that certain men
may apply to those bodies,” I am obliged to decline your request.”

He commends the Masonic Home and suggests that $2.00 be paid by each initiate therefor.

He pays Canada a compliment by concluding as follows:—

“In closing, I am going to repeat the words that our good friend M.E. Companion Ponton of Canada has so often used.

‘May God give you all good, pure, sweet and pleasant things—the gifts of Heaven, the products of earth—stability, serenity, equanimity, health, strength, power, love, and all joy of life.’”

All the Grand Chapter Officers gave excellent reports of a busy year of good work.

The delinquent Chapters not represented at Grand Chapter in Connecticut are heavily fined. There was only one absentee.

The report of M.E. Comp. Edgar B. Ellis who will be personally remembered well by our own Companions through his much appreciated visit to us, gives foor for thought. Comp. Ellis will always be a power for good.

Chapters are assigned to the various Grand Officers for visitations. Their membership and officers are given in full.

The Order of Anointed High Priesthood was conferred in ancient form, which the writer well remembers.

The Correspondence Report is by P.G.H.P. George A. Kies, a veteran of the fraternal quill, and he pays brief but fruitful visits to many Jurisdictions.

Under New Jersey he says what we all feel—

“In the passing on of Companion Haines, not only New Jersey but the whole Masonic world has suffered grievous loss.”

Canada is reviewed in friendly fashion, and the death of M.E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, who was the representative of Connecticut, is commented on with great regret.
The Grand Z’s address is spoken of as “a fine and high-minded sermon and exhortation to lofty service.”

Apropos of a similar accident in North Dakota, the reviewer reports that in his copy of Canada, the printer “has stood the worthy Grand Z. on his head.”

Texas is as usual, commented upon as the storm centre of the year, but Texas appears to go on doing good work.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Hartford, May 13th, 1924.

F. Ward DeKlyn, Danbury, M.E. Grand High Priest.

George A. Kies, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

DELWARE.

George A. Salmon, Grand High Priest.

Present membership, 2,025.

Net gain for year, 57.

The Proceedings of the 55th Annual Convocation which was held at Wilmington, 17th January, 1923, are prefaced by a photograph and biography of M.E. Comp. Salmon, who looks to be a man of strong character and individuality. The following extracts from his biography are happily suggestive:

“He is of a most lovable disposition and one of the most popular and best known men in Capitular Masonry in Delaware. Is an ardent golfer, and is to be found at his game nearly every good day. He is a Chârter Member Brandywine Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of Delaware.”

The Grand High Priest’s address is not long but is full of meat, and we detach the following wise sentences:

“Because we have so large a past laid upon us, with our wise laws, traditions and landmarks, it is not surprising that peace and harmony prevail, and the Craft working and progressing in complete harmony in our Jurisdiction.

“I have felt deeply the responsibility of my exalted office, and have during the year tried to steer
the Craft into those channels that lead to the Divine source of our earthly comforts, where we can renew our hope and faith, and where we find the induce-
ment to continue steadfast and immovable in the discharge of our respective duties.”

He records many visits and many courtesies and among them—

“Accompanied by R.E. Grand Secretary, Stuart J. Horn, we journeyed to Baltimore on the above date, and the famous Maryland Hospitality started in and cared for us from the time we entered the city until we left. We were most cordially received by the M.E. Grand High Priest, Companion LePage.

“My introduction by Companion George B. Wells, R.E. Grand Secretary, an ex-Blue Hen’s Chicken, was so friendly and the welcome by Most Excellent Grand High Priest Quimby was so sincere and cordial, made me feel so much at home that it was with real regret I was forced to go back to the office, when the Grand Chapter called off for dinner.

“It is what our hands do in trying to perfect un-
finished things, it is the errands upon which our feet go, it is the service we try to render and above all it is the record of our work that is the true measure of our gratitude, and it is with feelings of grateful-
ness that I thank you for the high honor you have conferred upon me, and for the privilege of serving you as your Grand High Priest.

“That this institution, erected to God, and de-
voted to the building up of our moral and spiritual character is a “Goodly Heritage,” and like our rites and mysteries, has been handed down unchanged by time and uncontrolled by prejudice.”

Comp. Thomas J. Day is the friendly corre-
spondent who pays a brief visit to each Jurisdiction. He speaks in very complimentary terms under “Canada” of the Grand Z’s address as—

“One of the best that has been my privilege of reviewing and space will not permit of anything like an adequate synopsis of it. I would advise the Com-
padronies to take the first opportunity to read it.”
And quotes with approval the whole conclusion, and notes our progress in membership and in investments.

Under Georgia he quotes with approval the following Resolution:—

"Be it Resolved: That from the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, the purposes, teachings and functions of Ancient Craft Masonry have never varied nor changed, nor have its ancient landmarks ever been moved and that therefore no other order or fraternity has the right or authority to exploit the order or its membership, or to attempt to direct its activities or to assume to announce its policies and although the individual Mason has the right to unite with any lawful organization, this body deplores and denounces any attempt to make it appear that Masonry has any connection with any other fraternity, order or business organization, insurance corporation, society or association."

Under North Dakota he records their Resolution made in accordance with an agreement with the A.A.S.R. requiring a certificate of proficiency in the lecture of the Master Mason's Degree.

Under Texas he quotes a decision of the Grand High Priest:—

"That the High Priest has a right and it is his duty to exclude from the Chapter a Royal Arch Mason who by his perverseness or contumacy, may interfere with the proper working of the Chapter or disturb its harmony."

Our Delaware friends have a flavor all their own, theirs is a goodly vineyard.

The Order of High Priesthood held its usual qualifying meeting.

Charles E. Willin, M.E.G.H.P.
Stuart J. Horn, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Delos W. Thayer, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Present membership, 6,241.
Net gain, 257.
The very interesting Annual Proceedings are prefaced by what appears to be an excellent portrait of M. Ex. Comp. Thayer, whose clear eye, benevolent smile and broad brow are let us hope, typically Masonic.

The 56th Convocation was held at Washington, February 14th, 1923, at the Masonic Temple, and the next Annual Convocation was fixed for the present month in 1924, and the Proceedings will be of special interest because of the veteran, Roe Fulkerson, whose name has been a household word both as an original and virile correspondent, and as a leader in fraternal and philanthropic organizations, having been elected Grand High Priest.

Canada was represented at the meeting by Lucien G. Yung. Cordial greetings were extended to the Representatives of the Grand Chapters of Ohio, of Tennessee, and of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the Grand Master of the District of Columbia was officially received.

Grand High Priest Thayer visited all the constituent Chapters on several occasions and co-operated with the Grand Master in the campaign for the new Temple (the land alone cost $900,000), sharing the Grand Chapter offices for that purpose. His mental attitude may be gathered from the following excerpts:

"I would have you know and more firmly feel that our fraternity is founded upon brotherhood, and after all is said brotherhood is love.

"If our hearts are purified by love of God and man, we shall stand justified before the Grand Overseer in the last day; for "love is the fulfilling of the law."

Hours fly
Flowers die,
New days
New ways
Pass by.
Love stays.
"I declined to grant a dispensation to shorten the time for balloting upon two candidates, the reason given being the desire of the candidates to qualify for membership in another Masonic body for which the Capitular Degrees are a prerequisite holding that such use of the dispensing power would not only be an abuse of this prerogative, but derogatory to the dignity of Capitular Masonry.

"I cannot too forcibly strive to impress upon the mind and heart of every officer, by words with which he is already familiar, that it should be his unremitting study to acquire such a degree of knowledge and information as shall enable him to discharge with propriety the various duties incumbent upon him, and preserve unsullied the title to which he has already attained or may hope to attain.

"Companions, as we lend our personal support to the building of the New Temple, let us each remember that in so far as we build, we ourselves are being built.

Why build these temples glorious
If man unbuilded goes?
We build the world in vain—
Unless the builder also grows.

"The thought was ever with me, however, that back of me was that pillar of strength, our R.E. Companion Roe Fulkerson, Deputy Grand High Priest, who could at any time assume the duties of the Grand East.

"My duties have all been pleasures. My companionship with you has developed into comradeship. Fraternal mingling among you has made me love you. Horizons all around me have been pushed backward until for the future of Capitular Masonry in the District of Columbia I can see only rosy promises for achievements that shall far surpass those of the past. I can only hope that by the guiding hand of an all-seeing and omnipotent God, and through the influence of the lessons and teachings of Masonry the world may at last arrive at a time 'when all men's good shall be each man's rule, and
universal peace lie like a shaft of light across the land.'"

A School of Instruction in Royal Arch Chapter work is held twice monthly in this compact Jurisdiction.

The Grand Lecturer, who is Canada's Representative, makes this comment in his report:

"The Past Master's Degree is becoming more impressive and dignified, yet considerable improvement can be made so that this degree will be a credit to Capitular Masonry."

We have only a travesty of the Past Master's Degree in Canada and that only in some localities, a sort of survival of the unfittest.

The biography of the Grand High Priest closes with the following earnest eulogy:

"Dignified and courteous as a presiding officer, kindly and companionable in disposition, and faithful and conscientious in the performance of every duty, M.E. Companion Thayer's every official act was commended by the Grand Chapter, and he retired with the hearty esteem and affection of his Companions."

The Committee on Correspondence feature in their very striking introduction the relationship of the Royal Craft to national education and especially to the Towner-Sterling Bill, which was at that time running the gauntlet in Congress.

Of Canada the reviewer speaks as follows:

"The growth of this important Canadian Grand Jurisdiction continues without abatement."

And he is grateful to R. Ex. Comp. Brown for the high compliment paid him by liberal quotations from his foreword of 1921, and he answers Comp. Brown's question as to how men find their way to the Grand East by suggesting with grim humor an analogy in the Correspondents.

From Alabama to Wyoming this central and representative Jurisdiction reviews all Grand Chapters in the world except New Brunswick, Rhode Island, Ireland, and Western Australia, and they in-
clude New Brunswick among the “American” but class Ireland and Western Australia as “foreign.” Are we not all fraternal?”

Roe Fulkerson, Washington, D.C., M.E.G.H.P.
Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, D.C., Grand Secretary.

**ENGLAND.**

M. Ex. Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill, Pro First Grand Principal.

M. Ex. Comp. Sir Frederick Halsey, Second Grand Principal.

V. Ex. Comp. P. Colville Smith, Grand Scribe E.

V. Ex. Comp. Rt. Hon. Viscount Cave, Grand Scribe N.

The Report of the Committee of General Purposes, very full and very business-like, was received and adopted and fourteen Charters were granted to new Chapters.

The Quarterly Convocation was held 1st February, 1922, with a very large attendance, and the report of the Committee of General Purposes who do most of the work, was received and entered on the minutes.

We clip the following paragraph:—

“E. Comp. A. T. Ramsey, P.Z. 3230, moved an amendment, which was seconded, to the effect that the new Chapter, No. 765, should be differentiated in title by being called the St. James Chapter, the existing Chapter being named the Chapter of St. James, as there was an objection to the word ‘new,’ seeing that the Chapter would be attached to an old Lodge.”

Our own duplicate nomenclature is sometimes puzzling.

The next Quarterly Convocation was held 3rd May, 1922.

Lord Ampthill again presiding. The Committee had the melancholy duty to report the deaths of many Past Grand Officers all conspicuous by their devotion to Royal Arch Masonry.
The following resolution was passed:—

“That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Herbert F. Manisty, K.C., LL.B., President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year.”

The amounts credited to different donors total £5,904 Sterling.

Quarterly Convocations were held on 2nd of August and on 1st of November, 1922, at the latter of which among other tributes, Lord Ampthill spoke as follows:—

M.E. Comp. Rt. Hon. Lord Ampthill (Pro First Grand Principal): “Companions, before we proceed any further, I feel sure you would wish me on your behalf, to make some allusion to the very sad loss which this Grand Chapter and the Craft in general have sustained in the death of our late Comp. W. F. Hamilton, K.C., Grand Registrar. You will, I am sure, not think that I am making any invidious distinction or departure from custom in alluding to only one of the Companions whose death is mentioned in our Quarterly Report. He was, if I may so put it, one of the administrators of the Craft—one of those who gave very substantial services to the administration of Freemasonry. Of course, it was in Grand Lodge that his services were particularly valuable, and where we were so deeply indebted to him for the immense amount of work he put into his lucid and clear opinions, and in the negotiations he undertook for us in more than one matter of very great importance.”

The following motion is of interest to all those who met and were charmed with Comp. Sir John Ferguson and his colleagues on their recent visit to Canada:—

“On Motion duly made by the President of the Committee of General Purposes, seconded by E. Comp. C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.SoJ., and pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee, the prayers of the Petitions of the Bee Hive Chapter, No. 2809, London, for the substitution of the name of Companion Sir John Ferguson, K.B.E., as Z. designate in place of Companion Sir Richard V. Vassar-Smith, Bart. (deceased).”

The next Quarterly Convocation was opened as the records show, by the Companions in “Antient and Solemn Form.”
A resolution of sympathy was passed to M. Ex. Comp. Halsey in his bereavement.

On the 2nd of May a very large gathering of Companions met in Freemasons' Hall, Sir John Ferguson being Grand Treasurer, and Sir Thomas Willes Chitty, also well known in Canada, Grand Registrar—

"These offices, according to the Regulations of the Order, devolve upon the Companions holding corresponding positions in Grand Lodge."

The National Anthem is always sung as is most proper, at the end of all their gatherings.

The statement of accounts appears to be most complete and minute, total receipts being £5,443 Sterling.

It is a pleasure even through the printed pages to feel the touch of British Brotherhood.

ENGLAND AND WALES MARK MASTER MASONS.


The Quarterly Communication of (to give it its full title) "The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown," was held at Mark Masons' Hall, 5th December, 1922, in the presence of a distinguished gathering.


H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was again nominated as Grand Master as was to have been loyally anticipated.

The Fund of Benevolence is administered with special stress laid upon the educational work of the Board.

The Deputy Grand Master in his modest reply to the address said:

"I feel that I am unfit to follow those who have gone before me in the Chair and whose work I have so much admired. I can only assure you that I will do my very best, according to my skill and ability, to follow in their footsteps and do the work as well as it is possible for me to do it."

At the meeting of the General Board on 6th March, 1923, two legacies were announced, one of £500 and one from a member of Aldershot Military Lodge of one-quarter of his residuary estate. Here is an example for our Canadian Brethren and Companions.

The Quarterly Communication was held on 6th March, 1923, Lord Aldenham presiding.

R.W. Bro. Stable, of the University of London, and a member of the Bar, was elected Grand Treasurer.

Six warrants of new Lodges were granted and V. Wor. Bro. the Grand Secretary, Phillip Colville Smith, was appointed Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall, succeeding the grand old man, R.W. Bro. Lord Halsbury, deceased.

The Quarterly Communication was held in London on 5th of June, 1923, M.W. Bro. Colonel the Earl of Stradebroke, K.C., M.G., Pro-Grand Master On The Throne, and a very large attendance of Brethren of outstanding merit in the community.

In his address the Pro-Grand Master said:

"This morning I had the honour of being received by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, to whom I was naturally anxious to give a report of what I had been doing in Victoria in the cause of Freemasonry, and I was glad to be able to tell him what I may now tell you, that although I have travelled many thousands of miles since I last met you, and have visited a great number of Lodges both in the Craft and Mark Masonry, I have always found exactly the same spirit there that I have found here and amongst the Mark Masons of England—the same spirit to
give a hearty and true welcome to any member coming amongst them, and to do the very best for the cause of Free-masonry. . . . They are very careful out there not to introduce anyone as a member unless he is worthy and of good repute. We are doing a good work for our country in that respect.”

A conference was arranged between the Governing Bodies of Scotland and Ireland to take place on the 21st of June.

The Benevolent Branch showed liberal responses and much anonymous relief was given.

The Director of Ceremonies proclaimed that H.R.H. Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn—

"Is installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, whom may the Great Overseer of the Universe long preserve."

And the other Grand Officers were thereupon also installed in due form.

On 4th September, 1923, the General Board met and reported warrants issued to three new Lodges, and a large part of the Proceedings is devoted to an account of the Conferences held between Ireland and Scotland, and England and Wales in the preceding June. From this we clip the following:

"In Ireland, an England Royal Arch Companion is admitted to the opening of the Royal Arch Chapter and allowed to see the Passing of the Veils.

"In Ireland the First Principal of a Royal Arch Chapter, who is styled the King, has a certificate issued to him, which states that he has taken the Chair in the Mark Degree.

"The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons recognize the Certificates of the respective Grand Chapters of Ireland and Scotland as evidence that the Companion named therein has taken the degree of a Mark Master Mason, but not without further evidence that such Companion has taken the degree of an Installed Master of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons."

With regard to the Fund of Benevolence £7,723 Sterling was announced as having been paid and promised. Our Brethren and Companions in England and Wales certainly mark well.
R. J. Kishpaugh, M.E.G.H.P.
Net gain in membership, 484.

The Proceedings of the 77th Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter held at Tampa, May 15th and 16th, 1923, are prefaced by an excellent portrait of Grand High Priest Kishpaugh, whose broad brow and genial smile indicate an attractive personality.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Jacksonville, May 20th, 1924.

Canada was represented by Chester DeRocher. The Representatives of several Grand Jurisdictions extended greetings from their respective Grand Bodies.

The Grand High Priest modestly begins his comprehensive and businesslike address as follows:—

"I believe the report will be as brief as you could desire, as I have to record the happenings of a very quiet year in Capitular Masonry."

He pays tribute to a deceased Companion as follows:—

"So we leave him in the safe keeping of Infinite Love until the day dawns and the shadows flee away, the day when these broken ties of kinship and brotherhood shall reknit and when God shall bind up the breach of His people and heal the stroke of their wound."

He devotes a page to decisions on interpretation of Ritual, of which we give the following as types of questions and answers:—

"Question. In the ceremony of exaltation is battery given after the G. R. A. W.? It is not provided for in the Ritual.

"Answer. It should be given after the communication.

"Question. Is an elaborated explanation of K. E. Y. permissible?

"Answer. When confined to the subject it is not objectionable."
Briefly and directly the Grand High Priest concludes his address:—

"A record of my endeavors is now before you, and may the hand of justice descend upon it."

The pay roll of each attendant Representative of Chapters is appended in full detail.

With regard to the Texas défi the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence has this lubricant to offer:—

"The Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Florida is a sovereign Grand Chapter, in full accord with, and for, the best interests of Capitular Masonry, and is a member of the great family associated together under the Constitution and Laws of the General Grand Chapter, and as such we earnestly hope for a just and proper determination of this serious problem."

Tampa the beautiful received two pages of glowing and chivalrous thanks, which the Lady of the Snows at the present season simply exults in reading—

"It has been one continual feasting on the fat of this Promised Land.

"Nor did these good ladies forget the beautiful—aesthetic beauty greeted us from every side. Handsome ladies served around immaculate tables, garlanded with flowers of heavenly hues. We are under an everlasting debt of gratitude to these, Tampa's noblest ladies!"

Regulations adopted include the following positive and repressing one:—

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this Grand Chapter that some of the Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction have departed from the work in conferring the degrees, especially the Royal Arch Degree, by interpolating scenes calculated to excite mirth and discomfort to the candidates, therefore be it.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter sets the seal of its condemnation upon such innovation, and absolutely prohibits the future occurrence under penalty of forfeiture of charter for persistence therein.
The Fraternal Correspondence Report is in the able hands of a Committee presided over by Companion Ely P. Hubbell.

To the youthful Grand Chapter of Alberta, our well beloved daughter, he accords this well earned praise:

"Seldom we read a Proceedings which contains, in our opinion, more real constructive work than is found in Alberta for 1922, and while we have given it liberal space, yet only the high lights have been touched."

Of Canada he gives copious and generous quotations and a eulogy that makes us humble as we read it—

"In the two preceding years the Grand First Principal established an almost world-wide and enviable reputation for his rare Masonic and literary abilities, and his address at this Annual was, if anything, even more scholarly, comprehensive and instructive."

Of the District Superintendents he says:—

"Over one hundred pages of the Proceedings are given over to the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, which are wonderful word pictures of the progress of Capitular Masonry in that vast empire."

Of our predecessor, R. Ex. Comp. Brown, he writes:—

"R.E. Companion Edward B. Brown, for the seventh time, presents a commendable and instructive report of the doings of other Grand Chapters, concerning which he modestly adds, 'with such comment as we think may point a moral if they do not adorn the tale.' This leads him to speculate upon the characters and attainments of the Chief Rulers."

Under New York the learned reviewer graphically reports as follows:—

"The Grand High Priest found it necessary to issue an edict positively prohibiting a condition new to the writer, either by personal contact or by men-
tion in other Grand Proceedings. This was that certain Chapters in that Grand Jurisdiction were 'conferring the several degrees without requiring each candidate to repeat in full the obligation of each degree.' It is a condition scarcely conceivable to the writer, and was another way of putting into disreputable practice the old homely adage of 'skimping at the spigot and leaking at the bunghole.' 

And he concludes his able Review with these remarks:—

"Once again we have completed our annual pilgrimage to all those Capitular quarries which have submitted specimens of work, and it has been the most pleasurable of any of the seven we have made. "

"However, permit this digression. Without going into details, an important matter, and one occupying great prominence to-day, is that of recognition of the Order of De Molay for Boys. While the majority of those Grand Bodies which have expressed themselves at all, more or less favor this movement; yet there are several which have taken diametrically opposite views, as will be seen by the references to this movement scattered throughout this year's reports."

Ely P. Hubbell, Bradentown, M.E.G.H.P.
Wilbur P. Webster, Jacksonville, R.E. Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

The One Hundredth Celebration of the Grand Chapter of Georgia was held at Macon, April 12th, 1922, and in honor of the anniversary Proceedings a very handsomely bound volume has been sent to the various sister Grand Jurisdictions the world over, all of whom unite in felicitations to our Georgia Companions in completing their century of good work and good will. The volume, apart from its handsome letter-press and the intrinsic value of the addresses and biographies, is a gallery of portraits and the composite picture of the many manly and virile
countenances would result in the embodiment of true Masonic manhood as well as of genial Companion-ship.

The oldest Grand High Priest, Dr. J. W. Taylor, delivered a reminiscent address dating back in memory to 1868 when there was not a dollar in the treasury, and when Grand Chapter had very few Chapters and very few members, and paid their debts in script which they redeemed later. Many of them, however, retained their scrips as a precious treasure of the past. Not a man survives who was with the speaker fifty-three years ago in Grand Chapter. He asks “what have we done?” and answers, “there stands on the east bank of the river a monument more enduring than marble, to which the members of Grand Chapter have contributed many thousands and thousands of dollars—the Masonic Home.”

Alabama and Pennsylvania were both represented.

The historical address was given by M. Ex. Comp. H. Warner Hill, Past Grand High Priest, who quotes — “how our—

“Full heart swells
   As that proud name salutes mine ears;
   What scenes it wakes in memory’s cells,
       How grand thy destiny appears!”

He records the time when the Royal Arch Degree was conferred in the Blue Lodge. He recited the dark and tragic chapters in the history of our early Companions, to show the trials and difficulties through which they passed during the trying years from 1863 to 1866, when the Chapters took recess, every man being on duty for that cause which he believed to be right, and he concludes as follows:—

“In the beginning of a new century, let us resolve to be as true to the landmarks which the fathers have set, as they were in establishing and maintaining them, and see that they are not removed; and when life’s labor in the quarries is done, and we lay aside the working tools of life,
may we leave behind us as good and true work as our ancient Companions have, and receive the wages which the Grand High Priest above alone can pay."

The Grand Secretary of Alabama, George A. Beauchamp, delivered an excellent and neighborly address, the spirit may be gathered from the following:

"It has been well said that the foundation of a happy life is effort—well directed and sustained—not for self, but for others. Real service is an effort which succeeds by its unity of purpose and act. Hearts which beat in unison in achieving a common object never fail of effect. Every stone is made square and to fit. There is no intrusive grit. There are no rounded pebbles to disturb the true setting of the stone in the structure. It is like an organ. If the pipes are all tuned to the same pitch, the result is harmony. If one fails and is flat, the result is discord."

A complete list of the Past Grand Officers is appended to this most interesting volume.

The writer has the honor of representing Georgia near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

W. C. Jordan, Grand High Priest.
E. A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA No. 2.

Augustus G. Miller, M.E.G.H.P.
Membership, 18,469.
Net gain, 322.
The 101st Annual Convocation assembled in Macon, April 25th, 1923. The next Annual Convocation will be held 29th April, 1924.
The Proceedings were opened with singing and prayer. No less than thirteen Past Grand High Priests registered their loyal attendance, and this appears to be a characteristic of Georgia.
Canada was not represented.
The Grand Master of the State was introduced, as well as the Grand Council, with all the honors.
The Grand High Priest in his address among many other good things, said:

"The past year has been more in the nature of a halt in our advancement in order that we might consolidate and make sure the positions we have gained. To-day it is fitting that we call to mind in this hour of elation over what has been accomplished and what we hope for the future, the stern fact that Death, too, is playing his part in the affairs of men.

"There is no institution connected with this great Order of ours which is nearer the heart of every Royal Arch Mason than the Masonic Home. We consider the money appropriated year by year to that institution, not as charity, but as an investment which will pay splendid dividends in the lives of the young people who received their training in the Home.

"As I take my place again in the ranks as an humble worker in the quarries of the Master Builder, may I ask those who come after me to make use of my feeble services in any way they may see fit."

The Grand Lecturer is evidently a busy man and as Grand Secretary also, is the right man in the right place.

The writer can bear testimony to the fact that he keeps in touch with his sister Grand Jurisdictions.

The Fraternal Correspondence is in the able hands of Comp. Charles L. Bass who, under Canada, characterizes the address of Grand Z. Ponton as "a very scholarly and beautiful one" and he quotes his comments upon some of the topics referred to. Of Comp. Brown he says—"another fine Report. Georgia is reviewed with his usual care and courtesy."

He reprints the "Digest of Decisions" in Proceedings reviewed from the Grand Chapter of Colorado, and we suggest to our Grand Chapter a similar reprint.

His conclusion is the following rallying call:
“Activity along educational lines is marked and universally the demand is made upon the Craft to stand for law and order and the constituted authority in the land and to check the wave of lawlessness abroad and the disregard for authority that is prevalent.

“Capitular Masonry has been blessed and been a blessing during the year. With our faces turned toward the Light, our faith in the God of our fathers, let us enter the new year.”

Clarence H. Andrew, Macon, M.E.G.H.P.
Edgar A. McHan, Macon, Grand Secretary.

IDAHO.

Francis Jenkins, G.H.P.


The Annual Convocation was held at the City of St. Maries, 24th May, 1923, and the 16th Annual Convocation will be held at Boise, May 21st, 1924.

The Grand High Priest opens his address as follows:—

“What a grand privilege is granted us to assemble in St. Maries, the metropolis of the beautiful St. Joe, on this, our Fifteenth Annual Convocation. To this conclave, I extend to you a hearty welcome and invite each of you to full participation in our noble work for humanity. Here in our sacred sanctuary no man will revile the faith in which his companion or neighbor finds help for to-day and hope for the morrow. Some men have the temerity to say that Masonry is not a religion, but I am frank to say that I have not at any time been able to divorce Masonry from rational religion, for it is a system of philosophy that teaches the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, for to live according to the true spirit of Masonry, it polishes the character of its votaries, making them gentle, gracious, and con-
considerate. Masonry is said to be a league of noble and free men enlisted in the radiant enterprise of working out in time the love and will of the Eternal."

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

He records the edict of the General Grand Chapter against Texas and the severance of friendly relations, confirmed by Idaho.

In one of the many letters which are included in the address he utters these wise words:—

"I might add with due propriety that the growth and prosperity of a Masonic Lodge in a town is the best barometer to judge by as to whether a Chapter in the same town would thrive or wane."

One of his decisions is as follows:—

"I hold further: That a Chapter of R. A. M. in this Jurisdiction has the right to sell its buildings and grounds for the purpose of rebuilding on another site, or for repurchase of building and site. But a Chapter cannot, on surrendering its charter, sell, or dispose of any part of its property for division among its members, but it shall deliver all property of whatever character to the Grand Secretary."

In his conclusion is the following striking sentiment which no doubt appealed to his hearers:—

"Resolutions are easily drafted and passed, and it seems that they are as easily forgotten. We should heed the century-old advice that 'Eternal vigilance is the price of peace.' Again, General George Washington at the most trying moment in the history of his Colonial Army, issued the memorable order: 'Let none but Americans be on guard to-night.' Have we our ears so attuned to the echo of that command and heed and obey it."

Which in its patriotic exclusiveness rather recalls our own Burns—

"And never but by British hands
Shall British wrongs be righted."

Certain pamphlets are commended highly, among them—the "Necessity of the Royal Arch to the
Master Mason,” and the “History of the Mark Master’s Mark.”

Among the rulings of the General Grand Chapter which are quoted under this Jurisdiction, we cite the following as of general interest:—

“Question III. Should the High Priest of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons be covered when presiding?

“Answer. No. The reason and tradition of the Master of a Lodge does not apply to a High Priest. The presiding officer in a Lodge of Entered Apprentices, Fellowcraft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master represent King Solomon, and for reasons assigned in the Past Master’s Degree, ‘The Master is covered when presiding over a Lodge.’ In a Chapter, the presiding officer is not a King, but a High Priest; hence, the tradition of the Lodge does not apply. It is only in the ceremonial portion of the Royal Arch Degree, while wearing the robes, that the officers are covered. This decision applies to a Grand High Priest as well.”

And the conclusion of the General High Priest’s appeal is worthy of re-production:—

“Eat moderately, and of well selected, wholesome food, is the advice of the physician, for our physical well-being. The same rule applies to our Masonic well-being and welfare. Freemasonry needs leaders and Masonic dietetic experts. The age of the loafing-on-the-job Grand High Priest, and the indifferent High Priest is passing. The Craft has become an animated interrogation point. It is crying for knowledge, information and education. Will we arise to the demand, or will we give them a stone when they are crying for bread?”

The Fraternal Correspondence is sponsored by Comp. George E. Kneeper, who submits his fourth report.

Canada is treated frankly with a touch of criticism, and fair criticism always does us good when given in friendly spirit as Idaho administers
it. He says that there were many excellent addresses delivered but few of these there are that might not be improved, and makes the writer blush as he reads the following:—

“In the fine address before us we are frequently unnecessarily jarred by such expressions as “urbi et orbi”, “adsum”, “bonne entente”, “fide at fiducia”, etc. The jar is not in the interpretation of these interpolations, but in the regret that otherwise good English is marred.”

Our Idaho colleague will please remember that Canada is a land of dual language and Masonry speaks the universal tongue.

He quotes with approval the following sentence:—

“The Grand Z. urges the Craft to be doubly vigilant in guarding the portals against admission of fanatical agitators.”

And praises without stint the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in which he finds enough to constitute a liberal Masonic education.

With regard to De Molay, which the reviewer entitles “The Masonic Incubator,” he quotes under Kansas—

“We your special Committee to whom was referred the question of the position which Capitular Masonry in Kansas should assume toward the Order of De Molay, would report: that we are in hearty accord with the aims and efforts of every organization having for its object the furtherance of good citizenship and the upbuilding of the youth of our common country, yet we do not deem it our duty to sponsor any particular order in the conduct of its own affairs.”

and adds “the above is a righteous conclusion.”

All through our fellow correspondent shows that he has a mind of his own and his summaries and headings are in themselves most expressive.

Jay R. Mason, Idaho Falls, M.E.G.H.P.
Edward H. Way, Boise; Grand Secretary.
INDIANA.

Edward B. Raub, M.E.G.H.P.
Total membership, 31,960.
Net gain, 1,882.

The Proceedings of the 77th Annual Convocation which was held at Indianapolis, October 18th, 1922, are preceded by three speaking likenesses of the Immediate Past and the Grand High Priest-elect and the Grand Lecturer, all men evidently of vital strength.

A biography of the new Grand High Priest Tilford is an excellent feature.

In his address the Grand High Priest says:—

“No one can pass through the Chairs of this Grand Chapter; no one can attend these Convocations without being impressed with the good fellowship and real companionship which pervade this Organization. Clouds of social and industrial unrest have darkened most of the last year, yet despite these and other unfavorable conditions, there has been a substantial increase in members, the Chapters are prosperous, and better work is being done.”

Two Chapters whose officers were recalcitrant, are firmly disciplined and reprimanded.

With regard to long services in office the Grand High Priest expresses these views with reference to which we ask:—Are they the experiences of other Grand Jurisdictions? It must largely depend upon the men, many of whom renew their youth like the eagle.

“There is another matter concerning which I hesitate to speak. I am not unaware that some of the best Chapters in the State have been officered by the same persons, or practically the same persons, for a number of years. I have noticed that in practically every Chapter where the work and spirit of the Chapter is at low ebb, the officers lethargic and negligent, and where the Chapters are all but dead,
the Companions officering these Chapters in nearly every instance have been in office for years.”

The Grand High Priest closes as follows:—

“My hope is that every High Priest who realizes his Chapter is low in spirit and enthusiasm, and where there is a lack of attendance and work, should search out the cause and determine what share of these defects can be attributed to him and his co-officers.”

The Grand High Priest has kept in touch with the Companions from time to time by circular letters, which are vital calls to action.

The Grand Secretary fearlessly reports some Chapters in default in their dues as follows:—

“The above Chapters are not reported from a desire to be censorious, but to show that too many Secretaries are accustomed to place their Chapters in jeopardy of an arrest of charter and to point out the fact that their shortcomings place a heavy burden upon the Grand Secretary in the proper discharge of his official duties.”

Canada was not represented.

The Memorials to departed Companions are touching.

Fifty-two Companions were anointed and consecrated to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

The annual Capitular review by the Grand Secretary is more than usually welcome because an admirable photograph interprets eloquently the attributes of the writer, Robert Archer Woods, Grand Secretary and Past Grand High Priest. In his introduction he says:—

“You will discover that the gains in membership are considerably less than during the past few years; that the Order is settling down to normalcy, its pristine saneness; that it is turning towards education, of its own members and of the people generally, as an outlet for its pent-up energies and responsibilities. May we not aid in this work, to the glory of Capitular Masonry in particular and the betterment of the world at large?”
Under Canada, which is (as usual in our United States Jurisdictions) reported very generously, the Grand Z's address is cited as "the erudite presentation of a zealous and efficient officer," but the reviewer is of opinion that it could have been improved by epitomizing some of its contents. He thinks that the rulers of the Royal Craft in Canada are rather absolute and autocratic. Our friend and colleague has a mind of his own, and he critically assays all the matter that comes before him. For instance—

The Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts consume 115 pages of the record, revealing faithful service and growing prosperity. And then follow twenty-two pages of receptions of and responses from a host of distinguished visitors from the States, etc., some eloquent and erudite and some merely "howdy do."

Under Massachusetts he comments on dual membership as follows:—

"He again goes to bat with me in defense of their Dual Membership plan. We old dogs can not possibly convert each other, so why waste further words about it. Suffice it to say, lastly, that it pads the membership of Grand Chapter; creates confusion and embarrassment when suspension or expulsion occurs in one Chapter and not in another."

Under New South Wales he writes in the following graphic strain:—

"They now have two bodies calling themselves the Supreme Grand Chapter of Queensland! Being a mixture of Irish, English and Scotch claims and prerogatives, it thus becomes a Dutch puzzle, and so doubtless will remain throughout eternity. To recognize any of them is a gamble, for they are as dissimilar to us and ours as one can well imagine."

Comp. Chambers, of Quebec, comes in for well merited quotation—incidentally:—

"Even if the craze for other titles has occasioned some of 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."

"He quotes with freedom, fervency and zeal. And he still worries over the position of our several Grand Chapters in connection with the General Grand Chapter, and wonders where the "compensating advantage" lies. Why worry, when we do not. When we get ready to invest General Grand with broader powers, as we may some day, we will attend to that little ceremony like all others with despatch and finality. When we get ready to wear the shoe we will put it on, and not grumble."

And our colleague writes his finis with the following rallying call:—

"To effect these ends perfectly, the pure enthusiasm of the past must inspire us in the present, and be transmitted a glowing flame to the future. This is our work; it is right before us; the Temple must be builded in our hearts for eternity; therefore, hence to the quarries."

Roy E. Tilford, Martinsville, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Robert A. Woods, Princeton, P.G.H.P., and Grand Secretary.

**IOWA.**

Charles B. Whelpley, M.E.G.H.P.
Membership, 22,609.
Net gain, 1,831.
Number of Chapters, 129.

The 69th Annual Convocation was held at Mason City, 12th October, 1922, when Past General Grand High Priest F. W. Craig received Gen. Grand High Priest Kuhn, the Grand Master of Iowa, and Representatives of the Grand Council and Knights Templar, when visitors from Minnesota were also wel-
comed. What would not be possible in Canada occurred prior to the formal opening of the Grand Chapter at the afternoon session, when the worthy Grand Matron of the O.E.S. was received and gave what is described as "a very pleasing talk."

The Grand High Priest in his address described as one of the problems of the nations of the earth—"How they may best remove the rubbish of the past and lay the foundations of the new civilization which must be erected."

Canada is referred to as one of the joint defenders of Christian civilization, and together a sign is given—"now shall ye be shown a sign that ye may know that the Living God is with you."

The Secretaries are appealed to by the Grand High Priest to do their duty firmly and expeditiously in collecting dues even by drastic measures. The same difficulties occur in Iowa as in Canada, and the Grand High Priest is not always understood any more than the Grand Z. with us as not being given credit for the best of intentions when he has been firm. His position is explained by the Grand High Priest of Iowa.

"One request was made to receive and ballot on a petition at the same regular Convocation, and this was not official, but possibly put forward as a feeler to see what would be done. I promptly informed them that the Grand High Priest had no authority to set aside the provisions of the code, and that it would not be granted if asked."

Their Grand Secretary must be a man of a similar type to our Grand Scribe E., for he receives this commendation from the Grand High Priest:—"I wish to say to the members of the Grand Chapter that the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa and his assistants are a source of great help and inspiration to any seekers after light, whether it be Masonic or otherwise, and the best of it all is, that the information is so cheerfully given and seems to afford them just as much pleasure in giving it as it does to us who receive it."
Many addenda are attached to the annual address.

The Report on the Committee of Necrology is couched in a lofty strain and records many passings.

Canada was not represented at the roll call of Grand Representatives. No less than eleven Past Grand High Priests took part in the Proceedings.

More than one year's Proceedings are bound together and the paging is continuous. Three hundred copies of each year are stored for this purpose.

The Charity Fund is in a prosperous condition and is administered in a business-like manner.

The Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is an elaborate document, and Comp. C. C. Hunt presented with great acceptance as a Report on York Rite Masonry, his paper on "A Word to Master Masons" which he concludes with a beautiful poetic quotation and the following:—

"In the Third Degree, Hope, the anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast, was presented to your view; but to be effective she must be joined with faith that will enable you to pass the veils that intervene between you and the realization of your fondest hopes."

You are standing on the threshold, and at an open door,
You are treading on the border land which leads to knowledge more.

Another day is dawning, the darkness disappears,
The light of God's eternal truth may brighten all your years.
Bright prospects are before you; enjoy them while you may
And enter in that better land where night gives place to day.

The pages devoted to "In Memoriam" are signalized by photographs of several departed Companions and prefaced by the following verse:—

"There comes a time, it comes to all,
When we shall hear the Warden's call;
And each with ashlar, rough or true,
Shall pass death's solemn portals through;
Be it ours, Companions, then to hear
From the Master's lips these words of cheer;
Your work is found both true and square.
Pass on."
The history of the Order of High Priesthood is given in interesting form with a list of the members.

The Report on Correspondence is in the hands of Comp. Edward M. Willard, and is copiously interspersed with gems of poetry and of prose. His introduction includes the following:—

Are you kind in your thoughts toward all,
Then but kindness to you must befall.
As you sow so you reap,
In a measure so deep,
Either pleasure or pain,
By your thoughts.”

“Some Companions do not fully grasp the beautiful tenets of our fraternity. Selfishness or curiosity may enter the thoughts of some, who knock at the door of Masonry for admission. If this be true, the receiving of Masonic Degrees does them no good. Their career is cut short. They become drones upon the fraternity.”

Canada is, as in most Jurisdictions, a prime favorite and is hospitably entertained at the Round Table of our Iowa colleagues.

The Grand Z’s address for 1922 is described as a fine epistle with beautiful and practical thoughts, and is cited at length. Appreciative words are given to our predecessor, R.E. Comp. Brown.

He closes with the following:—

“A practical test of Masonic principles must be put to work, and carried into our very lives, social, political and business relations with our fellow man. Guided by Masonic principles, in our relations one with another, remembering that Truth is a Divine attribute, we cannot go far wrong when making a practical application of them in everyday life.”

Whatever was of pride and shame that marked the old year’s course must stand.
Some pages joyously we penned and some in sorrow’s trembling hand.
But as we thumb the finished book, we find some brighter than the rest,
And we recall they mark the days when we had risen to our best.
The picture of Grand High Priest Whelpley which is the frontispiece of the volume, with its soft tones and expressive outline, reminds one of a worthy of the olden days despite his youthful appearance.

Orvis F. Graves, Harlan, Grand Secretary.

IRELAND.

The Right Hon. The Lord Muskerry, M.E. Grand King.

The Annual Proceedings for 1922 in the form of a Report are from one point of view, refreshingly short. They date from Dublin, and are prefaced by a striking picture of M.E. Colonel The Rt. Hon. R. H. Wallace, C.B., District First Grand Principal of Down.

The Stated Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Ireland are held in Freemasons’ Hall on the first Wednesday in February, May, July and November.

To the Annual Report the Grand King replied from London.

Congratulations were offered to the Deputy Grand King, Colonel Sir William Taylor, on his appointment as Regius Professor of Surgery in Trinity College.

The pious wish is expressed by the Grand First Principal of Down, who is thereby singled out as a most enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason, that all Chapters should meet at least six times every year. He should live in Canada where many Chapters meet fifteen times and some few twenty.

Notwithstanding draw-backs, ten new warrants were issued to new Chapters during the year.

From Antrim M. Ex. Comp. Kelly reports “continued and well sustained prosperity,” and reports 97 Chapters doing good work. The advances, he says, “may doubtless be attributed to the many greater facilities which are now afforded for the dissemination of essential knowledge, both esoteric
and exoteric; and as well to that now prevailing and proverbial *esprit de corps* which has been and still remains, the distinguishing characteristic of Northern Freemasonry, in its various degrees or grades.

"My instructors invariably work together in pairs; and wherever they go they are enthusiastically received; and there seems to be a universal desire on the part of those visited, to welcome, and to benefit by the valuable instruction and advice which they so unstintedly and so advantageously impart."

From Down we learn that the subject of the Black Ball, or as they call it, Black Bean, is there as elsewhere an unsettled one, and instances are given in which "one Chapter admits a candidate for exaltation unless one Black Bean appears in every seven." The suggestion is made that a regulation should be passed as follows:

"A candidate for Exaltation shall not be rejected unless three or more Black Beans are cast against him on the Ballot."

Munster was in a sad way, and the Report concludes:

"None of the City Chapters have held any meetings, but one or two of the Country Chapters have held a meeting."

From Armagh we learn that:

"For some time during the year some Chapters in the Free State districts were unable to hold their meetings on account of the unsettled state of the country. I am glad to say that now this trouble is over, and the Chapters affected are functioning as usual."

From Meath and North Connaught M.E. Colonel King Harman writes:

"My report for the past year is not of a cheerful character. The difficulties of the times have been such, that Royal Arch Masonry in the Provinces of Meath and North Connaught has been obliged to mark time. One Lodge building, at least, has been so destroyed that no Convocations could be held during the past few months, even if it had been con-
sidered wise to have done so, in view of the circumstances of the locality."

And the same story comes from South Connaught and the Midlands:—

"Many Chapters have been unable to meet owing to the disturbed state of the country, and very few Registrars have sent returns."

Probably Ireland's next Report will be much more cheering. The one thing that never fails is the generous financial provision, over £1,446 Sterling having been contributed by the Chapters.

Ireland, it will be understood, has King, Grand High Priest and Grand Chief Scribe for its three principal officers, reversing the order of its first two from that of the United States, as is most fitting under a Monarchy.

Henry C. Shellard, V.E. Grand Registrar.

KANSAS.

Owen J. Wood, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 19,733.
Net gain, 1,065.

The 58th Annual Convocation was held in the Scottish Rite Temple, Wichita, February 26th, 1923, and the 59th is being held in Topeka as this report is being read.

Officers of the General Grand Chapter were introduced with honours.
Canada was represented by Comp. Roy. H. Clossen.

The address of the Grand High Priest showed depth of thought and practical application thereof. Here are some specimen sentences:—

"Occasions such as our present Convocation afford an opportunity for the Companions, in addition to an active participation in the business of the session, to meet and greet each other, renew old acquaintances and associations of other years, form new ones and enjoy the warm handclasps and genial smiles of the Companions of this great Confraternity here assembled.

"Referring to the Report of our Grand Secretary, it will be noted that during the past year 242 of our Companions
have finished life's work, answered the final summons, and on the other shore have greeted the loved ones who have gone before."

"There are over 70,000 Master Masons within our Jurisdiction, a great majority of whom have never taken the Capitular degrees, and who doubtless would do so if proper suggestions were made to them in that behalf. By so doing they would receive lessons of inestimable Masonic value, and at the same time greatly strengthen the Royal Craft."

With regard to the Order of DeMolay he quoted the decision of the Grand Chapter and issued his orders accordingly. This decision was as follows:—

"We, your Special Committee, to whom was referred the question of the position which Capitular Masonry in Kansas should assume toward the Order of DeMolay, would report: that we are in hearty accord with the aims and efforts of every organization having for its object the furtherance of good citizenship and the upbuilding of the youth of our common country, yet we do not deem it our duty to sponsor any particular Order in the conduct of its own affairs."

"Decision No. 1.—In view of the action of the Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation, a chapter shall not sponsor a chapter of the Order of DeMolay, or out of its treasury furnish financial assistance, or become financially interested therein."

He concludes with the glowing benediction:—

"I will soon return to the ranks, but my zeal for and interest in Capitular Masonry will never wane. Companions, your work at this Grand Convocation in a few hours will end, and you will soon return to your respective homes. In the language of David, in his benediction upon his beloved Jerusalem, let me say to you: 'Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces! For my brethren and companions' sake, I will now say, Peace be within thee.'"

He believes in conserving our treasures of the past, as does the writer, and the Grand Secretary recommends:—

"As time advances we are gathering more or less old and rare documents, charters, and other matters of that kind, which should be properly filed and protected from light and dust."

The report of the Committee on Necrology is no ordinary document and is evidently written by an intellectual and literary Companion. We quote:—
"In that wonderful eleventh chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, the author of the letter calls the roll of the immortal faithful. He mentions a few names: ABEL, Enoch, NOAH, ABRAHAM, JOSEPH and MOSES, and then adds the significant saying:

"Why should I say more, for time would fail me to tell of GIDEON, of BARAK, of DAVID, and of SAMUEL and of the Prophets."

These were all men who wrought in the quarries of God and all are alive unto Him, for the greatest of those who have spoken to men have said: 'God is not the God of the dead, but of the living,' and the writer goes on to say:

"And these all, having had witness borne to them through their faith, received not the promise, God having provided some better thing concerning us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect."

"A perusal of the memorials of other Grand Jurisdictions finds many Companions had lived their Masonry and their lives to such a perfect completion that death was more beautiful than sad, and we are prompted to say:

There comes a time—it comes to all—
When we shall hear the Warden's call,
And each with Ashler, rough or true,
Must pass death's solemn portal through.
Be it ours, Companions, then to hear,
From the Master's lips these words of cheer,
"Your work is found both True and Square—PASS ON."

With regard to one of the delinquent Secretaries the Standing Committee makes this delicious report, which contains a lesson for us all:—

"'I did not return this (the Annual Report) as I am a pretty busy man and can't stop everything to take care of such matters.' This Committee does not believe that any Chapter should impose upon the good offices of any Companion to the extent of electing and installing as its Secretary one who does not have time to look after its affairs or the regular duties of the office. Your committee, if pardonable, would suggest that the Grand High Priest relieve this Companion of this onerous and irksome task."

Statistics and In Memoriam pages are given much care.

The Grand Secretary, Comp. Albert K. Wilson, is also Grand Correspondent, and he thus begins his literary travels:—

"In the following, the writer has endeavored to bring to the attention of our members those matters which he believes
will be not only of interest, but will serve as a general insight to the transactions of other Jurisdictions showing what is being done for the promotion of the Royal Craft throughout this as well as other countries."

Of Canada’s liberal allotment in his pages we certainly cannot complain. He quotes Grand Z. Ponton’s address with generous appreciation. For instance—

“We quote the following from his address, which in the judgment of the writer of this report, is much more desirable as advice and an admonition to our Companions than some of the resolutions which are being adopted in some sections of our own country:

“We Masons should be optimists, gatherers of happy days, with faith and confidence—fide et fiducia—holding to the anchor of hope, never lonely because never without life companionable—not an exclusive society of idealists, or traditionalists, but a closely united band of public-spirited, red-blooded men in a world of men, yet men with vision clarified, sometimes scaling the heights but not scorning the valleys. We realize ourselves in action, more in joint action and expression—there has been too much repression. There is a time for silence, a time for speech. Let us feed public opinion with good thoughts, clear thoughts and kind deeds, worthy deeds. If we fail or falter in this, the enemy that walketh in darkness will feed it with bad thoughts and evil deeds. If we walk in the light we have fellowship one with another, as our own St. John writes.”

And of our predecessor, Comp. Brown, he pays this tribute to him and to Canada:—

“In referring to our Grand High Priest, Companion Fell, the writer, Companion Edward B. Brown, seems well pleased with the fact that he was born in Ontario. We can only say that if our distinguished Companion Fell is a sample of the kind of Masons they have in Canada they are all good men as well as Masons.”

We trust we may have many opportunities of reciprocating these encouraging words.

Quebec also is singled out for favourable comments, of which we cite the following:—

“The Grand Z. Francis in his address refers to the annual church services been held in the Montreal district, which is a custom of Quebec, but we regret to say is totally unknown in our own Jurisdiction.”
We quote the following from his address, which is particularly interesting in dealing with the words "Brother and Companion."

"Just here let me dwell for a moment on a word peculiar to the Royal Craft—the expression 'companion.' The word 'brother' may refer to blood relationship, but a 'companion' is of a man's own-choosing. Companionship embraces many wonderful characteristics, and out of companionship flows knowledge and friendship. When our Chapters have realized in the fullest sense the great value of companionship they will have gone far in attaining the great objects of our Institution."

Charles N. Fowler, Salina, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

Hanson Peterson, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 18,706.
Net gain, 1,566.
The picture of the new Grand High Priest, James Garnett, which prefaces the Proceedings is facile princeps among the handsome faces which adorn Capitular Masonry in the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States. This was to be expected of course of Kentucky.
The 105th Annual Convocation of this veteran Grand Chapter was held at Louisville, October 17th, 1922. No less than 21 Past Grand High Priests were present in person. This is a record unprecedented and unequalled among Grand Chapters, all answering "adsum."
The Grand High Priest began his very full address as follows:—

"Companions:—The Annual Convocation of this Grand Body is an event to which we look forward with anticipation. We here meet warm friends whom we have learned to love, and form new friendships that we prize more and more as the time glides by. We meet those present with a smile, a hand clasp and warm welcome; inquire about those whose faces are not at our Convocation, and drop a tear in memory of those who have answered the summons of the Great I Am, and will be with us no more."
They keep trace of their books of Ritual in Kentucky and fine Chapters $5.00 for each one found missing on their annual inspection. Would this make our Officers in Canada more careful?

The Grand High Priest makes this conclusion (giving to the Grand Secretary a well merited tribute):—

“It is only that I have needed his services, and have benefited by them more than you, that I can most carefully estimate his value to the Craft; may he live long, that the Craft of Kentucky may profit from his valuable services.

“You have honoured me by the highest office within your power to bestow. I accepted with grateful thanks, and have performed the duties of the office to the best of my ability; if my humble labours have been of benefit to the Craft, and merited your approval, I am well rewarded.”

Kentucky is a pioneer in educational matters and the report of the Educational Trustees contains much matter of interest:—

“As our work grows from year to year, we realize how little we knew of the possibilities before us when it was inaugurated. The children who were assisted in the early years are now men and women, and the work they are accomplishing in life and the success nearly all of them have made, are unanswerable arguments as to the wisdom in extending this additional educational assistance. There can be no question but that our action in this regard has been wise, and I believe I may say that the work accomplished by your Trustees has produced much greater results than even we deemed possible.

“We should all be very proud of the example we have set our sister States in this educational work, and the fact that we are pioneers places a duty upon us to continue to set the pace for greater achievements.”

Of the Old Masons’ Home the Committee report as follows (together with a satisfying financial record):—

“It was indeed pleasing to us to see how well cared for are these dear old brothers, whose lives are nearing the close. There is no such joy or energy or hope here as there is with the children at our Orphans’ Home, but the tender and sympathetic ministrations of our efficient Superintendent, Brother Smith, brings about a fine spirit of satisfac-
tion and contentment, and the Brethren expressed to us their deep appreciation of the efforts of the Craft to make their declining years a pleasure."

Complete returns of the subordinate Chapters are printed with past and present rank indicated. All the members are given in alphabetic order with admissions, suspensions, and deaths chronicled—a very complete register. All are known and remembered.

Comp. William W. Clark reviews the "Doings" of other Grand Chapters. (This is a change from the time honoured "Fraternal Correspondence"), and he does it well.

Under Canada our colleague and reviewer gives the loving tribute paid by Grand Z. Ponton to the memory of Dr. Griffin, and he thus refers to our distinguished guests and to the message of International amity fraternally extended by Grand Z. Ponton as follows:—

"As distinguished guests of Grand Chapter there were present the Grand High Priests of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Michigan. Referring to their presence and the hearty good will existing among members of the Craft on both sides of the International line, the Grand Z. said:—

"'I believe this linking up of the Masons of the United States and the Masons of Canada—as the interpreters of the British Empire—is at the present time of a special value and significance, and one of the many factors in securing permanent and productive peace—honest and stable friendship and closer association of the Anglo-Saxon peoples through the Masonic media of interchanging and interlacing of ideas and thoughts, meeting face to face and heart to heart, in these trysting places—these clearing-houses of ideals and sentiments and mutual good-will.'

"Now, wasn't that well said."

"There is much more from this scholarly address we would like to quote for the benefit of our Companions of Kentucky if space permitted."

Comp. Brown's admirable review of the Proceedings of our Jurisdictions is described as entirely sympathetic.

Quebec is also appreciatively summarized with special reference to the review of Comp. Chambers.
Our colleague, Comp. Clark is a Past Grand Master of Kentucky but is plain Companion of the Royal Arch. His merits are manifold and we hope to see him some day Grand High Priest.

James Garnett, Louisville, M.E. Grand High Priest.

G. Allison Holland, Lexington, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

Joseph Sinai, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 7,501.
Gain, 690.

The 76th Annual Grand Convocation was held at New Orleans, February 6th, 1923, all Grand Officers present with one exception.

Canada was represented.

After an invocation by the Grand Chaplain, Grand High Priest Sinai delivered his annual address, among the early sentences of which are the following:

“What good is there of the lessons of ‘Holiness to the Lord’ if we forget that the Lord is Captain of our Souls, and so act, live and die as if there were no Fatherhood of God and no Brotherhood of Man. We can be safely on our mission only when our action measures up to the pronouncement of our affirmation. Let the fault be whomsoever it will, but not ours. Let us determine to serve our Father and his Children, and do it.”

He records the death of an outstanding leader of the Judiciary, of the public life of the State and of Masonry, in the person of Judge Robert Raymond Reid, P.G.H.P., and he pays to his memory this wonderful tribute—rarely have we read so full an epitome of good words, good deeds and good report:

“A great man hath fallen in Israel, and in the words of the philosopher, it is like the falling of a huge oak in the woods. A man of transcendent ability, pre-eminently gifted with the logical faculty of strong, clear, intellect, a great lover of the truth, and singularly keen in distinguishing it from the false; resolute in adhering to and bold in announcing his conclusions and convictions; who feared God only...
and man not at all; a learned and accomplished lawyer; a just judge; an ardent and impassioned orator; genial and generous; a true Mason; a kind-hearted Christian; zealous and devoted to everything which he undertook; he loved and was devoted to Freemasonry; and the great number of Masons, and citizens, not Masons, who attended the funeral better attested than any words could the high estimation in which he was held by his brethren and by those who knew him so well.

"He was my friend, and yours. We shall always hold him affectionately in our remembrance; and, probably, this Grand Chapter shall never again look upon his like."

The usual amount of business was done in an orderly manner.

The Committee on Work presented a Report which contained the following paragraphs, which were adopted:

"That the Royal Arch Degree must be conferred on teams of three. That in emergent conditions, the ceremony may be done collectively, with convenient numbers of teams, but that each team shall be complete in number, and that if substitutes are used in emergencies, only one such substitute may be used in one team, and the substitute shall be required to participate in the whole ceremony.

"We understand the exaltation referred to in the Obligation, means the investiture with the Secret; the Means of Recognition; which must be done with each team entirely separated from the other."

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood met, with a large attendance.

John A. Davila, Grand Secretary, is also in charge of the "Foreign" Correspondence.

In his opening introduction he says:

"We have had considerable comment locally on the part of old timers, on the elimination of the 'rough stuff' which they have considered attractive. To our minds, there is no room for it in Capitular work, and the sooner the complainants get 'down to earth' and appreciate the work for its intrinsic beauties, the better off we will all be."

He quotes largely, as does the writer, from the addresses of General High Priest Kuhn throughout the various Jurisdictions which he animated by his visits.
Canada is generously and genially reviewed, and the address of Grand Z. Ponton is quoted at length, and our progress is especially commented upon.

The report of the Committee on Capitular Masonry by Companion Dunstan is cited with approval, especially the following:

"Anxiety to have it a big year tends towards carelessness and indifference to close a thorough scrutiny.

"There should be extreme caution and wise consideration of all applications.

"A wise selection followed by full instruction and the practice of whole-hearted Masonic friendship will go far to promulgate among the Companions and through them to the outside world those leading characteristics of the Order—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."

He pays a large share of attention to the Fraternal Correspondence Report of R.E. Comp. Brown, excerpting in full Comp. Brown's deliciously humorous and satiric comments, the personal notice being fully appreciated. Who would not be in New Orleans during this severe winter solstice with halcyon climatic conditions added to the genial glow of our Southern Companions.

Edwin F. Gayley, Lake Charles, Grand High Priest.

John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

Wilson D. Barron, M.E. Grand High Priest.

Membership, 16,313.

Net gain, 767.

The Annual Proceedings are prefaced by an excellent portrait of Grand High Priest Barron with his interesting biography.

The 98th Annual Convocation was held in Portland, May 1st, 1923, and the next Annual Gathering will be held in Portland on May 6th, 1924.

There were present the Grand Officers from all over this wonderful Tourists' State, and also 86 Representatives of 65 Chapters with 12 of the 17 living Past Grand High Priests, and 44 of the 56 Representatives of other Grand Chapters.
Flood conditions and washouts excused the few who were not in attendance. It is certainly a splendid record of faithful attention to Grand Chapter duties.

A galaxy of distinguished guests were introduced, including Massachusetts who sent five, including M.E. Comp. Chipman, M.E. Comp. Nash, and R.E. Comp. Bowers of Connecticut, and M.E. Comp. Ponton of Canada. They were accorded Grand Honours and cordially welcomed to the East.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest was shorter than usual but full of good matter. We make the following citations:

"It is the forming of new friendships at these times, and renewing of old ties, that binds us, from year to year, more firmly in the bonds of friendship and brotherly love.

"I am so glad, both for myself and in behalf of the Grand Chapter of Maine, to extend the most cordial and fraternal greetings to the distinguished Companions of other Jurisdictions who are meeting with us at this time, many of whom I have had the pleasure of meeting previously. We bid them a most cordial welcome. Their presence cannot help but prove of inestimable value to us, in furthering the interests of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

"From the reports received from the visiting officers during the past year, Capitular Masonry seems to be showing a strong, healthy growth, and with less of a reaction from the phenomenal increase in the years succeeding the World Conflict."

"Nine years ago I received my first appointment to office in the Grand Chapter of Maine, and it seems that each succeeding year has been bigger, better, and fuller of opportunity to preach the gospel of Freemasonry throughout our Jurisdiction."

The following is an interesting paragraph from the Proceedings:

"A communication from a legal firm of Boston calling attention to the fact that a certain Massachusetts corporation had filed application for a trade mark for shoe trade 'Royal Arch,' was read by the Grand Secretary, and on motion of Companion Thomas H. Bodge, it was "Voted, That this Grand Chapter enter protest against such trade mark being used, and that the Grand Chapter of Maine employ Companion David E. Moulton as its legal representative to file such protest."
The Committee on Memorials cite most appropriately a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson, not universally known to all. We give two stanzas:—

He is not dead; this friend—not dead,  
But in the path we mortals tread  
Got some few trifling steps ahead,  
    And nearer to the end,  
So that you too, once past the bend,  
Shall meet again, as face to face, this friend  
    You fancy dead.

Push gaily on, strong heart! the while  
You travel forward, mile by mile,  
He loiters with a backward smile  
    Till you can overtake;  
And strains his eyes to search and wake,  
Or, whistling, as he sees you through the brake,  
    Waits on a stile.

The Order of High Priesthood held a very successful annual meeting.

Amendments to the Constitution and the Regulations are printed in full as well as a list of all Chapters and their Officers, and of the Past Grand Officers since its organization nearly one hundred years ago.

The Correspondence Report is in the able and sympathetic hands of Comp. Thomas H. Bodge, who extends a very friendly hand to Canada, we with New Jersey and Michigan, being perhaps singled out for special notice.

Two full pages are quoted from Grand Z. Ponton’s address, which the reviewer is kind enough to eulogize and comment upon in the most commendatory terms. He does not neglect the other features of our Proceedings and altogether in dealing with all Jurisdictions, shows himself a most careful observer and intelligent Officer of the lines of communication.

His closing paragraphs are:—

“As you have read, you have doubtless observed the tendency to frown upon any departure from the most profound reverence in the work of the Capitular degrees. Grand Chapters are urging upon members the need of participating in the duties of citizenship, and calling upon them to be
faithful to all their duties to God, their country, their neighbours and themselves, for only in so doing can they fulfill the obligations taken of their own free choice.

“The aim in all this agitation is to enlighten candidates as to what Masonry really is, and the more the true meaning of our Masonic mysteries is disseminated, so much the better for the Organization as well as for the individual.

“For the enlightenment of my Companions in Maine this review is respectfully submitted.”

The writer can speak with pleasure of the happy memories associated with the hospitality of the Maine Companions. We remember the Maine.

David L. Wilson, Bath, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Charles B. Davis, Portland, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

LePage Cronmiller, Grand High Priest.

A special Convocation, the 125th Anniversary was held in Baltimore, June 23rd, 1922, at which Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware and the General Grand Chapter were all fully represented.

R.E. Comp. General Henry DeWitt Hamilton delivered an address of great interest with analogies drawn from Roslyn Chapel and the Apprentice's Pillar. Incidentally also he made the following remarks to the celebrant hosts:—

"It only remains to be said that the Grand Chapter of Maryland passes another milestone in a long and honourable career. It has seen its vicissitudes; it has seen its lean years and its years of plenty, but to-day the skies are clear—the outlook for the future is of the most heartening kind. All about us the Craft in general is progressing at a rate unknown to our fathers, and the Grand Chapter of Maryland is keeping step with all the younger Grand Chapters of the country and setting a pace for them.

"I wish it were possible for me to express my view of the kindly, cheerful atmosphere that the Companions of other States always find in Maryland after they visit this Grand Chapter. I know not who the early progenitors were, the fathers of this Grand body who implanted that special grace of courtesy, but it has been found, identified, recorded and reported by all visitors who have entered within your gates. I, too, come not for the first time."
The historical address was delivered by Past Grand High Priest Warehime who gives a contribution of eleven closely printed pages of the chronicles of the past and of progress. Among other things he says:—

"The fact that for a century and a quarter this Grand Chapter and its subordinates have been working in the quarries of humanity and shaping spiritual material for use in heavenly building.

"In addition to these revered Companions, four score, lacking one, Past High Priests of Subordinate Chapters obeyed the summons of the Supreme Architect of the Universe and are numbered with the dead."

"They rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

A banquet followed, at which Companions Crommiller, Corson, Grand Master Seipp, Anderson, Hamilton, and the Mayor of Baltimore spoke eloquently. From Comp. Corson's address we clip the following:—

"Geographically, the whole face of the world has been changed during the last one hundred and twenty-five years. And what of the discoveries and advances made in science. It would take hours to recount them. They have revolutionized the business affairs of the world and made great changes in our mode of living, adding to our conveniences, comfort, pleasures and well-being. And though all these changes have taken place in the material world, Masonry is the same as it was back in the preceding centuries, the same principles underlie it and it is teaching the same lessons, imparting the same truths and in pursuit of the same objects as in the ancient days."

The fine countenances of Robert M. Rother, formerly Grand Treasurer, and of William Mohr, the newly elected Grand High Priest, adorn the pages of the Proceedings.

The 125th Annual Convocation was held at Baltimore, November 23rd, 1922.

Canada's representative, Charles H. Burns, was present.

The Grand High Priest's address is satisfying. He says:—
“The pleasure of meeting the Companions of the various Chapters has been one of my pleasant privileges. I have visited all the Chapters in the State. Five of them twice. I was received in a most cordial and brotherly way.

“In order that I might meet the faithful, the regulars, who are the back-bone of every Chapter, I decided to visit each Chapter without notice. I may have been criticized for this method, but I found that by it I accomplished what I wanted.

“I have done my best. In the years that are yet allotted me on this earth I will ever remember you, my Companions, as friends and brothers. You conferred upon me a title more honourable than any heretofore conferred or that I ever hoped to have conferred. May the Supreme High Priest of Heaven be with us and direct us always.”

Interesting addenda and reports follow.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers approve of the visitations of the Grand High Priest without notice.

“If the visits of the Grand High Priest are intended to be useful and beneficial, then the method adopted of visiting unannounced, appeals to your Committee as ideal for the accomplishment of results; and we commend him for its adoption.”

The installation was by P.G.G.H.P. George E. Corson, who says:—

“For nearly thirty years now it has been my happy privilege to perform this service of installing the Officers of the Grand Chapter of Maryland,”—reaching ’way back—

—certainly a splendid record of continuous performance of a pleasant duty.

Then follow pages of names of Companions and the personnel of the Chapters and In Memoriam cards.

The Correspondence is in the able hands of Comp. Emmett L. Pettit, who took over the duties at short notice and does admirably well. He quotes in full the General Grand High Priest’s address given at the Alabama Convocation, a polished jewel of Masonic literature.

False modesty will not prevent the writer from re-producing some of his remarks on and citations from Canada:—

“Companion Ponton reports, notwithstanding losses by death, stringency of the times, etc., a period of unprecedented
prosperity for that Grand Jurisdiction. He granted many dispensations and made several rulings, but says he has not strained the Constitutional base on which firm ground the Grand Z. stands, as well as every Companion.

"And if we are any judge, we do not believe he has done so.

"There is so much good in M.E. Companion Ponton's address we wish we could print it all, but we only give you a few facts that hit us hard." He says:—

"Let me also commend a discriminating and educative Masonic Press. Every live Mason who ever feels 'growing-pains' should subscribe to and contribute to a good Masonic periodical—to keep abreast of his own times and the annals of the Craft."

And he further remarks:—

"It would be intolerable if Free Masons were to be dictated to and disintegrated either by conspiracy within or by attacks without the gates of the Temple.

"The time given to these 'side issues' by Brethren and Companions would, if devoted to our Lodges and Chapters, make and keep them reservoirs of light and delight—a joy for ever—as Brother Chaucer wrote 'The lyfe so short, the Crafte so long to lerne.'

"These are true and forceful words, and should make us stop and think, and if guilty, mend our ways."

Under New York he thinks the following cannot be too much emphasized, and we agree:—

"I must repeat what has been pointed out by so many of my predecessors, that the Grand High Priest is sworn to 'support and maintain' the Constitution, and that his power to grant dispensations is limited strictly to the occasions that are specifically mentioned in that document. Many High Priests seem to have the idea that a dispensation is a device for setting aside the Constitution in a particular case. It is no such thing."

From Texas he secures another poetic gem:—

"Evil is impotent,
Sorrow a dream;
Good is omnipotent,
Love is supreme."

The song of "My Maryland, My Maryland," is always a sweet refrain, and that note of harmony pervaded the Proceedings.

William Mohr, Baltimore, Grand High Priest.
Gustav A. Eitel, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.
MASSACHUSETTS.

Curtis Chipman, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 37,652.
Net gain, 2,656.

Death has removed M.E. Comp. Warren B. Ellis from the veteran permanent members of Grand Chapter, and his well known and benignant features form the frontispiece of the volume of Proceedings of the various Quarterly and special meetings, and the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, the Annual having been held on December 12th, 1922, at Boston, in the presence of a great gathering of Companions.

Canada's representative was present.

At the Quarterly Convocation of June 13th Deputy Grand Master Ferrell gave a wonderfully searching address on the theme, "The Meaning of Masonry and Its Worth," in which among other thoughts of value he said:—

"He knew no other institution of equal potential influence and felt that the deplorable condition of the world to-day was caused by a lack of brotherly love."

At the Quarterly on September 12th, Rev. R. Perry Bush, D.D., Grand Chaplain, chose as his theme "Ideal Masonry," and among his wise utterances were the following:—

"The lesson is plain. It is a sad day when man has attained his best.
"It would grieve me to think there is to be no further advance in government—the administration of justice, or fidelity to the Golden Rule.
"It would not be pleasant to be able to say that Masonry has reached its highest possible station, for when advance ceases, retreat begins.
"I am striving to make men manly, to purify the thought and ennoble the desire of my fellows—to induce those around me to erect their spiritual building agreeably to the rules and designs laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe in the great books of Nature and Revelation, and to me this is the real province of Masonry."

At the day session of the Annual, as is usual, the work and lectures of the Capitular Degrees were
exemplified, the whole occupying four hours and fifty-six minutes. In the evening distinguished visitors were given cordial receptions and made felicitous responses. Among them, the Grand Master of the Grand Council, the Grand Commander, the Grand Z., Grand H., and Grand Scribe E. of Quebec; Grand Z. Spencer, and Immediate Past Grand Z. Ponton, of Canada; Grand High Priests and other Companions of Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and Pennsylvania, probably as great a gathering of Grand Officers as any one Grand Chapter had ever at any one time entertained.

The address of M.E. Grand High Priest Curtis Chipman was all that could be desired, satisfying in form and substance.

With regard to those who have answered the last great summons, he quotes the following verses:

We do not sigh when golden skies have donned
   The purple shadows and the gray of night,
Because we know the morning lies beyond
   And we must wait a little while for light.

So when grown weary with the care and strife,
   Our loved ones find in sleep the peace they crave,
We should not weep, but learn to count this life
   A prelude to the one beyond the grave.

With regard to exemplifications of the work, he attended ten out of fifteen, and quotes the following:

"I have met personally the High Priests of some seventy-five of our Chapters and have endeavoured to enlist their cooperation in doing away with all irregular practices in the conferring of the degrees, pointing out the teachings of Royal Arch Masonry. This responsibility is wholly personal and cannot be delegated to others, and any practice not in keeping with the high purposes of Royal Arch Masonry will neither be countenanced nor tolerated."

He greatly deplores the large number of requests for "courtesy conferring" of Degrees outside of the Commonwealth, and adds:
“Royal Arch Masonry is too fine a thing to be regarded only as incidental to other degrees, and should be cultivated for the beauty of its rites and the lofty and high-minded impulses prompted by its teachings. If, therefore, we permit the casual working of its degrees to suit the individual convenience of its candidates, we cheapen that which should be most dear, and a candidate cannot be censured if he derives but slight respect for Capitular Masonry, if he finds its orderly procedure may be so readily set aside.

With regard to the Order of DeMolay he says:—

“The Order is in no sense Masonic, and its rules forbid the addressing of these young men on the subject of their future affiliations. Freemasonry, however, should be interested in its success, just as it is interested in schools, churches, and good citizenship.”

Many pages are devoted to statistical tables, to In Memoriam cards and to lists of official Representatives.

The usual Convention of Anointed High Priests was held, at which M.E. Warren B. Ellis, the President, bade a touching and prescient farewell to his Companions.

The Capitular review is in the able hands of the Grand Secretary, Frederick T. Comee, whose style gives evidence of the experienced touch.

Canada looms large with three pages of a very favourable report.

The addresses of Grand Z. Ponton and of the visiting Companions are eulogized, and he heartily agrees with the Report on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, which reads:—

“One who does not exercise beneficial influence upon those with whom he associates is not a good Mason.”

With regard to our R.E. Comp. Brown, the writer’s predecessor, the Massachusetts reviewer has this to say, and it is food for thought, though our Canadian experience has also worked out well:—

“At the end of his ‘conclusion’ he asks why in some Jurisdictions poorly qualified Companions are elected to the highest office. From my viewpoint it is the result of the
regular advancement in the official line of a Companion, appointed to the lowest office, until he reaches the highest office, which is customary in many Jurisdictions. In Massachusetts it is understood that there will be no promotion in the official line. Our Grand High Priests are chosen from Companions who have proven themselves qualified to perform the duties of the office, and they are usually elected for three consecutive terms, as we feel better service can thereby be given than is possible for a Companion serving but one year. The other elective officers, except Treasurer and Secretary, serve but one year."

Under South Carolina he re-produces what will appeal to all "men in a world of men."

"More than fame and more than money
Is the comment kind and sunny,
And the hearty, warm approval of a friend;
For it gives to life a savor,
And makes one stronger, braver,
And gives him heart and spirit to the end.

"If he earns your praise, bestow it;
If you like him, let him know it;
Let the words of true encouragement be said.
Do not wait till life is over,
And he's underneath the clover,
For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead."

And he concludes with the following striking warning and appeal against the radical menace which threatens Canada also—though perhaps not in as yet so imminent a peril:—

"Such characters, immediately upon their real intent becoming known, should by the force of law be deported to the land of their native soil. . . . I am reminded in this connection of the direful prophecy of Lord Macaulay. As he looked down the years at the great and young Western Republic, he said: 'Your Republic will be as fearfully plundered and laid waste in the twentieth century as the Roman Empire was in the fifth century, but your Huns and Vandals will have been engendered within your own institutions.'

"I wish the true significance of that could be appreciated by every Mason."

The term of office of Grand High Priest being for three years, M.E. Comp. Chipman was re-elected M.E. Grand High Priest. He is eminently the right
man in the right place, and Massachusetts is a vital centre of good Comradeship and Brotherhood. The writer has tasted the delights of the hospitality of Grand Chapter and of Grand Lodge.

Frederick T. Comee, Boston, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

Roy Andrus, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 42,560.
Net gain, 2,432.
Number of Chapters, 167.

Michigan is one of the productive and ambitious States, and the Annual Transactions of the Grand Chapter held May 15th, 1923, at the City of Flint, give ample evidence of this. Excellent portraits of Grand High Priest Andrus, and of the new Grand High Priest Van Iderstine preface the well-printed volume.

Past Grand High Priest Morris, of Missouri, represented that Jurisdiction and also the General Grand Chapter.

Our own Grand Z., Richard H. Spencer, and R.E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, were cordially received, and so also was the Grand Master of Michigan.

Canada has the honour of being represented by Grand Secretary Charles A. Conover.

The Grand High Priest’s address chronicles a busy year, and he touches on every possible subject of interest to the Royal Craft. The adoption of the system of Grand Representatives by Michigan is the subject of congratulation.

Among other practical words the Grand High Priest says:—

“I believe that the time must soon come when every Grand Masonic body will have some constructive programme. This fact suggested to me that we have a field for activity in the fight on the white plague.”

With regard to minor troubles which were dealt with by a firm hand, he records:—
“During the year it became necessary to reprimand one Chapter which protested the instructions received from the Grand Lecturer. This Chapter has apparently seen nothing in the Royal Arch Degree except rough house and horse play and has wholly failed to comprehend the beauties of the Degree.”

The visit of Michigan to Toronto is thus referred to and we appreciate the compliment:—

“I was deeply impressed with the dignity and solemnity of the ritualistic work which I witnessed at Toronto while attending Grand Chapter of Canada, and our Canadian Companions had fun, too. More fun than is often seen in any of our Chapters. The difference being that they had their fun outside the Chapter room.”

Again he speaks of it later on in his address:—

“If time and space would permit I should like to set forth at some length the impressions made by our Canadian Companions. I have alluded to this visit under the head of General Grand Chapter Ritual. Four other Grand Jurisdictions were represented at this meeting. We were all royally entertained and had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree on two occasions by two of the Chapters of Toronto.

“Our good friend and honorary member of Grand Chapter, Richard H. Spencer, was re-elected Grand Z.

“I am certain that these fraternal visits not merely cement more closely the fraternal bond between our Grand Chapters but also between our two great nations and I trust that they will be continued in the future.”

Visitations innumerable are recorded and constant correspondence with his Official Family.

He thus meritoriously praises the Grand Secretary:—

“For those who have had occasion to visit this office, or to conduct correspondence with our Grand Secretary, encomiums are unnecessary. For those who have not, they are inadequate. Without saying anything derogatory to other Grand Secretaries, we are satisfied that we have the best one in the whole world. Here’s to you, Charlie, may your ‘scrap book’ never grow less.”

At the evening session the Past Master’s Degree and the Royal Arch Degree were exemplified in an impressive and dignified manner.
We cannot resist quoting in full the address of our Grand Z. Spencer as recorded:—

"The Grand High Priest then called upon our distinguished guest, M.E. Companion Richard H. Spencer, Most Excellent Grand Z. of Canada, but more familiarly known in Michigan as plain 'Dick.' Companion Spencer apologized for having to perform double duty on salutation signs. He expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation of the cordial manner in which he had been received and treated, which thoroughly convinced him that he must come again, for the warmth of love and reception every year increases. He expressed his great appreciation of the visit made by our Grand High Priest and his staff to the Grand Chapter of Canada last February and that these exchanges of visits had greatly increased the 'personal touch' of the members. He also expressed his thanks for the Honorary Membership and the certificate of the same with which he had been presented.

"Being obliged to leave early, he bid the members of Grand Chapter adieu with the assurance that he would be glad to accept any further invitations."

We also quote for the benefit of our Companions part of the address of our own Grand Scribe E.:—

"Referring to the degree work as exemplified last night, he stated that for many years the Past Master Degree had been eliminated from the system in Canada, but that it would not have been done had it been conferred as it was last night. He complimented the Companions who conferred the Royal Arch Degree for being real actors.

"He expressed the hope that these fraternal visits may long continue as Michigan so closely adjoins Canada that the Masonic spirit will cement us into one bond of friendship. When King Edward was Prince of Wales and a member of the Fraternity, he declared for the doctrine of 'Peace on Earth Good Will to Men' and that the Prince of Wales, who is also a member of our Fraternity, will continue this spirit; 'One touch of friendship makes the whole world kin.'

"Our Canadian Companions and Honorary Members will always find a hearty welcome and a warm handclasp among their Michigan Companions."

We notice that among the assets of Michigan Grand Chapter they have the good Canadian securities known as Dominion of Canada 5% coupon bonds. Our colleagues are discriminating.

The edict with regard to Texas was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for report.
At the meeting of the Past Grand High Priests' Association our Grand Z. thus spoke and is thus again recorded:—

"'Dick' Spencer said he was coming to the meetings as long as his money held out and when that was gone he would walk. Come on, 'Dick,' we like you and you will always be welcome."

Full lists of Past Grand High Priests of Constituent Chapters are given with their years of service.

Memorial tablets and pictures of departed Companions are features.

Lists of Grand Officers and of Grand Representatives are appended. This regarding the General Grand Chapter is of interest:—

"The General Grand Chapter is made up of forty-six Grand Chapters in the United States, together with fourteen Subordinate Chapters in unoccupied or foreign territory."

The Officers of Grand Bodies, including Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star have a page devoted to them. Is this chivalry or is it Masonry?

Instead of the usual Fraternal Correspondence, Comp. Charles A. Conover, whose name is known as a household word among Royal Arch Masons, and who is General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, prepared and publishes an excellent report of 91 pages on the History of the Origin and Development of the Royal Arch Degree and Dependent Grades as collected from various sources. This is to be continued in the Proceedings of 1924. Some extracts will be educative and will illustrate the amount of research of this enthusiastic Masonic student and doer of deeds:—

"If I can succeed in creating an interest among my readers in the subject of the origin and growth of the Royal Arch so as to cause them to take up the 'further search through the rubbish' so that the missing portions may be found, my object will have been attained.

"My main object is to make one composite collection of notes on the Royal Arch, its origin and development, so far
as my limited ability and opportunity for research will permit, with the hope that it may later be amplified, clarified and improved.”

He quotes in full the paper contributed to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of London, England, published in their Transactions in 1917 by R.W. Bro. W. Redfern Kelly, and from it we quote the following:

“In Ancient Craft Freemasonry there would appear to have existed from time immemorial, so to speak, a certain essential and well recognized archaic legend; and in connection with that legend a peculiar Secret, which may be regarded as being one of the ancient esoteric landmarks of the Order, primitively considered; that this particular esoteric landmark, the M... W..., was recognized under the ancient ‘Operative’ system, and subsequently under the combined ‘Operative and Speculative’ systems. This innovatory process may have led, and doubtless did lead, to the transference of the Secret point in question, from the then existing one or perhaps two degree ritual to that of the newly-created Third Degree, in or about the year 1723-25.

“We have been informed by Dassigny, whom I have previously quoted, that some few years prior to the issue of his published Masonic brochure, which is dated 1744, certain secrets appertaining to the Royal Arch Degree, or as he termed it ‘that excellent part of Masonry,’ had been communicated in London, ‘to a brother of probity and wisdom.’ This is the first intimation at our disposal as to the very earliest appearance of the English Royal Arch in any form.

“And, Brethren, who amongst us, nowadays, will have the courage to assert and to maintain, that a serious mistake was made or that any very grave offence was committed when this beautiful Degree was introduced into our Ancient Masonic rite? However much we may feel inclined to deprecate innovation, in practically any shape or form, we must now feel solemnly convinced, that had our ancestors stopped short at the innovations which led up to the introduction of the Royal Arch Degree, we should have been deprived of the most beautiful and most perfect of all those priceless gems which enrich the diadem of Freemasonry.”

Some fine old pictures and manuscripts are reproduced through these pages.

Bristol, England, appears to have been the recognized home of the Royal Arch in the early years.

The Grand Chapters of Scotland and of Ireland are spoken of as to their origin and development.
With regard to the Master Masons' Degree he says:

"And this lends colour to the idea that at some time or other the Royal Arch had formed part of the Master Mason's Degree, though when and by whom it was separated from it, no one has yet discovered.

"At one time in England only Past Masters were eligible for the Degree, and this led to a system called 'passing the chair,' by which a sort of Degree of Past Master was conferred upon Brethren who had never really served in the chair of a Lodge; now a Master Mason who has been so for four weeks is eligible for exaltation."

Companion Conover then takes up the introduction of the Royal Arch into America and this will be of interest to our Kingston Brethren:

"The Minden Lodge, No. 63, in the 20th Regiment, also continued the work of the Royal Arch under its original (Craft) warrant until 1838, when a separate charter was issued by the Grand Chapter of Ireland."

With regard to Thomas Dunckerley of the Vanguard, one of whose Masonic certificates given at sea is in the archives at Ottawa, we clip the following interesting biographic paragraph:

"The ship then returned to England, and in January, 1760, Dunckerley, having obtained leave of absence, went to London and attended his mother's funeral. The next day a declaration by his mother on her death-bed that his actual father was the then King, George II., was related to him. The records of the Grand Lodge show that in the same month a Lodge was established in the Vanguard. This vessel, with other ships of war, shortly after sailed for Quebec, arriving just in time to prevent that capital from being retaken by the enemy."

Canada and the Military Lodges and Chapters are treated in detail with more to come. The following territorial note is of historic interest:

"Michigan was French until 1763, British until 1796, under a territorial government until 1810, under Indiana for five years, and then 'Michigan Territory' until 1837."
And this is of moment to Canadians, being the record of Fredericksburg Lodge, which reads as follows:—

“December 22nd 5753 Which Night the Lodge being Assembled was present
Right Worshipful Simon Frazier G.M.
Do John Hutson S. Warden
Do Robert Armistead Ju Wardn

of Royal Arch Lodge

A copious index closes this full volume.
The next Annual Convocation will be held at Marquette, May 21st, 1924.
William H. Van Iderstine, Marquette, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Membership, 14,535.
Net gain, 958.
The 61st Annual Convocation was held in the City of St. Paul on Tuesday, October 10th, 1922. General Grand High Priest Kuhn was received with Grand Honours, as was also Grand High Priest Murfin of North Dakota.
M.E. Comp. A. P. Swanstrom represented Canada.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we cite the following:—

“The bountiful returns of the harvest, the cessation of our most serious industrial strifes, the absence of great calamities, should be occasion for rejoicing, and it is in a spirit of thankfulness and with pleasure that I welcome you.”

A condition with regard to Rochester that will be of interest to many and which indicates the wonderful work and far-reaching effect of the skill and energy of the Mayo Brothers is touched upon in the following:—
“For some time past, on account of the situation created by the Mayo Clinic, the Craft at Rochester has had great opportunity to display the beauties of relief, which opportunity, needless to state, was not overlooked. However, the work, in many phases, has grown to such an extent that only a full-time secretary could attend to it in a manner commensurate with its needs.”

With regard both to DeMolay functions and with regard to Public School education generally, the Grand High Priest has to say:—

“As patriotic Americans and Masons we must give attention to this, and in no way preventable permit that great institution to be supplanted—or weakened. We must be ready to give it of our time, that it may have proper guidance, and of our means, that it may have the equipment necessary to function in the highest sense, thus helping to preserve the liberty handed down to us by our fathers.”

At the laying of the corner-stone of the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children:—

“Grand Master Herman Held, (well known to us in Canada), presiding, performed his duty in an impressive manner. Contemplation of the purposes of this hospital, and the wonderful service it and its sister units will give, but serves to emphasize the value of an idea—the dream, some called it—which is already bearing such wonderful fruit; and I wonder if, sometime, a dream may not give our G.G.C. an opportunity to serve as beautifully its fellow men.”

His conclusion rings true:—

“It takes a year to show how much there is to do, and how far one can fall short of fulfilling his plans, but for me it has been a year that I will always recall with pleasure. Old friendships have been cemented, new friends have been made, and the whole, as it passes before me in retrospect, presents a composite without faults worthy of any criticism or regrets.”

Like our own Northern Ontario, a part of Minnesota was fire swept, and with regard to the disaster the special Committee on Fire Relief Fund reports good work cheerfully done and the following:—

“There is no nobler work that a Mason can do than to grant relief promptly, cheerfully and generously. It not only takes care of the physical requirements, but it allays the mental cares that come with sorrow of this kind and it makes the Brethren who receive this relief proud of the Fraternity to which they belong?”
The Committee on the State of the Rite gives a fruitful account of its stewardship and incidentally states with regard to current topics of great interest:

"Such invitations indicate, at least, a favourable knowledge of the Jurisdiction, but generally much more; they are from the Royal Arch heart of our distant Companions and the pulsations transmit to us the message of fraternal regard and interest which stimulates our hearts to beat quicker and generate a glowing warmth of affection.

"As one of the factors in the development of our National Education, free from cant and hypocrisy or religious intolerance or fable, we see every reason for according it support and encouragement.

"The hospitality extended helps wonderfully to enthuse the participants as well as spread abroad the practical spirit which makes of us all one great Brotherhood."

The Committee on Necrology pay a worthy and touching tribute to those who have passed on, and the Grand High Priest adds his poetic recognition to the memory of Companion Irving Todd:

"Again a prince has fallen in the fight,
The valrous champion of the truth and right:
Determined, honest, level-headed, just,
Who broke no promise nor betrayed a trust.
His genial face with courtly kindness beamed—
By friends beloved, by all the world esteemed."

And with regard to Comp. William Strafford he quotes:

"He fell like Autumn fruit that mellowed long,
Even wondered at because he dropt no sooner;
Till, like a clock worn out with eating time,
The weary wheels of life stood still at last."

The usual appendices are business-like documents. The Foreign Correspondence is signed and sponsored by Comp. Charles S. Schurman, whose foreword is interesting:

"The Grand High Priest asked me to take this place on death of Comp. Irving Todd, that veteran Masonic writer who had made a reputation for himself all over the country.

"Various topics are coming to the fore which are somewhat new in Masonic circles. For instance there is the group balloting."
"The Capitular Degrees are so beautiful, and the lessons they convey are of so much importance to mankind, that everything should be done to preserve them as they came to us, and transmit them to our successors as we received them."

He is more than complimentary to Canada and reviews our Proceedings of 1922 in five pages, especially singling out the reference of Grand Z. Ponton to International relationships fostered by Masonry and says:—

"The Grand Z. in his address paid a fine tribute to the late Grand First Principal in 1921, Herbert S. Griffin, M.D., who died June 28th, of that year, and while yet in office. He was a man of rare attainments. The address of Grand Z. Ponton is a very able one. I wish every Companion in Minnesota could read it all. I feel that I must quote one paragraph in which he refers to the relationship that should exist between the Masons of the United States and Canada."

He singles out for special reference the telegram to and the response from H.R.H. Princess Mary, and adds to his many excerpts the following graceful and friendly word of encouragement to Canada and her Transactions:—

"The Grand Z. sent a telegram of congratulation to Her Royal Highness, Princess Mary, her wedding occurring on the day of the meeting of the Grand Chapter, and a response of grateful thanks was received in reply. The address of Comp. Ponton was among the great documents of its kind for the year.

"Companion Brown's report is a very readable one,—one of the very best. We lay aside the volume with reluctance, as we have been edified and instructed by our perusal of its pages."

Under Massachusetts he cites and comments as follows:—

"Year by year the conviction has been growing in my mind that community, State, and national welfare should be considered by every Mason a Masonic purpose. I would not have politics brought into Masonry, but would have Masonry, or those principles of Masonry—righteousness, justice, equality, liberty, and observance of law—made a part of every Mason's politics."

"That has been the growing conviction of many Masons, and who shall say that it is not because of this conviction
that Masonry is attracting to itself the great numbers who are applying for the degrees? Men are anxious to be a part of a ‘going concern.’ Masonry will be that when it takes up questions of vital concern to the State and Nation on just such lines as are laid down in the excerpt quoted above
from the report of Comp. Comee."

He notes in New York the presence of the Grand First Principal and the Grand Master of Canada (filling both offices together) and quotes his remarks as a visitor in full and says:—“We are too apt to forget this.”

Quebec shares with Canada the honours and M. Ex. Comp. Walter J. Francis’ noble address receives unstinted praise.

Our honoured colleague closes his review as follows:—

“Our work is finished. We have made an excursion through the several Grand Jurisdictions in communication with our own, and have submitted an epitome of what they are doing in the hope that there may be in it some things which will be of interest and profit to the Companions of Minnesota. If so we will feel well repaid for the labour that has been necessary to produce this report. We have enjoyed our communion with our fellow members of the round table, and have imbibed a fund of information by our perusal of the reports of these scribes.”

Minnesota is all alive.
Louis Lawrence, Winona, M.E. Grand High Priest.
John Fishel, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

Emmet N. Thomas, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 7,157.
Net gain, 328.

In every Jurisdiction reviewed this year with the exception of two, the percentage of net gain is less than in preceding years.
The 75th Annual Convocation was held in the City of Jackson, 22nd February, 1923.
The Proceedings are prefaced by a picture of the new Grand High Priest with a brief biography. He looks like a firm and experienced administrator.

Canada’s Representative did not put in an appearance.

In the introduction of the address of Grand High Priest Thomas we find the following thoughtful sentences:

Right labours not in vain,
But the reward must be in the doing,
And the continuousness of right pursuing,
Is the prize both victor and vanquished gain.

“As FATHER TIME conducts us onward toward the last mile-post of the journey, I consider the gravity of the fundamental truth, conserved and enforced by our Institution, with intensive and abiding attention.

“Reputation is one matter, character is another; good citizenship, personal integrity, and moral intelligence can readily be differentiated from undeserved popularity, and selfish aspirations, from clean unselfish service. Free Masonry is interested in fundamentals; it endeavours to follow the lead of Kindly Light of intellect and conscience.”

Under Necrology he pays a glowing tribute to a veteran Grand Tyler whom he describes as “dearly beloved, gentle, considerate and efficient,” and adds—“we shall miss his genial smile and his joyous welcome.” We know another Grand Tyler in Toronto to whom the same eulogy might be given.

The Grand High Priest was able personally only to visit two Chapters but he attended a gathering in New Orleans and there got into intimate touch with General High Priest Kuhn and adds:

“It required a brief period only for me to discover his worth as a Mason, the nobility of his character, and the fullness and completeness of his Masonic knowledge; I was charmed and entranced by this most lovable and worthy Companion.”

And he concludes as follows:

“If I have proven worthy of the confidence and love of the Masons of my beloved State, and if I have been a serviceable citizen, it is in a degree, at least, because I have observed the following rules:
"'Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, 
And unto God the things which are God's. 
Trust the Father and endeavour to keep His Commandments. 
Above all, be just, and fear not.'"

From the Grand Lecturer's Report we clip the following which shows in what close touch Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter are and ought to be:—

"In examining the rituals of other Grand Chapters, I found that they had made the language of the Chapter Ritual conform to that of the Lodge, more or less accurately. I, therefore, suggested to the Committee that we make our Ritual conform to our Lodge work as nearly as the differences in the nature of the degrees would permit. The Committee heartily agreed that it should be done. The copy was, therefore, prepared with this conformity constantly in mind."

The Necrology Report is as usual, poetical and pathetic. It concludes:—

"Our loving sympathy is extended the dear ones in the families of our departed Companions where the Grim Reaper has entered. Their inspirational lives and noble examples will ever challenge us to higher and purer thoughts and deeds."

The statistics of the constituent Chapters with their membership is fully given at length.

The Correspondence review by Companion George C. Myers is to say the least, emphatic and positive. We enter upon the exploration with him through the following invitation:—"We have reviewed the Proceedings, and if the dose we give you does you no good it may not do you any harm, but you must take it whether it is palatable or not."

Canada again receives a most generous and friendly treatment and the most copious quotation, and the reviewer adds:—

"I wish to call the attention of the High Priests in our Jurisdiction to the fact that the Chapters in Canada are very strict about seeing that each Companion, when exalted, selects and places in the Book of Marks. "The Report of Companion Edward B. Brown on Foreign Correspondence is somewhat lengthy but is full of meat, and can be read with profit by the Craft."
Under Illinois the reviewer gives some general and critical remarks, with all of which we cannot expect all our readers to agree, but we admire his outspoken sincerity:

"We heartily agree with him in what he says in his opening on the question of the rapid advancement of candidates. We all realize that from time immemorial it has been the few faithful Brethren have always carried the load, that are always on hand when work is to be done, and it is useless to keep after the Drones. If the Lord our God has not implanted ambition in his breast to be worked in the Hives, we human beings cannot do it, and reminds us of the old saying, 'You may lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink,' I remember more than a year ago by special dispensation we raised a member of our Lodge on Saturday night, the next week the writer as Master Kadosh conferred the 32nd Degree of the Scottish Rite on him, and the next day he took the Shrines. I have not seen this Brother in the Blue Lodge nor any of the Scottish Rite Bodies since."

We commend in this and in other Grand Chapter Proceedings the index to the volume. We give our southern friends fraternal greetings.

J. Rice Williams, Houston, Grand High Priest.
Edward L. Faucette, Meridian, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

Edmund D. Morris, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 32,448.
Net gain, 2,716.
The 77th Annual Convocation was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, St. Louis, April 24th, 1923. The next meeting will be held at Columbia, Missouri, 22nd April, 1924.
The title of Grand Correspondent is enumerated as among the Officers of the Grand Chapter.
Among the distinguished visitors were Past Grand High Priests of Illinois and Michigan, the Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter, and General Grand High Priest Kuhn, who was of course in his element in his own home Jurisdiction.
All the Past Grand High Priests of Missouri were called to the Grand East, and the approval of Grand Chapter was shown in rounds of applause.

The address of the Grand High Priest was in every respect a worthy document with a definite message, as will be apparent from the following citations:

“COMPANIONS—In extending to you a fraternal welcome to this Seventy-seventh Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter I do so with the firm conviction that, thanks to you and your splendid efforts during the past year, our banner has not wavered; our onward march has been a definite and positive thing and Missouri Capitular Masonry still stands at the top in the sisterhood of states. Thanks be unto God we are still, and I trust always shall be, in the main, ‘without the walls of that wicked and abominable city’—Indifference.

“Wherever I have gone I have been received with courtesy, hospitality, and kindness, and have been, more than ever, impressed with the knowledge that everywhere Masons represent the very highest type of citizenship. Thy are, indeed, select men.

“There are about ten Chapters in the State, however, that appear to be so completely, permanently and positively near-dead that they would do themselves and the Craft a service by picking at the coverlids long enough to surrender their charters.”

With reference to the resignation of Grand Secretary Stevenson who had filled the office for sixteen years, the Grand High Priest says:

“A workman who needeth not to be ashamed.” May “Uncle Bob’s” declining years be filled with health, happiness, love and golden memories.”

Among many other visitations he officially attended the Grand Lodge at St. Louis in October.

On October 30th a Grand Joint Convocation was held in Kansas City at which the Past Masters’ and Most Excellent Masters’ Degrees were conferred in the presence of approximately 9,000 Companions of the Order in the most remarkably magnificent manner under the experienced direction of Grand Lecturer Marquis and a fine array of Companions from other Jurisdictions. This Convocation was in honour of General Grand High Priest Kuhn, who
took the part of King Solomon in the Degree and received an ovation.

Another Joint Convocation was held at St. Louis, December 2nd, in his honour.

Apropos of dramatic rendition of the Work and because the name of the place is so familiar to our own Grand Z., we quote the following:—

"On December 14th, with Most Excellent Companion Ray V. Denslow, Past Grand High Priest, I visited his home Chapter, Trenton Chapter, No. 66, at Trenton. Most Excellent Companion Denslow is very largely responsible for the excellent manner in which the degrees were conferred. This is, so far as I know, the only Chapter in the State which uses elaborate stage settings and scenery in conferring the degrees. The Royal Arch Degree, particularly the search for the treasures, is acted out on the stage in an exceedingly impressive way. In my opinion the Chapters of this State will take a big forward step when they study and adopt the Trenton plan for using a stage in certain parts of the degrees."

Commenting upon delinquent Secretaries and others the Grand High Priest says truly:—

"And even the most primitive kind of a sense of duty should, and does, call for a reply to letters or telegrams asking a reply."

He concludes:—

"Though our ambitions have not all been realized and some hopes and ideals have fallen by the wayside, yet I firmly believe the year has been a successful one, thanks to you and the splendid Chapters you represent."

The Report of the Committee on the Grand High Priest's address says:—

"We wish to call special attention to his reference to 'Correspondence Courtesy;' to heartily concur in everything he has said under that title and to urge that every High Priest and every Secretary carefully read the same and make a solemn pledge that they will make a decided improvement in the future.

"We wish to congratulate our Grand High Priest on the splendid enthusiastic business-like manner in which he has discharged the trust reposed to him; he has laboured well."
Music is featured at all Convocations and from a central chorus of 100 voices there have developed others of which the records preserve this memorial:

"One fine result of these Convocations is that from the large special choruses organized for each of the meetings, a number of Chapters have secured permanent choruses that are now singing at the regular Chapter meetings."

The Grand Representatives are called the **Ambassadors** of the Grand Jurisdiction. We wish that all our Grand Representatives would realize their ambassadorial and plenipotentiary responsibilities and would be present in the flesh more frequently.

The biography of Grand High Priest Morris covers four pages and is written by General Grand High Priest Kuhn himself, and closes with this tribute:

"The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri feels honoured in him, and, in turn, would honour him by placing the laurel wreath of 'well done' on his head as a real man, a citizen and a Freemason."

The Fraternal Correspondence is sponsored by Comp. John H. Miller, who fulfills his duties of peripatetic philosophy very acceptably in nearly 100 pages. In his introduction he says:

"America must decide for Americans and the public schools with the intent and purpose of educating the foreign element to read and write and speak the English tongue and become Americans."

Immediate Past Grand Z. Ponton blushes with pleasure as he reads under "Canada," which is treated in most generous fashion:

"He travelled to the most remote points of his Grand Jurisdiction, informed himself of every needed improvement, cheered the despondent, put life into the lifeless Chapters, sang a song of faith and hope and love the whole land over. He rejoiced over the fact that during his term of office over 9,000 have been added to the rolls of the Chapters and he leaves able to say that the Grand Chapter now has $53,000 invested in solid and productive securities."
“It is not possible to close this review without the following sentiment of the Grand Z., whose fine service as the head of Capitular Masonry in Canada will not be forgotten:

“In all our glowing words about liberty—equality—fraternity, the Brotherhood of Man, we extinguish the fire at the Altar if we forget the Fatherhood of God. It is of the essence of Royal Arch Masonry to reverently worship Jehovah; the All Powerful and All Merciful Father Lord—Word Lord—Spirit Lord—So mote it ever be in rite and ritual—in life and action.’”

These are re-produced simply to show what parts of Canada’s addresses other Grand Jurisdictions are affected by and which they generously deem worthy of reprinting.

Under Michigan our colleague touches on a matter which appears to be of wide interest, as follows:

“Grand High Priest Wilcox made it clear that he is an advocate of state-wide concurrent jurisdiction. It is given here as an item of unusual importance to all Grand Chapters.

“It has been the dream of my official career to see state-wide concurrent jurisdiction an established fact, but it seems that the realization was not to be mine. That it will eventually become a part of our Grand Chapter law I firmly believe. The sentiment is surely growing in its favour. In the State of Missouri, the home of our General Grand High Priest, the fight in its favour has been won, and to-day there are no restrictions on the selection of a Royal Arch Home, and there should not be anywhere. In my opinion a man should no more be restricted in the selection of his Chapter than in the choice of his family home.”

And he closes his report with this poetic prose:

“Many of the old customs are no longer in vogue. Some are sleeping in their graves. They will never be resurrected.

“The present is a fast age. Time flies fast into eternity.

“But after all there is a God on the throne of Eternity and his hand marks the lines of the present and the future.

“We need not worry for all will be well with those whose trust is to the God who guides the winds, holds the oceans in His hands, walks on the stormclouds and steps from one mountain peak to mountain peak.”

John Pickard, Columbia, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Ray V. Denslow, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.
NEW BRUNSWICK (1921).

Daniel W. Kyle, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 1,112.
Increase, 163.
The 34th Annual Convocation was held at Saint John, April 25th, 1921.
The Grand High Priest reported a busy year of numerical advance and of productive good. He attended the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia at Yarmouth, and also the 125th Anniversary of Pennsylvania and simultaneously Chapters in New York where New Brunswick was warmly welcomed.
Canada was represented by Comp. E. W. Mair, of Woodstock.
The Grand High Priest concludes as follows:—
"I can truly say I am wealthy in my friends. Peace and harmony dwell in our midst. My future endeavour will be to serve our Institution in any capacity."

It is to be noted that New Brunswick adopts the nomenclature of the United States Chapters in its Grand Officers.
The Financial Reports are favourable with good investments made.
The Order of High Priesthood also assembled and conferred Degrees.
The Grand High Priest was re-elected.
J. Twining Hartt, Saint John, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK (1922).

Daniel W. Kyle, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 1,292.
Increase, 180.
The 35th Annual Convocation was held at Saint John, 23rd August, 1922.
The Grand High Priest delivered a business-like address, in which he stated: —
"I trust you may all have the experience, and I am sure you will agree with me that the more we study Capitular Masonry the more we are impressed that the Royal Arch is indeed essential to Symbolic Masonry."
He attended the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia and was received with Grand Honours, and proposes to visit the Grand Chapter at St. John’s Newfoundland.

He records his official attendance at the constituent Chapters and a large amount of other work, and he concludes:—

“The term has gone—I have only pleasant memories—peace and harmony prevail.”

Among the recommendations brought in by the Ritual Committee was one “that short forms of opening on the Mark Master Mason, Past Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Mason Degrees be adopted.” It will be noted that New Brunswick retains the Past Masters’ Degree. This, with other suggestions of importance, was adopted, and the eleventh recommendation, namely—“that some amendments be made to the M.E.M. Degree, bringing it more in accordance with Biblical Teaching and History,” was referred back to the Committee with power to act.

It was reported that the effect of an amendment is that a Brother cannot be exalted until he has been a Master Mason for at least six calendar months.

Canada was represented.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence Report.

In Memoriam cards are dedicated to the memories of departed Companions.

Under the Order of High Priesthood we find the following:—

“The matter of having the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council taken over by Grand Chapter and the Degree of High Priesthood conferred therein was taken up, and E. Companion Day stated that the Executive of Grand Chapter desired that the history of the Order of High Priesthood be clearly set out and understood before taking action.

George E. Day, St. John, M.E. Grand High Priest.

J. Twining Hartt, St. John, Grand Secretary.
NEW MEXICO.

Charles C. Manning, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 1,832.
Net gain, 115.

The 25th Annual Convocation was held in the Hall of Rio Grande Chapter, Albuquerque, February 22nd, 1923, with all the Grand Officers present and seven Past Grand High Priests.

The portrait of the Grand High Priest delineates the countenance of a judicial man who has ruled well.

Canada is not reported as having been represented. Our own Henry T. Smith represents New Mexico at this Grand Chapter.

New Mexico had the distinguished honour of a special visit from General Grand High Priest Kuhn and General Grand Secretary Conover.

The address delivered and re-printed in full by special permission of the General Grand High Priest is described as "eloquent, magnificent, enlightening and matchless," and superlative as this language may be, the writer confesses himself an admiring devotee of this extraordinary man, whose fertility of thought and eloquence of expression call for nothing but admiration. Here are some striking paragraphs:—

"The great age of the Jewish nation was not in its regal splendor, in its solidarity as a nation, in its armies, in its wealth, or its expansive boundaries, but its golden age was the seventy years of its captivity. The captivity was the literary age of Jewry. Out of it came its sacred writings. Onward to Jerusalem, the city of their fathers. The journey was not taken to secure ease, comfort, emoluments or honour, but solely for the purpose of engaging in 'the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the city and house of the Lord.' This truly was a noble purpose, but it did not embrace all, as they did not expect even 'the hope of a fee or a reward.'

Will we become students? I plead for an intelligent Royal Arch Masonry. I have but one theme of propaganda, it is the dignity, the sacredness of Royal Arch Masonry, with its wide field of historical research, and its profound moral application."
The address of the Grand High Priest is in the nature of a very full report upon the work of the year, and he is grateful for the good will and assistance tendered him by all with whom he has come in contact.

The usual Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented, and eight District Deputy Grand High Priests were appointed for the ensuing term.

An admirable record is kept of all the elected and appointed Grand Officers, and a full list of the personnel of each Chapter is recorded so that all the Companions may know one another.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence report.


Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Grand Secretary.

**NEW SOUTH WALES.**

Aubrey Halloran, Grand Z.
Number of Chapters, 61.
The Quarterly meeting was held at Sydney, 8th February, 1922, at which many Grand Representatives were present, but Canada's was not in evidence.
The Grand Z.'s address commences well:—

"With feelings of gratitude to the Great I Am, we meet at our Quarterly Convocation to give an account of our work. We feel inspired by the wonderful interest in the Fraternity throughout the whole civilized world. Let us ever instil into the hearts of our Companions that 'Service' not 'Self' should be our guide, and that the doctrine of Brotherhood should ever be remembered by them.

The titles of Committees and Officers are unique and worthy of note. The main body of the business is apparently done by the Grand Committee of General Purposes, and a most important document is the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings.
The next Quarterly meeting was held at Sydney, 10th May, 1922, with the same officers and other Grand Representatives present."
The Grand Z. gave a business-like address, and with regard to Capitular relationships of other Grand Chapters with Scotland the Grand Committee of General Purposes quote in full, but without approval or disapproval, the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence at the Thirty-eighth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Canada’s Proceedings are acknowledged.

The next Quarterly meeting was held at Sydney, 9th August, 1922.

The Grand Z.’s address again commenced auspiciously:

“This concludes the third quarter of our Masonic year, and I am pleased that our Chapters are thriving. In these strenuous times, after the world war, our Companions in Freemasonry must prove more than ever that they will do the work expected of them, that our tenets are real, and that our teachings are being put into practice.”

And the Grand Inspector of Workings sifts carefully the procedure of each constituent Chapter.

The next Quarterly meeting was held 8th November, 1922, as the Grand Z. reverently says—“through the wisdom and mercy of the Most High we are permitted to assemble on this the last quarter.”

We extract the following from the report of the Inspector:

“He also desires to report that the other Chapters in his district are in a flourishing state, and that Royal Arch Masonry in the Western district has made a very decided and marked improvement during the past year, and the zeal and enthusiasm displayed by the Officers and Companions of each of the Chapters augurs well for the prosperity of these Chapters during the coming year.

Canada’s Representative is Comp. J. McCreadie.

New South Wales’ Representative in Canada was Francis B. Reilly, now a member of one of our daughter Chapters.

The Grand First Principal was re-elected.

Alf. J. Burbidge, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.
NEW YORK.

C. Tracey Stagg, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 64,250.
Net increase, 3,457.

The portrait in sepia of the well-known features of Grand High Priest Stagg adorn the title page of the Annual Proceedings of the 126th Annual Convocation which was held in Albany—where it has been held from the beginning—on February 6th, 1923. While the records show a wonderfully full year's work and an expeditious day's agenda well done, those who like the writer, have been received into the fellowship of the Grand Chapter of New York know that the very best part of it is the personal contact with the talented men of good will who constitute this great Grand Chapter. Four hundred and twenty-two members were actually present, and Comp. Miller G. Sherwood again faithfully represented Canada and introduced M.E. Comp. Spencer, M.E. Comp. Ponton, and R.E. Comp. Henry T. Smith, who were received with exceptional warmth.

In his welcome the Grand High Priest of New York spoke as follows:—

"To you, my Companions, I give the grip of brotherly love and affection. You of the Union Jack and we of the Stars and Stripes have demonstrated to the world that peace is not an idealistic thing, something to be sought for and never attained. By the practical application of those fundamental moral principles upon which our Masonic Institution is founded, we have established the permanent home of the dove of peace somewhere along the three thousand miles of lake and stream and imaginary fence that separates the Dominion of Canada from the United States. No other boundary of such length has been free from war for so long a time since the fall of the Roman Empire."

And later on in the day M.E. Comp. Spencer happily replied, while at the exemplification of the Degree under Grand Lecturer Dickerson, M.E. Comp. Ponton and R.E. Comp. Smith spoke with acceptance and were heartily applauded.
In the opening prayer of the veteran Grand Chaplain, Pierre Cushing, who has since the last meeting passed to his well-earned reward of rest and crowning, we were struck by this invocation:

“And, O God, let it not be presumptuous or amiss that we implore Thee at this hour to make our great Fraternity an instrument in Thy hand to bring peace, order and good will to a troubled and distracted world.”

The Grand Representatives are not considered negligible factors in New York and their duty was summarized as follows:

“It is their duty to keep in as close personal touch as possible with the governing officers and Companions of other Grand Chapters, so that when there is business to be transacted and interchange of courtesies they may know each other as men and as individuals, and thus be enabled to carry forward the great work in which we are engaged.”

The address of Grand High Priest Stagg was a masterly one. We can only quote a few of the matters of which he spoke:

“For the future, may the wonderful achievements that are possible within our Order, promoted by the spirit of fraternal love, make a newer and better civilization wherein the life of its citizens shall be mastered by the principles and ideals of the Royal Craft.”

His tributes to the dead were biographic and eloquent.

His year's work must have been strenuous.

Of the Towner-Sterling Bill and Masonry he spoke as follows:

“One of our Masonic ideals is that of knowledge. One of the ends of Masonry is Light; and Light is synonymous with intelligence. The man who travels the highway from West to East is a seeker after Light. The implication is that Masonry has an educational function.”

His decisions on legal questions submitted filled many pages. Of the Minute Book he says:

“Personally, I believe that the use of such loose leaf books for the Minute Book of a Chapter should be disapproved.”
Of and to Master Masons he speaks as follows:—

"As Royal Arch Masons, our fraternal message is to the Master Mason, and not to those who walk in darkness. I can see no practical reason why the doors of the Tabernacle should not be open to the Master Mason who has performed the supreme act of citizenship—of putting his life at the service of his country, and who, in the performance of that duty has made the sacrifice of physical disability. To fail to recognize such a Brother is to put form above substance and a mythical tradition above practical brotherhood.

"I believe that the time has come, my Companions, when the Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York definitely should commit themselves to a substantial and permanent programme of constructive work.

"We are proud of the tradition, the principles, the ideals of Royal Arch Masonry which have come down to us from the past. Let us now translate these theoretical principles and ideals into a living constructive Royal Arch Masonry of which our successors may in turn be proud. As we have given light to the spirit of man, let us now ease the burden of the flesh. In you, my Companions of the Grand Chapter, lies the power and opportunity to do and to act."

And he concludes:—

"The sacrifices form just a dull background before which these friendships stand out in bold relief. It has all been worth while."

The Grand Lecturer gives this advice:—

"In instructing or correcting officers of Chapters, care should always be taken to give such instruction in a kindly and courteous manner. Do not interfere with the work or give instructions while the degree is in progress, save only to stop a positively wrong practice or a violation of the landmarks. Wait until the degree is completed or the candidates not in the room; then call the attention of the officers to such errors as should be brought to their attention."

$600 was placed in the hands of the Grand High Priest for a charitable purpose; an anonymous benefaction.

The Grand High Priest of Massachusetts in replying to his welcome said among other good things:—

"And above all, let us not lose the great power of simplicity of life and thought. The great charm and value of meetings such as this lies in this very thing, to bring together on a common ground those to whose hands have been committed great responsibility and great opportunity."
Our own Grand High Priest is quoted as follows:

“If we can do anything for one another, now is the time to do it. I am delighted to say that these visits we are making, year after year, tend to make me, as I consider it, a better man.”

Fifty Companions received the Order of High Priesthood at New York and one hundred and twenty-one at Albany, a total of one hundred and seventy-one.

The High Priest-elect, M.E. Comp. Briggs, bespoke co-operation as follows, and so say we all of us:

“I need all I can get, and I need it every day and every week and every month; yes, every hour, during the coming twelve months.”

He will receive it!

The Standing Committee on Jurisprudence under the chairmanship of an honoured Judge, M.E. Comp. Jerome L. Cheney, is an able and satisfying document.

Of the Order of DeMolay the Committee record the following views:

“In the matter of the Resolution in reference to the Order of DeMolay, we feel that it is inadvisable to urge the engrafting of extraneous features upon Royal Arch Masonry, but we have no desire to stand in the way of any good movement, and may permit individual Chapters to decide for themselves what part they will take in any movement for the betterment of mankind. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

“Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York approve of the movement represented by the Order of DeMolay for Boys, and will permit Subordinate Chapters of its jurisdiction, if they desire, to sponsor Chapters of such Order.”

The Memorial of the Dead concludes as follows:

“As we thus honour the memory of our dear Companions, let us not miss the lesson as old as death, and yet ever new, which their going forth impresses. It is indeed their valedictory. They being dead yet seem to speak to us and say, ‘Keep that which is committed to thy trust;’ ‘Be thou faithful unto death.’”
The noble countenance of the Grand Chaplain precedes his last address, which is printed in full, and which has a mournful significance. We cull the following gems from it:—

"In the life of our great Fraternity, as in the life of the nation, there come periods from time to time when its fundamental principles need to be especially stressed, elucidated and reaffirmed, lest we forget in the confusion of tongues and the babel of conflicting and opposing philosophies, the very things for which the Institution stands, its leading purposes, and that at a time when we most need to remember them and exemplify them.

"The original and eternal foundations of our moral and spiritual temple, those which uphold the completed structure, are no more than three, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

"They are stated in a certain order, but their true exposition requires us to reverse that order and think of them in the relation of cause and effect; that is, as Truth, Brotherly Love and Relief. Truth comes then first of all."

Under Fraternal Correspondence M.E. Comp. Arthur Warren gives Canada cordial greetings and copious quotation from Grand Z. Ponton's address of 1922, and gives words of praise to R.E. Comp. Brown. His conclusion is full to the brim and running over. We conclude our review with some of his sentiments and will look forward again and again, we hope, to meeting M.E. Comp. Warren in this fraternal comradeship of the round table.

"Yet we do violence to our obligation to impart true Masonic light and knowledge to our less informed Brethren when we wholly neglect to so direct them in their seeking after knowledge that we bring them to a point in their Masonic instruction far in advance of the lessons they should thoroughly know before assuming to take upon themselves the mastery of still higher and more important truths. We are constantly tempted to regard numbers first, and a thoroughly qualified membership second. It is a constant study, requiring the best of good judgment to keep the proper balance.

"As to the practice of using the Chapter as a preliminary to the conferring of other and different degrees in Masonry and in related bodies not recognized as strictly Masonic, there can be no defence possible. The solicitation of members for such organizations before the initiates have become thoroughly grounded in the great truths that are intended to be con-
veyed to them, is harmful and works against the best interest of true Masonry.

"An earnest plea for the setting in motion of the great influence and power of Masonry for practical good is being put forth. This, we know, will not be accomplished in any great fervour of excitement, but rather by the strong and steady growth of resolute men committed to a high purpose. Let us redouble our efforts to bring it about."

George E. Briggs, Peekskill, Grand High Priest.
Charles C. Hunt, New York, Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND.

Edward Lane, M.E. First Grand Principal.
The Proceedings are prefaced by the photograph of M.E. Comp. Lane, and the newly elected Grand Scribe E., Charles W. Nielsen, introduced a new feature by two pages of interesting Obiter Dicta, from which we clip the following extracts:

"The only member of a Chapter eligible for election to the offices of Worshipful Mark Master and Worshipful Excellent Master within the Chapter, is the Companion elected to the office of First Principal, or, in other words, the offices of First Principal, W.M.M., and W.E.M., can only be held by the same member.

"Still Scotland knows us not, and encroachments continue. Verily the patience shown by some Jurisdictions, including our own, with which Scotland has toyed for so long past, is worthy of better results. Our Scottish friends say, in effect—and manifestly it is all they can say—that they have priority of title, or, to put it more bluntly, that they were here first.

"Since then the position has altered, much to the advantage of our case. The rising generation of Royal Arch Masons in New Zealand are New Zealand-born, who cannot understand, and will not understand, the idea of dual Masonic sovereignty.

"For the rest, inexorable Father Time has not been inactive, and the ranks of our veterans, whose guiding counsels were a source of strength to us, are from one cause or another being steadily thinned, throwing upon younger shoulders the burden of bearing the banners that their respected predecessors so faithfully sustained."

The Annual Convocation was held at Dunedin, 31st January, 1923, in the presence of a goodly number of Companions.
The financial receipts indicated liberality.

The Report of the Supreme Committee as well as the subsequent remarks of the Grand Z. referred to the lamented death of the late Grand Scribe E., M.E. Comp. H. J. Williams, to whom the highest possible tribute was paid by all.

The Committee report:—

"Condition of Capitular Freemasonry.—With satisfaction a healthy condition of affairs in the territory is reported, and the progress referred to in the last annual report has been more than maintained notwithstanding the difficulties that the country, in common with the rest of the world, is facing during this period of recovery after the war. The birth of five new Chapters has to be recorded."

The Correspondence with Scotland is set out at length and the letters are diplomatically worded suaviter in modo, but fortiter in re.

A motion to change to biennial Convocations was defeated by a large majority.

The Grand Z. gave a valedictory instead of an opening address, and among other truly Masonic sentences are found these illustrative ones:—

"He had not been able to visit all the Chapters in the Dominion, but he had met members from them all, and he had formed a very high opinion of the quality of the men who had helped to shape the course of Freemasonry in New Zealand.

"There were many opportunities for doing something for the betterment of those with whom one came in contact, and even the humblest could be of service by quietly leading a useful life in an earnest endeavour to better the lives of others. Kindly words of encouragement to a Companion or neighbour would tend to arouse them to the doing of nobler things, and even a gentle pressure of the hand would at times do more than tongue could express."

The newly installed Grand Z. also delivered a good address from which we make the two following illuminating excerpts:—

"Hence, to soothe the unhappy, feel compassion with them in their misfortunes, relieve their necessities, and bring peace to their troubled minds, should be to us a labour of love as well as of duty. Truth is a Divine attribute and the foundation of every Masonic virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught at our initiation, so decei
and hypocrisy should be unknown among us, and sincerity and plain dealing should be the unvarying practice of our lives, not only among our Companions but with the outside. So, Companions, in your acts, in your words, in your thoughts, be charitable, so that you may support and be supported by these three grand principles—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. Companions, be ye charitable one with another.”

The statistics of the constituent Chapters are set out in full and a list of the Grand Officers of all ranks from 1892 is appended.

E. Lane, Oamaru, M.E. Grand First Principal.

C. W. Nielsen, Wellington, Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

William R. Smith, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Number of Chapters, 55.
Total number exalted, 606.

The 75th Annual Conclave was held at Charlotte, May 8th, 1923, and the next Convocation will be held at Raleigh second Tuesday in May, 1924.

South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee and the General Grand Chapter were represented and were cordially welcomed, each responding. No less than twelve Past Grand High Priests answered the roll call.

The Grand High Priest whose features illuminate the preface of the volume, characterizes and summarizes all the versatile styles of other rulers of the Craft and then says ‘me too’ to them all in the following words:—

“In making this, the 75th annual report to this Grand Body, your Grand High Priest wishes to state that all styles heretofore mentioned fit North Carolina.”

But he does not stop there as he proceeds to say:—

“I am happy to state that interest in the York Rite generally is on the increase. Of course, this interest is very good in spots. I find some Chapters which have been depending on former High Priests to confer the degree work, are simply allowing their Chapters to rock along, with the excuse that ‘the new ritual takes all the kick out of the de-
gree work and they can't get the Companions to attend the meetings.' This condition is being gradually remedied.

"This visit here to Charlotte will be an incentive to you men to go back home to your several Chapters inspired to nobler deeds, higher thoughts and greater achievements.

"Masonry cannot exist simply on ritualism. Masonry must have something constructive to keep it alive in the hearts of the Brethren. That constructive force is found in your Educational Programme.

"Masonry can be compared to a great concrete building, solid, firm and sound from its foundation. The concrete in the building is strong to a certain extent, but added strength is given to the concrete by embedding steel rods all through it. To use an analogy—your great Educational Programme is like the steel rods in the concrete, it gives Capitular Masonry added strength and beauty, and raises it above the estimation that some Brethren hold of it—simply a stepping stone to the Shrine."

He commends the idea of an Annual Masonic Festival, which was held in South Carolina, of all the Grand Bodies in Masonry.

One of his rulings was as follows:—

"The Chapter at Kinston requested that they be allowed to confer degrees on a travelling preacher while on a transient stay at Kinston. Ruled that the travelling preacher must reside the required time in the community."

He is not looking for trouble as this sentence proves:—

"If the Chapters to which these two Brethren may apply refer the matter to me for a ruling, I will cross that bridge when I come to it."

He recommends that the annual grant to the Oxford Orphanage be increased from $600 to $1,000. It is known as the York Rite Educational Loan Fund. He concludes with the following touches:—

"But, however much or little I may have accomplished, when I lay down this gavel to-morrow, Billie Smith will retire from office filled with the happy reflections of a well-spent year.

"I want you Companions to go back to your several Chapters and tell them in the strongest possible manner that the Grand Chapter of North Carolina has waked up. It has been awake a year or two, but the Companions throughout the State haven't realized it yet. Tell them that the Grand
Chapter of North Carolina has put its hand to the plow, and is going to the end of the furrow. And tell them also that York Rite Masonry is not only going to the end of the furrow, but when she gets to the end of that furrow, she is going to start new furrows.

"When we think of the future possibilities wrapped up in that word EDUCATION, when we realize that some future President of these United States and a great many of our future citizens may be able to say: 'I gained my start and inspiration from the Masonic Loan Fund of North Carolina,' we will then feel proud that we are the Masonic pioneers in this great work. In taking part in this great educational movement we are simply exemplifying the teachings of our own Royal Arch Degree—"Without the hope of fee or reward."

The Committee on Necrology use this as their striking text:

"There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit, neither hath he power in the day of death, and there is no discharge in that war."

Education looms large in their Proceedings, as is most proper.

The membership and statistics of the constituent Chapters are given in full.

Comp. J. Edward Allen is the Foreign Correspondent. He prefices his work in these words:

"The work has been pleasant, and I trust that the reviews presented will be interesting; it would be worth all the time spent to know that some measure of inspiration has been obtained by the reader.

"I am satisfied that by means of these printed Reviews much valuable work can be accomplished toward making the work of the Masonic bodies a force and a power such as the world stands in great need of to-day."

He is most kind to Canada, and as other Grand Jurisdictions have made the same quotation that he does, we do not apologize for re-producing it in order to indicate what sentiment meets with fraternal favour outside our Jurisdiction. The following are cited extracts from the Grand Z.'s address of 1922:
“Again quoting from the splendid address:”

“The science of Masonry is not stationary. Our faith is not a creed only; it is a life. Dignity is not enough. We need power. There is but one source—the Great Name—and the unity of those who are custodians of all that is finest—co-trustees for posterity—joint heirs of the immortals who blazed the way to the higher standards which we must maintain. Your Principals and Officers have endeavoured to interpret your ideals and aspirations, and while laying plans and designs on the trestle board—we have realized more and more that no one man, no one Chapter, on one country, can exalt this world to the Supreme Degree—that we must all work together for the common weal—stand, pull, urge and lift together. Many Chapters—one Royal Craft—many units—one orbit. And this universal Geometry tells us of a Universal Geometrician, whose divine compass has measured all things. May He enable us to solve the problems—national—economic—civic—spiritual—fraternal—of the coming months and years together.”

Mississippi deservedly receives special notice and the far flung brother-line is well emphasized under New South Wales with the following seasonable clipping from their Proceedings:

“M.E. Comp. D. Owen, D.G.I.W., No. 2 District, reports that he made an official visit to the Katoomba R.A. Chapter on Friday evening, the 29th July, and notwithstanding the cold wintry night there were about forty Companions present.”

With regard to New York, we quite agree upon our colleague’s comments:

“The splendid likenesses of the Grand High Priest and the Grand Chaplain do credit to any Grand Chapter.”

Quebec furnishes him with food for thought and comment, as of course Scotland does to him and to all.

The Convention of Grand High Priests was held on May 8th, and their boy-like President has probably more priestly maturity behind his broad brow and youth-shining eyes than his portrait would indicate.

Raymond C. Dunn, Grand High Priest.
John B. Griggs, Grand Secretary.
NORTH DAKOTA.

Walter H. Murfin, M.E., Grand High Priest.
Present membership, 4,089.
Net gain during year, 80.

The 34th Annual Convocation was held at Grand Forks, on January 23rd, 1923, with a large attendance of Grand Officers, members and distinguished visitors from Minnesota and the General Grand Chapter of the United States, with whom were also received with due honours, the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and other guests.

The Proceedings are enriched by a sepia portrait of M.E. Comp. Murfin, with a biographical sketch by his successor, and with a speaking likeness of General Grand High Priest Kuhn, who addressed the various gatherings in inspiring terms.

Of the retiring Grand High Priest his biographer says:—

"He is imbued with the spirit and idealism of Freemasonry. He has fine ability and excellent public address, and these things combined with personal magnetism and enthusiastic devotion to a cause will carry him far."

In his response to the welcome accorded, Dr. Kuhn said among other good things:—

"Men are putting themselves into their work. They are reading and studying Masonry. Because of his interest in Masonry, he had become a deep student of the Bible. He used the story of Cyrus, Cambyses, Darius and Zerrubabel to illustrate the idea that 'As a man's God is, so is he.' Darius believed in one God.

"Royal Arch Masons here were alive and realized that grips, steps and signs were not everything. They were getting at the soul and spirit of Masonry. Of course there had to be some iconoclasts, but he thought it was time Freemasonry got out of its shell and did something for Humanity. The Masonic Service Association was doing a great work but there was much more to be done.

"Zerrubabel believed in one God and around the story of these two men we have the Royal Arch Degree. The more we study Royal Arch Masonry the more we understand its great beauty and its great truths."
The address of the Grand High Priest was brief but full of meat. An idea of the man can be gained from the following extracts:

"Peace and tranquility have prevailed throughout the year in this Grand Jurisdiction. Our gain in numbers has not been great, but I believe that the several constituent Chapters have come to realize more fully the great duty they owe to their neighbours, our Country and our God, to depart from the idea that the Chapters are merely degree mills and to take places as vital entities in making their respective communities better places in which to live and in bringing nearer the time when the brotherhood of man will be a condition and not a theory.

"Do not mis-understand me. I am as much in favour of a good hearty laugh as any man living. It is necessary that we have a playground and that we relax once in a while, but there are also times for serious things. Our main purpose in life is not to frolic but to work and to serve.

"Our work in assisting needy and deserving young men and women in securing an advanced education through the student’s loan fund has continued to grow. Seventeen new loans have been made, but much more could have been accomplished had the fund not been exhausted several times. If the finances of this body will permit, I recommend that we make an additional appropriation to this most worthy enterprise."

He has not found that District Convocations as Chapters of Instruction have been very successful, and he adds in this connection:

"I respectfully recommend that the system be re-constructed by doing away with strictly district Convocations and substituting in their place, joint meetings of neighbouring Chapters, to be arranged by the District Deputies."

Of the Grand Secretary, Walter L. Stockwell, who is as well known in Western Canada as in the United States, and who has been the honoured representative of North Dakota at our Grand Lodge, the Grand High Priest writes as follows, giving us an ideal to attain:

"Always courteous and obliging, he has made our relations most pleasant and our year together a very happy one. Companion Stockwell is well and favourably known throughout the whole realm of Masonry. He has brought great honours to North Dakota Masonry and through him we have attained a place in the Masonic world far out of proportion to our mere numerical strength."
During the year $1,275 was expended for the Students' Loan Fund, and $500 was added to the capital of the Fund. This was good work well done.

The Grand Secretary gives us far more than a Secretarial statistical report, as witness the following, which we clip from his Conclusion:

"The man who thinks America is not affected and that we can maintain a policy of isolation is blind to facts. . . . It ought to be plain to the thoughtful Mason that he has something to do. It may not be much that one can do, but in Heaven's name let us do what we can to bring back to the world some semblance of good order and friendly relations."

At the close of the Proceedings the following record is made with many dinners and post prandial addresses:

"We think we are well within the truth when we say that the Companions present received more light and inspiration for Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Convocation than in all their Masonic career before."

Canada was represented by R. Ex. Comp. George H. Keyes. It is a pleasure to see the Representative of Canada occasionally put in an appearance. In many of the States they would appear to be "dead letters" so far as attendance goes.

The Correspondence Report is in the hands of the veteran, M. Ex. Comp. E. George Guthrie, who writes his 9th contribution for the universal Craft. Incidentally he says that—

"the sub-normality now existing has not kept the Proceedings up to the fervid heat which was maintained for some years, so the prevailing strain of the Lodges is of a milder nature."

This would appear to be the same complaint that is made by those who were accustomed to a "wee deoch and doris" before Prohibitory Temperance became prevalent.

In his introduction the reviewer says:—

"The constant tick of the pendulum as it swings from side to side is just like the constant swing of the Correspondent's arm as he endeavours to cull out the most potent and inspiring thoughts and doings in the Proceedings produced for inspection and review."
"The Chapters and other bodies had become more of degree mills than anything else, with the Grand High Priests besieged to grant special dispensations to push the candidates through in a frenzied fashion, in order that they might get into other pastures beyond, so it is high time that a halt should be had in order to take an inventory of stock and see what our assets and liabilities amount to. The trial balance will reveal that there will have to be a re-adjustment and re-organization, but the outcome will be a safer and sounder membership on a level basis."

He is a welcome guest at all round tables, and when he visits Canada he will be accorded a warm greeting, for this year as last, he has reviewed our Proceedings with sympathetic appreciation and comment, quoting from the Grand Z.'s address and summarizing a very active Convocation. He introduces a new feature at the close, in five closely printed nuggets which he denominates "Pickups Along the Trail." Poetry and prose here are to be found in abundance and we congratulate Fraternal Correspondent Guthrie upon his discriminating selection and his new idea.

The Committee on Jurisprudence is composed of the five Senior Past Grand High Priests present at the Annual Convocation.

The next Convocation will be held at Fargo, January 22nd, 1924.

Walter L. Stockwell, an old friend, M.E. Grand High Priest.

Ralph L. Miller, Grand Secretary, both of Fargo.

**OHIO.**

106th Annual Convocation, October, 1922.
Frank L. Beggs, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Number of Royal Arch Masons, 71,536.
Net increase for year, 3,482.

The Annual Proceedings are full of interest and are preceded by an excellent Masonic calendar. An extract from the opening invocation by the Grand Chaplain is illuminating:—

"Save us from cant. Grant, Father, that we may be able to give illustrations of brotherhood of which we speak
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so freely. May those who have wealth be both just and generous. May those who serve be as conscientious in giving full and efficient service as in demanding the living wage."

The Grand Master of Ohio, who was an honoured guest, undertook "to make the membership of the Lodges of such a character that when they come to you with a petition, further investigation is unnecessary."

The Grand High Priest's address is full of the good ore we would expect from Ohio, as the following extracts will testify.

"Instead of grasping greed, false doctrines, wild and untried theories, times like this demand clarity of thought, deep thinking, comprehensive enlightenment, clear vision, sane action, and the spirit of obligation to our Government, our laws and to proper authority. Who is better able to assist in clarifying opinions and stabilizing these baneful influences than we who have been taught the fundamental principles of Justice, Equality and Brotherhood, and have pledged ourselves to support and sustain them.

"It is my hope that those Companions who now attend for amusement purposes may in time get a true conception of the beauty and dignity of Capitular Masonry, and I trust you will eliminate anything and everything of this character that might in any manner detract from the proper impression being made upon the candidate. . . . .

This new hospital will prove a much needed addition to the facilities of the Home and will solve many of the difficulties confronting local Lodges having members in need of medical assistance and for whom they are unable to provide adequate care and attention.

"I was especially gratified to note that the prevailing atmosphere was that of a real home of unusual proportions rather than that of the precision and restraint one so often finds in a large institution.

"My visit so impressed and benefited me that I recommend and request every Companion attending this Convocation, as a matter of duty and privilege, to visit and inspect the Masonic Home before leaving Springfield and then make a full and complete report to his home Chapter at the first opportunity.

"While the splendid results that have been accomplished by the care of our unfortunate Brothers, their widows and orphans, is perhaps the highest tribute that could be paid to one 'who builded better than he knew.'

"Let us strive zealously and with sacrifice, if necessary, that our fraternity may be awakened to the necessity for
more generous support to the end, that this, our only great and outstanding monument to Masonic benevolence, may not be hampered or hindered in the great purpose for which it was founded."

The report of the Trustees of the Home is a convincing one. Space will only permit one extract:—

"But does a policy of life insurance at a man's death always bring love and protection? Will a life insurance policy bring with it the loving embrace of Masonic influence, care for the babies in childhood ills, watch their footsteps until they reach adult life, and devotedly train them for the duties of home and citizenship?"

A long discussion took place regarding the minimum fee, which it was thought by the Committee should not be less than $40. The whole question, however, was deferred until the next Annual Convocation.

Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions were courteously received.

The old topic of dual membership is still alive in Ohio.

The Report on Necrology of Companion Mitchell is full of gems of thought such as:—

"The Bible was given us, not to teach us how the heavens go, but how to go to heaven."

The Correspondence Report is in the able and experienced hands of Companion O. P. Sperra.

Canada is generously epitomized, but when the Reviewer comments that the actual work of our year was not strenuous, we must modestly beg to differ.

The Reviewer finds good in everything and quotes under Texas:—

"Let us pause for a moment and contemplate what would be our position in this State if every man were a Mason not only in name but actually living up to its teachings. There would be no more crime."

Then let us pray that come it may!

B. F. Perry, Jefferson, M.E. Grand High Priest.

Edwin Hagenbuch, Urbana, Grand Secretary.
OREGON.

Frank McNeil Patterson, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 6,678.
Net gain, 351.

On the excellent portrait of a prepossessing young man which opens the volume of Proceedings we can give no better description than the first paragraph of the biography of Grand High Priest Patterson:—

"The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears as a frontispiece to this volume, has the distinction of being perhaps the youngest Companion to fill this exalted station in the Rite in this Jurisdiction, and perhaps none has attained it in so short a time after becoming a Mason; he having been Raised but fifteen years prior to his election."

The Proceedings contain records of Trustees' meetings and of special Convocations.
The 63rd Annual Convocation was held in Portland, June 11th, 1923, and the next Annual will be held April 23rd, 1924.
The roll call showed a full attendance.
Canada's Representative did not respond.
The Grand High Priest was presented with an Apron by the Washington Chapter and a very warm address of congratulation.
His own report is a record of good work well done. He begins as follows:—

"The ever moving hand upon the dial plate of time marks the expiration of another Masonic year. Each one of us in the journey of life, whether it has been through flowery fields or o'er rugged hills, whether embittered by sorrows or enlivened with pleasure, has reached another annual milestone."

Under Necrology he quotes this among other verses:—

They have ceased one by one from their labours,
So we clothed them in garments of rest,
And they entered the chamber of silence;
God do for them now what is best.

Under Visitations he says:—

"I have found in every Chapter visited, a sincere desire on the part of the officers to learn more of Capitular Ma-
sonry, and so I used the one symbol I knew to be the least understood, the Ark of the Covenant, as the foundation for instruction.

"Companions are you aware, that but a small percentage of the officers of subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction, can correctly read the Cryptogram of Royal Arch Masonry. The fault does not lie with these officers, for they are anxious to learn, but rather with this Grand Chapter, in that too little effort has been put forth in the past to properly instruct them in the ritualistic work."

And he concludes as follows:—

"While the condition of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction is eminently gratifying, let us not forget that Masonry is progressive, and as we have accomplished what we have by labour and a steady adherence to the principles of our Craft, so by the same means we may still accomplish more, and finally when the Temple of our earthly lives is completed, we may be received and acknowledged Most Excellent Masters indeed, and our labour done, we may be admitted within the veils of the Holy of Holies.

The Grand Orator being absent, Comp. George delivered the oration—very American, and very human.

Here are two of his pregnant sentences:—

"While we work for ourselves we should also labour in human service for all others. Carlisle once said, 'You can help your fellow man; you must help your fellow man, it is a duty, nay even a divine privilege to lighten the burden of your fellow labourers by giving them the results of your best thoughts and experiences.'

"In all fields of human activity we are to do unto others as we would have others do unto us. Self government by the Golden Rule."

The Students' Loan Fund has been inaugurated and $2,500 apparently is set aside annually. No loan is to exceed $300 to any one student per school year, and the scholarship loans are to include sons and daughters of Royal Arch Masons students at the University of Oregon and the Agricultural College. This is a good example for Canada.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence is Comp. Walter O. Haines, who does not mince words when dealing with subjects in which he is interested. From his introduction we clip the following:—
“Our own view is that action affecting the Chapter and Scottish Rite is unwise and of doubtful legality. The action desired is against the Shrine and other bodies that are not Masonic but are classed as 'barnacles' by some and 'parasites' by others. If the action, aimed at these non-Masonic bodies affects the Masonic bodies adversely, why, so much the worse for the Masonic bodies, but we can see no reason for prohibiting the advancement of a Master Mason to the Chapter when the expressed desire is to make him wait a certain time before he can get into the Shrine.

“It would seem more fitting for the Grand Lodges to have the courage to make their legislation fit the case. Requiring the Master Mason to pass an examination on the Third Degree before he is admitted to full membership is well within the rights of the Grand Lodge.”

Canada’s Proceedings apparently interested him much, and he quotes liberally from the address of M.E. Comp. Ponton, among the paragraphs re-produced and the comments made being:—

“After dwelling with words of love and appreciation upon the memories of those who had passed away during the year he calls attention to the excellent state of the Order and proceeds to welcome visiting Companions from other grand Jurisdictions in his own inimitable way. We quote from his address this thought:

“'Let us write on the slate in this school of National Life only that which is worthy, and we should show a vital interest in securing that Immigrants to our Canadian shores write on our National slate worthily and well as good law-abiding citizens—and in clear language—none better than English—not to be misunderstood. If not so willing, let them seek another flag, another clime. We Masons as Community builders can do much in making the Sojourners and Strangers to feel as the Home-born—to realize themselves as part of the great living Anglo-Saxon Arch. But first let us see to it that we exemplify collectively a resolute staunch, stable, generous, vigilant, virile, vibrant and progressive Canadian citizenship—precept and practice hand in hand.'”

Comp. Dunstan’s Report also receives well merit-ed praise. He says:—

“The Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry is full of interest and somewhat out of the usual order. We cannot refrain from quoting just one paragraph:

“'The principal object of Masonry is to make true Masons in the broadest sense of the term. Can this effectively and adequately be done by the conferring of degrees alone? Is there sufficient instruction as to the character of the
Order, its traditions, the hidden meaning of the symbolism employed to teach great moral lessons and as to the inward spirit of an institution intended to shape and mould life and actions.”

And with regard to the Report on the Grand Z.'s address he reproduced the following and adds a word of his own:—

“Sincerely we hope that this wise council of the Grand Frst Principal will be practically remembered by the Companions and that they shall be fruitful in their application. “Perhaps Masonic Bodies in Oregon might be better off without the barnacles. Some of them seem to fill no great want.”

Under Iowa, Comp. Hunt’s paper entitled, “A Word to Master Masons” is re-produced in full, ending with this suggestive sentence:—

“In the Third Degree, Hope, the anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast, was presented to your view; but to be effective she must be joined with faith that will enable you to pass the veils that intervene between you and the realization of your fondest hopes.”

Under Texas, page after page is devoted to a re-production in full of the edicts and counter-edicts of the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of Texas, and the Oregon reviewer gives us his verdict thereon which is as follows:—

“From the above it would seem that the General Grand High Priest was claiming something that is outside the law of the General Grand Chapter and that his position is untenable from the point of law.”

He concludes his literary travel through the Royal Realm with this conclusion:—

“Conditions seem to be again approaching normal and with the rush of candidates somewhat checked we trust that the more serious side of Capitular life will again be considered. Too little time is spent in making Masons after they have received the degrees.”

George G. Brown, Salem, M.E. Grand High Priest.
James F. Robinson, Portland, Grand Secretary.
APPENDIX

 PENNSYLVANIA.

Joseph E. Quinby, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Number of Royal Arch Masons, 55,460.

Between 1795 and 1923 how many events and
experiences have been accumulated in the chronicles
of this venerable Jurisdiction, whose headquarters
are in the city of brotherly love. The regular
Quarterly Communications are reported with model
brevity and business-like conciseness, and it is of
interest to note in passing that $4,000 is allotted to
the Grand High Priest, $3,500 to the District Deputy
Grand High Priests, and $1,500 to the Past Grand
High Priests and other Grand Officers. This is a
great Jurisdiction!

At the Quarterly held on December 7th, 1922,
three old friends of the writer of this review, were
elected and re-elected—John M. Core, Grand High
Priest—Thomas McConnell, Jr., Grand Treasurer;
and George B. Wells, Grand Secretary, all good men
and true.

The Degree of the Royal Arch was exempli-
ified for the second time during the year for the
benefit of many guests from other Grand Jurisdic-
tions, by the Instructors from the Capitular Schools.
The Annual Grand Communication was held at
Philadelphia on St. John’s Day, December 27th, 1922.

Samuel Shaw as usual, represented Canada
officially, and M.E. Comp. Ponton received Grand
Honours with the Past Grand High Priest of West
Virginia as honoured guests.

All through his annual address one can hear M.
E. Comp. Quinby, the guardian, custodian and direc-
tor of the Masonic Temple and its treasures, speak-
ing to his Companions and his visitors. Hear him:—

“Harmony and co-operation, the backbone and sinew of
every organization, has characterized all our work, and we
have been able to present a united front in all our under-
takings, each individual lending to the group the elements
of strength and the talents he possesses, and receiving in
return the help, inspiration and protection of the whole
organization.”
And again—directly affecting us:—

"Therefore, Believing it to be for the best interests of Capitular Masonry in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and for the maintenance of present Fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"By virtue of the power and authority in me vested as Grand High Priest, I direct that, if the Companion referred to can be properly vouched for as a Royal Arch Mason with the exception of the word of the Chair, and it meets with the approval of the officers and members to extend to him the courtesy asked for, the same be done."

In the following he is not alone:—

"A recent survey has disclosed the deplorable fact that within the past few years a number of Brethren in several different Chapters have been exalted to the Supreme Degree of Royal Arch Mason, whose marks had not been previously recorded in the Book of Marks.

"Of course, it is the duty of the Secretary to obtain the copy of the mark and have it recorded in the Book of Marks, but the High Priest is the responsible executive officer and on him rests the burden of seeing that the Secretary discharges his obligations.

"A Secretary with pride in his work will, if he continues in office for a period of years, develop lines and degree of service far beyond his formal obligation by becoming a stabilizing force, standing as a bulwark against irregularities and innovations, and placing his fund of accumulated experience at the disposal of the Most Excellent High Priest, who serves but one year, without in any wise encroaching upon the prerogatives and responsibilities of the latter.

"We witnessed the conferring of DeMolay Degrees in the presence of more than 3,000 Masons. The work was very impressive, teaching beautiful and instructive lessons of clean living, filial love, patriotism, reverence and protection of womanhood and the defense of the public schools against harmful propaganda.

"It has been shown that 'Eternal Vigilance' is the price of other things besides Liberty."

He chronicles his memorable visit with Companion McConnell and Harvey to our Grand Chapter at Hamilton, February 21st, 1922, and we will not soon forget their companionableness. He gives well merited praise to the three Capitular Schools of Instruction, which he says constitute a major asset of Grand Chapter, and he concludes with the memorable words:—
"It is said of the great Cecil Rhodes, of South African fame, that when he lay on his deathbed he said: 'So much to do, so little done.' As I lay down the sceptre of authority and resign my station to another it is with much the same feeling, for when I consider that we have not by any means accomplished all that we set out to do, I might express myself as did this distinguished man: 'So much to do, so little done.'

"Companions, the record of performance is before you. When you entrusted to me this high station I promised to do my best. I have endeavoured to keep my promise, and I trust that the record is such as to merit your approval and 'stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square.'

Pennsylvania is doubly fortunate in that it hears addresses from not merely the outgoing but the incoming Grand High Priest and M.E. Companion Core uttered words of wisdom of which the following are types:—

"'Let not him that putteth on his armour boast himself as he that taketh it off.' In accordance with the Divine precept, I approach the station and assume the responsibilities you have placed upon me with deep humility.'

"The day is past when the Chapter is considered a stepping-stone, necessary to be crossed to reach other fields supposed to be Masonic, but which are not. It is up to all the officers to teach and insist that in the Chapter is reached the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry.

"All officers, both Grand and Subordinate, should realize and teach that the requirement of membership in a Masonic Lodge as a prerequisite to membership in some other organization does not make that organization Masonic. When this fact is thoroughly understood by Master Masons then will the degree of Royal Arch Mason come into its own. Such instruction, we believe, should be given by competent Companions in every Chapter in the State.

"The teaching of the anarchist, by whatever name it is called, is as opposite to the teachings of Freemasonry as light is to darkness.

The stabilizing influence of Royal Arch Masonry in this country will go far towards counteracting the noisy vaporings of the socialistic class who would substitute force by classes for individual effort and honest labour."

This conservative Grand Chapter has many quaint forms:—

"The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty minutes p.m."
The Committee on Correspondence is composed of five members with the veteran, William B. Meredith, Past Grand High Priest, at the head, and the Jurisdictions are alphabetically distributed. In the introduction we find the following interesting sentences:

"In these differences we have not condemned their views, but have defended ours, basing our claims largely on the fact that Capitular Masonry on the American continent had its origin in Pennsylvania." ... 

"Am not satisfied with uniformity alone in Pennsylvania, but hope for it in all English-speaking Chapters, wherever located." ... 

"Let every High Priest in the Jurisdiction resolve that in the New Year he will redouble his endeavours to increase the attendance by making the meetings of his Chapter so interesting, and the work so well and correctly rendered, that it will arouse great enthusiasm among the members. In the perilous times of to-day we have a duty to perform in aiding the Government in freeing itself from the spirit of Bolshevism, Communism and Socialism developing in parts of our country."

From Alabama the reviewer quotes the following:

"Yet we are not secure, for in the aftermath, we find a school of thought which, if unchecked, will destroy the fundamentals of life and the principles of free government. We should never forget that thought that is dangerous is both insidious and destructive. The torch of Bolshevism and its corollaries is burning fiercely in the lands of the world and our blessed country.

"I think there are some wrong impressions about the Masonic Order. I happen to come in contact with some of them in my official work. I know nothing about it, in a single note I ever heard sounded, that is not in consonance with the best thought and the best aspiration, and the highest conception of American justice I have ever known from any quarter. I know I am a better citizen for being a better Mason. Sometimes—and there are moments of anxiety when one wonders what the morrow will bring forth—but I can say it publicly—I find myself heartened, my courage strengthened, and my hopes refreshed, because I know there is this great Fraternity which is ever ready to give of its all for the maintenance of law and order and of our government."
—the last citation being the words of the late Brother and President of the United States, Warren G. Harding.

From British Columbia he gathers the following nugget of good metal:—

"I can find no better words to express my parting sentiment that those of the immortal Goethe, and sincerely wish for each of you—

Health enough to make work a pleasure,
Wealth enough to support your needs,
Strength enough to battle with difficulties to overcome them,
Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them,
Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished,
Charity enough that shall see some good in your neighbour,
Cheerfulness enough that shall make others glad,
Love enough that shall move you to be useful and helpful to others,
Faith that shall make real the things of God, and
Hope that shall remove all anxious fear concerning the future."

California and Canada are most generously treated and copiously reviewed. From the former he quotes:—

"The great World War has left in its wake the usual lack of respect for law and order under the law." . . .

"In order for law to be truly respected, it must be administered with equal and exact justice to all classes of our citizenship. Favoritism has no place among a free and enlightened people. Without law and order under the law, chaos reigns and the people suffer." . . .

"Masonry was never intended to supplant or be a substitute for the church. The two institutions are complements to each other, and should always co-operate in the great work of bringing men to know that they were created to glorify God and serve mankind. Masons should, therefore, be aware of the false assertion of some of the fraternity that 'Masonry is my church.'"

Pennsylvania has asked the same question as Canada, "What is Masonry?" and he gives our Grand Z. Ponton's answer in full, and gives ample praise to the good work of R. Ex. Comp. E. B. Brown.

The printing of the Proceedings is in large type. The whole is well arranged and satisfying.

John M. Core, Uniontown, M.E. Grand High Priest.

George B. Wells, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.
QUEBEC.

M.E. Comp. Henry Willis, Grand First Principal.
Membership, 2,971.
Net increase, 202.
Number of Chapters, 20.

The 46th Annual Convocation was held in Montreal on March 28th, 1923, and the next Convocation will be held at Montreal on the 26th March, 1924.

Canada was as usual, represented by our faithful M.E. Comp. J. Alexander Cameron, so well and favourably known to all of us.

The Companions equally well know M.E. Comp. Walter T. Francis, Past Grand Z., who called the Chapter to order at the opening.

The address of the Grand Z. would bear ample quotation. It is very satisfying. Let the following suffice:—

"Nothing can invest Masonry with strength and grandeur like leaving it to be simply its own proper self. Nothing shall have power so effectually to silence the cavils with which it is sometimes assailed as that living witness to its sublime principles to be found in the upright course of its votaries.

"May it more and more become our lofty aim, as we grow continually into a larger knowledge of these truths on which we build our mystic temple, to bring into more perfect harmony the Divine rule of action and the purpose and conduct of our lives; remembering how to the All Seeing Eye, the heart and not the hand reveals the man, how not this day's success alone is counted wealth, how the guarantee of fruitage lies in the spirit and purpose of the workman. Be it ours, Companions, so to measure life to-day and always, so to engrave our record, not more of deeds than of high resolves, among the annals of eternity.

"Let knowledge grow from more to more,
And more of reverence in us dwell;
That mind and soul according well,
May make one music as before."

Of his visit to Toronto he says:—

"On February 28th, 1923, accompanied by Most Excellent Companion Walter J. Francis and Right Excellent Companion W. W. Williamson, I attended the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada in the City of Toronto. The meet-
ing continued from ten o'clock in the morning until noon of the next day. A pleasing feature was the exemplification of the Royal Arch Degree by a special team of Past Principals of Antiquity Chapter with full musical service. We were introduced by our Grand Representative, Rt. Ex. Com-
ppanion Edward B. Brown, K.C., and cordially welcomed by Most Excellent Companion W. N. Ponton, K.C., on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Canada.”

The Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts are very substantial documents and show great care in preparation.

The Committee on the Grand Z.’s address at the evening session conclude their Report as follows:—

“Our M.E. Companion appeals for the generous and indulgent criticism of Grand Chapter. Your Committee does not believe itself called upon for criticism of any kind, but gladly substitutes approval, and congratulates him upon the success of his faithful and zealous discharge of the duties of his high office during the past year, which have earned for him the additional respect, admiration and approval of all the Companions of this Grand Chapter.”

The following motion was passed:—“Any Royal Arch Mason may be a member of more than one Chapter at the same time.”

The Correspondence Report is again in the able hands of M.E. Comp. E. T. D. Chambers, P.G.Z., who speaks in his introduction of the universal prosperity of the Royal Arch and he quotes, as we quote from “A Word to Master Masons” of Comp. C. C. Hunt, of New York, as follows:—

“Did you think you were a Master Mason after the obligation and the usual instruction? Did you not find there were still lessons to be learned, ideals to be attained, longings to be satisfied, and that you were still very much in need of instruction? Yes, my Brother, there are veils to be passed of which you have not even heard, before you can obtain the Word for which you have toiled these many years. Let me, therefore, call your attention to the fact that while the Third Degree symbolizes incompleteness and failure just short of attainment, that in place of the reward for which you had so long toiled you must be content with a substi-
tute—the Royal Arch symbolizes the fulfilment of every promise, the attainment of every ideal, the completion of our Spiritual Temple, and the realization of our highest hopes. In the Third Degree, Hope, the anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast, was presented to your view; but to be
effective she must be joined with faith that will enable you to pass the veils that intervene between you and the realization of your fondest hopes."

The justifiable pride taken by many of the larger Jurisdictions in the magnificent Homes erected and sustained by them is commented on.

From "Canada" we clip the following and we are glad that the reviewer also quotes the excellent address delivered by M.E. Comp. Francis at our Grand Chapter.

R.E. Comp Brown is worthily praised. Canada for 1923 is also reviewed generously and in friendly spirit, and the happy reply of M.E. Comp. Henry Willis to his welcome received, is cited with deserved approval.

From an address delivered to the Grand Chapter of Michigan by the General Grand High Priest, the reviewer quotes:

"Freemasonry to-day stands pre-eminently as a living, growing restless power, whose end and aim is the exaltation of man and the glory of 'The I am that I am.' Our ancient Brethren journeyed from Babylon to Jerusalem—out of bondage into freedom—with one strong purpose in view—'To aid in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the City and Temple of the Lord.' It was work, work, work."

Under Oklahoma we quote Comp. Chambers' comments as follows:

"When a proper dispensation has been issued, Royal Arch Masons in Quebec, are permitted to wear regalia either to a Masonic funeral, Church service or Masonic social. We gladly concede the possibility of this practice differing from that which is customary elsewhere, but do not believe that this difference justifies either of us in declaring the other to be 'wrong.' There is no great principle, no landmark, no general regulation of Masonry at stake, and we are in accord-ance with both our own law and practice."

He closes his 36th Annual Report with the following benediction and farewell:

"Concluding his thirty-sixth Annual Report of Correspondence, the undersigned is grateful for the privilege of long continuance in office, which has afforded opportunities for service to the Craft and to the honour of the great
Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent God, in whom all Masons trust, which he could only wish had been more skilfully and more efficiently rendered. May the Great I Am pour down upon the Royal Craft, wheresoever dispersed, his richest blessings."

It is not part of the Proceedings but it will be appropriate here to note the splendid achievement of the Brethren and Companions of the Montreal District who have raised in a whirlwind campaign over $735,000 for a new Masonic Temple. They have largeness of heart.

M.E. Henry Willis, Quebec, Grand Z.
R.E. W. W. Williamson, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

QUEENSLAND.

J. A. Mills, Grand First Principal.
Number of Chapters, 10.
The frontispiece of the Proceedings contains a picture of M.E. Comp. Mills in his full Official Regalia and robes with sceptre.
The full title is the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Queensland, and the Annual Convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, Brisbane, 1st November, 1922, with a full attendance.
Grand Representatives of New South Wales, New Zealand, West Australia and Missouri were present.
The volume is a very thin one but no doubt the business was largely transacted at the Grand Committee of General Purposes whose recommendations were put and carried and whose report was printed.
The Grand Z. in his address stated:—

"Having opened five new Chapters during that time, four of them outside the metropolitan area, it has entailed a considerable amount of travel, and a necessity for a constant watch, that the tenets and principles were thoroughly understood and imparted to the candidates.
"During the year I visited every Chapter under our Jurisdiction. Some of the country ones, twice or three times, and the metropolitan ones on a number of occasions."
The Grand Z. recorded a year of fruitful activity.
The address of the Grand Scribe E. is Thomas C. Moxley, Chasmay, Coorparoo, South Brisbane.
The Grand Chapter meets quarterly.
Howard R. Slade, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 8,188.
Net gain, 920.
Number of Chapters, 15.

The 124th Annual Convocation was held at Providence, March 14th, 1922, and the Proceedings are prefaced by an excellent picture of Howard R. Slade, M.E. Grand High Priest, to which there is now attached a mournful significance as it is indicated at the end of the biography which closes the volume, that the M.E. Companion has since the meeting passed away, and the Common Council of Providence recorded a praise-worthy minute on his life and character.

Canada was represented by one of the out-standing men of Rhode Island, recently Grand Master, Norris G. Abbott, and indeed your reviewer is on familiar ground when in contact with this great Jurisdiction, concentrated and condensed by intensive culture within the narrow limits of a big little State. Such names as Wilbur A. Scott, Howard K. DeWolf, Arthur G. Newell, Joseph Lawton and many others have a personal charm all their own, for Canada has tasted their hospitable corn, wine and oil and has enjoyed their salt.

Distinguished visitors from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and the General Grand Chapter were introduced and welcomed.

In his annual address the Grand High Priest gives this graceful introduction:—

"Time unrevoked has run its wonted course," and another year has passed into history, and we should always be thankful to that unseen God for his beneficent care during that time, and to this, the 124th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, I bid you all a most hearty welcome.

"We meet to review a year of wonderful prosperity and growth, and there can be but one result of our deliberations, which is that harmony and brotherly love will be strengthened as well as the ties that bind us in other ways."
Though in ill-health, he made many official visitations and urged his Official Family to do the same in the following words:

"I took pains to explain to them that Grand Chapter expected her officers to take an over-seeing interest in all of her children, and that did not mean that it should be from an office chair located in some distant section of the State."

Outside his own State he visited New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and the General Grand Chapter.

One incident of the year we cannot resist quoting in full as an instance of Masonic longevity and procreative fertility:

"An event unique, and I believe without parallel in the history of Freemasonry occurred last October, when on invitation of Brother Joseph Lawton, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Rhode Island, I accompanied him as Grand High Priest to his home Lodge at Warwick, and witnessed the conferring of the Master's Degree by Most Worshipful Ellery Hudson, Past Grand Master of the State of Rhode Island, upon his eighth and last son. He was assisted by his seven other sons and two sons-in-law. Brother Hudson is over seventy years of age, and he delivered all of the Ritual and the Lecture of this Degree, even the Chaplain's charge from memory, and as far as I was able to judge, without one single slip. It would have been a wonderful thing from a young man in his prime, but taking into consideration the age of the Past Grand Master and the number of years that he has been out of the active line, it was a marvelous thing."

With regard to the ballot he quotes and approves of decision that collective ballots are objectionable. He gives R.E. Comp. Abbott well merited praise for official activities and work well done.

Rhode Island has the distinction of having the largest Chapter in the world, that is Providence Chapter, No. 1, which in 1922 was the proud Mother Chapter of 3,321 Royal Arch Masons.

There is no Correspondence Report.

Grand Chapter closed in harmony with themselves and with the rest of the world.


William R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.
APPENDIX

SCOTLAND.

M.E. Comp. The Earl of Cassillis, Grand Z.

A Quarterly Convocation was held at Royal Arch Masons’ Hall, Edinburgh, 15th December, 1922. As an example of their wide spread jurisdiction a Chapter to be called Uganda to be held in Kampala was approved and a charter granted Number 543 on the roll. Also several other Scottish Lodge and Council Charters.

At the Quarterly meeting held 16th February, 1923, of Supreme Grand Committee, a charter was granted to Cosmopolitan Chapter in Sydney, New South Wales, Number 544, and also eight other Chapters in New South Wales over which Scotland claims to exercise Jurisdiction.

The Imperial Scottish Chapter to be held at Delhi, India, was granted a charter, Number 553.

Warning was given of a spurious Lodge by the name of Bonnie Doon, meeting at Vancouver under the American Masonic Federation. The following timely protest against commercialism which every now and then attempts to creep into Masonry in this utilitarian age was made:—

“Papers regarding the formation of the District Grand Chapter of New South Wales into a Limited Liability Company were submitted. The Committee unanimously agreed that any such body was utterly antagonistic to Masonic law and practice, and that it should be severely disapproved and not recognized in any way. They were further impressed by the fact that, according to the constitution of the Limited Company, the funds of the District Grand Chapter and its property, effects, and all its affairs would be removed from the control of Supreme Grand Chapter, and not only that, but that the same thing would apply to the Chapters under its Jurisdiction. They fully recognize the importance and the success and the substantial position in Masonry which the District Grand Chapter bears. They would not view with disapproval any Limited Company to deal with a Masonic Temple, or anything else of that sort, but to form a District Grand Chapter into a Limited Company is, to their mind, utterly repugnant to Masonic principles, and they instructed Grand Scribe E. to state the case accordingly.”
The nomenclature and the Procedure of the Grand Chapter of Scotland has a flavour all its own:—

"The visit was, in the first place, for the purpose of presenting a report upon the books and the Working of the Chapter, Land o' Cakes, No. 15, and this was carried out. The festival of the Vernal Equinox was celebrated at Hamilton in February, over one hundred Companions being present."

At Quarterly Convocation held 2nd March, 1923, a large number were present and Supreme Chapter was opened in ample form.

Report was made of a true Border welcome extended to Lord Cassillis at the three Berwickshire Chapters.

The Benevolent Fund is administered liberally. We extract the following from the Proceedings:—

"In proposing the First Grand Principal, Companions Sime and Spence expressed the deep sense of gratitude to him for his services for many years past, and the hope that he would still continue to take a sincere interest in the Order even though he had to retire from the position of its Head. "Lord Cassillis said in reply 'that he wanted it to be clearly understood that he thought the time had come for a successor to be elected in his place, but that he was happy in the work and glad to be of service."

The following notice of motion was given and we hope that the matter referred to will eventuate. It would be a great opportunity for a reunion worth while:—

"A notice of Motion in the following terms was submitted by Companion W. Lindsay and seconded by Companion P. B. Hamilton:—

"That the holding in London, in 1924, of the British Empire Exhibition, will induce thousands to visit it, and of those, many Companions of the Order from overseas, thus providing an opportunity for calling together an International Conference of Royal Arch Freemasons in London in 1924; and if so considered, that the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland approach the Sister Grand Chapters of England and Ireland, and other Grand Chapters in amity, to enlist their cordial interest and aid in supporting such a Conference."
Among the reports of Grand Superintendents are included among many Scottish ones, the Consecration of Uganda Chapter, and the first year’s working of the District Grand Chapter of the Western Mediterranean at Gibraltar, which incidentally includes the following:

"As regards the Allied Degrees, satisfactory reports have been received as to the working of the Ark Mariners and Red Cross Knights Degrees. In Gibraltar, these degrees are worked with enthusiasm, and the same spirit is shown elsewhere. The Cryptic Degrees are not at present worked in this District, and at Tangier none of the Allied Degrees are worked, the Companions finding it more convenient to attend the Gibraltar meetings."

The Proceedings of the District Grand Chapter of India at Bombay, are recorded, and the following regarding New South Wales:

"It is but right to say that the enthusiasm I have just mentioned is a reflex of the growth of the Scottish system of Royal Arch Freemasonry in our State. No other reason can be given for this increasing interest than that Master Masons are realizing the importance of the advice given them in the First Degree, to make progress in Masonic knowledge, and of the logical process of completing their information by advancing to the Mark Master Mason’s and Royal Arch Degrees."

Grand Superintendent Carter, of New Zealand, gives us the following human touch:

"In the providence of 'One Who doeth all things well' I will have the privilege of installing and investing a better man as your 'head' at or before your next Annual Meeting. For myself the past ten years have been very enjoyable from a Masonic point of view."

Then follow pages of statistics of the Grand Chapter of Scotland with statements of account showing the utmost detail and particularity, characteristic of the race.

The General Funds amount to over £14,296 Sterling, and the Benevolent Fund amounts to over £14,416 Sterling.

The Reports are up to date, including those of June, 1923, but when will our British friends and colleagues do as all other Grand Jurisdictions do,
issue their Proceedings in attractive and complete form and not simply as leaflets scattered abroad to every wind that blows. The substance is worthy, the form is not.

We understand that the veteran Grand Scribe E., Comp. Alfred A. Arbuthnot Murray, has resigned and his successor has been appointed. The writer of this review remembers with gratitude hospitality and attention extended by Companion Murray on his last visit to Edinburgh, where, through him, he had the privilege of sitting in the chair of Old Kilwinning.

M.E. Comp. The Earl of Cassillis, Grand Z.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

O. Frank Hart, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Number of members, 6,380.
Net gain, 147.

The Proceedings have a unique feature in an excellent panoramic view of the Grand Council assembled at the Annual Convocation, a fine stalwart looking group of men.

The first Report is certainly a unique one, being the Minutes of an occasional Grand Chapter held November 22nd, 1922, at Charleston, at which M.W. Brother James Campbell Bissell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was made a Royal Arch Mason AT SIGHT, receiving all the Degrees and obligations together. This was afterwards commented upon at the Grand Chapter Convocation and finally unanimously approved; an honour which we thought had been reserved for Royalty or Presidents has thus been generously extended to Grand Masters.

The Annual Convocation was held in Camden, April 10th, 1923, in the presence of distinguished visitors from North Carolina and the General Grand Chapter, who were all warmly welcomed.

The Grand High Priest's address contained many nuggets of thought, and among them we quote the
following for the exaltation of those who may read this review:—

"May the Companions be ever mindful of the duty they owe to their God, the obedience they owe to their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good will they owe to all mankind.

"Has your life, since we last met, been such as to stand the test of the Overseer's square? Have you learned the all-important lesson of how to preside over the Lodge represented by yourself?

"If you have been willing to undertake any part of the work, if you have laboured without hope of fee or reward, if your work is pronounced good, true and square, may the True Word be given you that you may gain admission to that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

"I cannot too strongly recommend the continuance of official visitations, believing that it is the best investment that the Grand Chapter could possibly make."

The following decision is suggestive and not usually found in Grand Chapter records, and the following recommendation for amendments to the By-laws touching upon the same delicate subject, were laid before Convocation by the Grand High Priest:—

"Every Chapter in this Jurisdiction shall pay one dollar per annum for every life and annual member of the Chapter, but are not required to contribute for Ministers of God who may be exempt from dues by its By-Laws.

"No Chapter shall confer the degrees for less than Thirty Dollars upon any candidate except upon Ministers of God."

He concludes thus eloquently and gratefully:—

"If we are true Royal Arch Masons and have learned the lesson of how to bring the blind by a way they knew not and lead them in paths they have not known, then we should be well qualified to make darkness light before them and crooked things straight.

"As long as memory shall last, I shall look back upon the past year as one of the brightest miles in my journey through life."

But the distinctive feature of this typical southern gathering was the wonderful address of the General Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. William F. Kuhn, whose activities throughout all the Jurisdictions during the year have been apparent, but in South Carolina he excelled himself, and we make no
apology for making copious extracts from an address which every Royal Arch Mason throughout the world should read:—

“There are but two distinctive Landmarks in Freemasonry and without them Freemasonry ceases to exist. They are a belief in the one living and true God, and in Immortality. All others are matters of legislation.

“In my journey through the Masonic vineyard, and by using a sort of mental measuring stick on all Masons that I chanced to meet, they naturally divide themselves into three classes: the King Solomon Freemason, the philosophical Freemason, and the intelligent, practical Freemason.

“The third class, of Royal Arch Masons, and I rejoice that the number is increasing with wonderful strides, is the intellectual and practical Freemason. He is a reading, thinking, studious Freemason, who sees in it, above all things else, the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man; who will use his knowledge, however meagre or great, for practical ends; who sees in Freemasonry a Brotherhood, dependent and interdependent; who believes and practices that humanity needs less of abstract, philosophical cobwebs, and theological dogma, but more of cheer; less of Egyptian rites, now mummified, but more of good will; less imaginary symbols, but more of love; less of ‘tithes of mint and anise and cumin,’ but more of mercy, faith, and charity; who will recognize, whatever his creed may be, more fully the beautiful life and teachings of Him who ‘was set as a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel.’

“Freemasonry is a beautiful allegory, which unfolds to the thinking Freemason the interesting story of the Loss, the Recovery, and the practical application of that which we call The World.

“It may be, but it is equally true that incipient anarchists and Bolsheviki are being developed in many homes of the respectable. The boys and girls of to-day under the tutelage of indulgent parents and foolish grandparents are growing up undisciplined and defiant to authority. The great lesson to be taught in America to-day is obedience to law and to constituted authority; that he who would rule must first learn to obey; that he who would teach others must first be the pupil; that he who would be a master must first be a servant; he who would be a ruler of the Craft, must first be a Craftsman; a burden-bearer before presuming to be an overseer; preparedness before skill.

“The Temple stood complete, only after the keystone had been fitted into its place, and, as this stone cemented the whole structure and bound the arch so thoroughly that
it completed the whole edifice, so may the keystone of one's life be needed, not only to complete, to cement, to support, but to adorn our Temple. That keystone is service. 'I serve' is engraved upon it.

"The Freemason who does square work, who is master of himself, in whose heart the glory of the Eternal is ever shining, and who, unselfishly, becomes the servant of all, who lives to serve and to be of service, has found the long lost word. He is qualified to receive it, he knows it, and uses it to the ennobling of man and to the glory of his Creator.

And then he closes with the following noble words:

"The Old Bible is being rediscovered by the heart of Freemasonry, and it is being studied, more than ever, by the greatest minds of to-day. Will Royal Arch Masonry join in this education? Will it rediscover it? If we do we can heartily and joyfully say:

"God is my Father,  
Man is my Brother,  
The Earth is my Mother,  
Life is a Mission, not a Career,  
Knighthood is Service,  
Her Sceptre is Gladness,  
Giving is Living,  
Saving is Dying,  
Life is Eternal,  
Love is its Essence."

The Correspondence Report reviews the Proceedings of 55 Grand Chapters under the chairmanship of Companion J. L. Michie, Past Grand High Priest.

Under Alberta the reviewer singles out the unique occasion in which M.E. Comp. Dr. Darling was installed as Grand Z. by the Grand Chapter of Canada at their Annual Convocation in Hamilton, and treats the incident with proper dramatic emphasis. Canada receives favourable co-operation and citation and a special reference is made R.E. Comp. Edward B. Brown. His paragraph is worthy of repetition:

"We admit the strict logic of his remark upon our method of selecting Grand Superintendents of Districts. Under 'Canada, 1920,' he says that those Superintendents are the personal representatives of the Grand Z., and he, and he
alone, should have the power of selecting his own representatives without any recommendation from his Companions. Logic apart, the system works well, and has the additional advantage of bringing the Companions of the district together—a district is often a big territory—and bringing them to the annual meetings of Grand Chapter.

"Yes, Brother Brown, we can see no 'frivolities' in the Order of High Priesthood, nor is there any room for such, it is one of the most solemn ceremonies we know anything about."

But how will the M.E. Reviewer face our present Grand Z. whom he links with the Grand Scribe E. as "both of Toronto?"

Under New York our friend from South Carolina pays Canada the compliment of quoting from the address there as a guest at Albany, of our Immediate Past Grand Z. Ponton.

Scotland and Texas, the two storm centres of the year in the Capitular Masonry of the United States, are treated at length and it is hoped that in our next review

"All the clouds that lowered upon our house
Will be in the deep bosom of the ocean buried."

In the concluding remarks of the excellent Report Companion Michie says:—

"Both Grand Lodges and Grand Chapters have tackled the problem of railroading that has been so rampant for the past few years. The consensus of opinion seems to be that some fixed period of time should elapse between the raising of a Candidate and his admission into Royal Arch Masonry."

and furnishes the following summary of increases:—

"All the Jurisdictions of the United States continue to show an increase in membership. New York, with 5,498, has beaten Illinois, with 5,180, for first place, about one-half that of the year previous. Michigan, with 5,169, has jumped into third place. Then comes Texas with 3,669, Ohio with 3,482, and Pennsylvania with 2,669. Massachusetts follows Pennsylvania very closely, but is not in the first six."

To which we may add that Canada ranks up well in the list.

The Proceedings end with a reprint of the Constitution and By-laws excellently arranged and with
a digest of decisions by Grand High Priests for the past twenty years, an excellent innovation.


O. Frank Hart, Columbia, R.E. Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Aiken, 8th April, 1924.

SOUTHDAKOTA.

Charles N. Bontecou, M.E. Grand High Priest.

Number of members, 6,293.

Net gain, 203.

The 34th Annual Convocation was held at Mitchell, June 14th, 1923, with the Grand Officers all present. This being Flag Day, the United States colours were presented at the altar, “America” was sung and small flags distributed to the Companions.

The Grand High Priest’s address chronicled a very active year of work and of visitations. He appears to have been an indefatigable ruler of the Craft and the spirit in which he did it will be apparent from the following excerpt:—

“In the performance of the duties of Grand High Priest I have endeavoured to do my best in the upbuilding of Capitular Masonry by assisting the Chapters in the correct interpretation of the new Ritual and by stimulating a better attendance at the Chapter meetings, by personally visiting all of the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, and wherein I have failed to accomplish more I ask of all the Companions their kind indulgence.”

Scotland is again in the limelight, but this time it is not the Grand Chapter of that name, but Scotland Chapter, No. 31, the Officers and members of which proved contumacious and would not listen to even the personal intercession of the Grand High Priest, so their charter was arrested and deposited with the Grand Secretary.

An edict of the General Grand Chapter against Texas was confirmed by a similar edict passed by South Dakota in obedience thereto.
Among other excellent recommendations were the following:—

“I would recommend that this Grand Chapter heartily endorse the construction of a new library and Grand Secretary's offices as the present quarters are entirely inadequate.”

“I recommend that some plan be devised whereby the Grand High Priest can divide the Jurisdiction into Districts, with authority to appoint in each a deputy with the title District Deputy Grand High Priest.”

And he concludes his practical Report as follows:—

“If I have made errors I am sorry; if anything that I have done has been for the good of Masonry, I am glad—but sorry or glad, my heart has always been in the work.”

The reviewer of Fraternal Correspondence, Charles L. Brockway, presented not merely his annual review of the various Jurisdictions, but also an excellent Report in which he says:—

“Regardless of the reception accorded to the new Ritual, there appears to be a serious effort all along the line to make of the Chapter something which shall stand out as a real force, and not as a mere stepping stone to something else. Your Committee is firmly convinced that if officers and members of Grand and subordinate Chapters catch the inspiration that is in the degrees, and put it over to members and candidates, Capitular Masonry will have no occasion to worry concerning any other organization in the world.”

The Committee on Resolutions gave their approval to the Order of DeMolay for boys on the ground of its value as a possible influence for the uplift and betterment of the future citizens of our country.

The Report of the Committee on Obituary is quite a striking document built upon foundations furnished by Emerson, by Plato, by Wilberforce, by Seneca, and by a modern poet. Seneca's quotation is striking enough to be repeated:—“The day which thou callest thy last is the birthday of an eternity.”

The Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Chapter are re-printed at length as revised, and
historical sketches are given of those who had passed to the Great Beyond.

Canada is reviewed in kindly spirit and at length and the reviewer adds "something to do looms on the horizon." Let us hope that it is also near the centre.

The Grand Council of High Priesthood met as usual and the address of the President is an appealing one, as witness the following excerpt:

"Companions, it is sometimes said that the world needs the Masonic institution. I presume we all think so. But, candidly, it does not need the institution. Rather, it needs and should have in the 6,000 Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota, and in the 700,000 Royal Arch Masons of the United States, men so imbued with the glorious truths and principles of the Order, so sure that the Great Jehovah Omnipotent reigns, not only in heaven above, but in the earth as well, that standing fast, quitting themselves like men, they may each in his place, and all together, be that steadying, stabilizing force which the world so much needs."

On the cover is given a full chronological table of the meetings of the various Masonic bodies of the State—an excellent and convenient addendum.

Next Annual Meeting of Grand Chapter at Deadwood 12th June, 1924.

Cyrus B. Warne, Redfield, M.E. Grand High Priest.

George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, R.E. Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

John Wetzler, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Number of members, 9,675.
Number of Chapter on roll, 90.
Net gain, 787.

The 94th Annual Convocation was held in Nashville, January 29th, 1923.

The Proceedings are prefaced by portraits of the retiring and the incoming Grand High Priest, both earnest looking and experienced men. Grand High Priest Wetzler gave a very practical address, of which the following extracts are representative:
"As was to be expected, there has been a falling off in the number of exaltations, compared with the past few years. The period of the world war saw Royal Arch Masonry make an unprecedented increase in membership. Let us be careful that only "good work, true work and square work" goes into our mystic temple, and all will be well.

The Chapters as a whole are in a much better condition than they ever have been. However, there are still a few Chapters that are dormant—I might say dead—and the sooner they are sent to the potter's field the better, thus giving other Chapters a chance to do the work they have failed or neglected to do.

The wisdom of the Grand Chapter in adopting the Grand Lecturer system to instruct the Chapters in the ritualistic work is apparent to all.

"I would recommend that this Grand Chapter provide for a full four-year High School Course at the Widows' and Orphans' Home, with domestic training for the girls and manual training for the boys, so that, when they reach the age of retirement from the Home they will be in a position to face the problems of life as they meet them, and make a comfortable living. To this end, I recommended that the Grand Chapter appropriate the sum of $1,800 per year for this purpose."

The Committee on Rituals submitted an informing Report, which among other matters, treated of the General Grand Chapter Ritual with regard to which they state:

"Tennessee adopted a Ritual of its own, which does not permit the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree in 'classes,' and to allow it to be done now, when there is no actual necessity for it, would result, we believe, in incalculable injury to the Degree, and pave the way to shortening up the work of the other degrees.

"We are of the opinion that the adoption of this resolution would result in the abandonment, by the city Chapters, of the monthly meetings and the holding of semi-annual 'reunions,' and run the candidates through the Royal Arch Degree with a 'hop, skip and jump,' and thus make them Royal Arch Masons without any knowledge of the Degree."

Our Tennessee Companions take a great interest in education as pointed out in last year's summary of Proceedings, and this year the Committee are still to the front as witness the following sentences from their Report, which was adopted by Grand Chap-

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“In the light of the great Educational revival now sweeping Tennessee, for which cause Masons have shown such zeal, your Committee on education keenly appreciates the fact that the inspiration which brought about the co-operation of the Masonic Grand Bodies of this Jurisdiction, in behalf of our school system, originated in the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons.

“Your Committee, in co-operation with other Masonic agencies, has encouraged the membership in behalf of unremitting activity for better school conditions. Literature, speakers, illustrated lectures and special information have been provided for the enlightenment of the Craft.”

The Deputy Grand High Priest introduced with approval the following Resolution, which suggests that the Grand Chapter of Canada might make a similar move:

“All Masons in Tennessee share a just and pardonable pride in our splendid Masonic Home. This home has grown steadily until it is to-day an outstanding institution among such homes throughout our glorious country.

“It is a community of about three hundred, and functions as such with the many complications and utilities of a village of like number. It has grown from one small building and a small group, to many buildings and an ever increasing population.”

The Correspondence Report is breezy, colloquial and at times shows that M.E. Companion Smart who sponsors it, is quite familiar with the great American “slanguage,” but with all he tempers his speeches in kindly and friendly spirit. He begins by picturing himself in an airship endeavouring to steer the Grand Chapter’s good old ship Correspondence clear of the asteroids, shooting stars, comets and all bodies that erratically move throughout the heavens, for the good old year 1922. “Starting out,” he says, “refreshed after a year’s rest, we have made landings at the following points,” and summarizes the total gains of the United States 48 Jurisdictions during the year at 86,998 Royal Arch Masons.

Canada receives a friendly visit and he says among other commendations—

“The reports of the Grand Superintendents give a clearer insight into the condition of the Rite than anything else. As an instance, we find that of the answers given in their
reports to the question, "Can the Ex. Z. work all degrees?" but nine were answered in the negative—an excellent showing, and proves that with efficiency in the work Chapters are bound to prosper."

and quotes with apparent approval, though complaining of the generalization, the Report of the Committee on the Grand Z.'s address, which contained the sentence—

"The incalculable injury done to pure Masonry by barnacle bodies fostered by Masons who ought to know better is apparent to all who have given the matter any thought. Masonry has to bear all the stigma of their misdoings, while having no control over their actions."

Under New Jersey he expresses the following sentiment with regard to physical perfection:—

"The fact that the Brother lost his arm in the service of his country should not enter into the question. If he was entitled to the degrees with only one arm, then the brother who lost an arm by a premature blast in drilling is just as much entitled to them. Out upon this idea of making Brethren Royal Arch Masons through their arms and legs. The moral character is the thing."

Indeed there is no doubt where the genial reviewer who has a mind of his own, stands in the matter for under New York he again returns to the subject in the following words:—

"All this but serves to remind us of an identical query put to the late lamented Jim Sloan when he was Grand Master of Tennessee, who tersely replied: 'If you want to make him a Mason through his head, he is eligible; if through his heels, he is not.'"

And concludes with the following general remarks which are food for thought:—

"There seems to be a growing sentiment throughout the United States, in the various Grand Lodges, to require all Brethren raised to learn the Third Degree lecture within a specified time, and also before they apply for any higher degrees, or suffer the consequences. "They will be subjecting examining committees to the trouble of turning him down, and, second, it puts a brake on the mad rush for the Shrine."
"We have done our level best—

"We pray the prayer that Easterners do,
   May the peace of Allah abide with you!
Wherever you stay, wherever you go
May the beautiful palms of Allah grow!

Charles H. Byrn, Murfreesboro, Grand High Priest.
Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Grand Secretary.
The next Annual Convocation will be held in Nashville, January 28th, 1924.

TEXAS.

John A. Atchison, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 40,073.
Net gain, 2,302.
The 83rd Annual Convocation was held at Waco, December 4th, 1922, in the presence of a large gathering of Ex. Companions.
The Grand High Priest in his fine address spoke as follows:—

"If there be aught of discord or misunderstanding between Companions, let it here be reconciled and adjusted, forgiven and forgotten. The brief span of existence we now occupy is of too brief duration and there is far too much to be done in preparing ourselves for that better life, to permit our engaging in that ignoble effort of seeking to mar the happiness and pleasure of one another.

"As grave responsibilities confront us, let us meet them with courage and lose sight of self in the upbuilding of our cause, and may each Companion who has accepted a position of trust and duty, and all who support the efforts of these Companions try to be
   Men who possess opinions and a will;
   Men who have honour, men who will not lie;

Having been asked for a Dispensation to install the Officers of a Chapter in public, the Grand High Priest apparently interprets liberally the laws and customs of Royal Arch Masons and says:—

"If your Chapter room is not large enough to accommodate all your visitors and others who may desire to witness the ceremony, it might be possible for you to secure the use of a church, opera house, or other suitable building. If robes are used in a public installation, they should be worn only
in the room where the installation is to take place, and not
on the streets to and from the Chapter room."

The Grand Visitors are enjoined to—

"Maintain in the highest degree, that splendid courtesy
and kind consideration for each other under any and all
circumstances, for which the Companions of this Grand Juris-
diction are justly noted."

The Grand High Priest speaks of conferring Degrees through courtesy for other Jurisdictions as follows:—

"At a passing thought this little incident might be re-
garded as purely formal, however, your Grand High Priest
was pleased to regard it as an evidence of that fine fellow-
ship and fraternal regard which is fast becoming the under-
lying principle of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the
world."

Asked if a Chapter might donate $10.00 to the Y.W.C.A. the Grand High Priest rules that if the grant is limited to $10.00 "and if your Chapter have met all other obligations that have come to it from Masonic sources, I can see no reason why the Grand High Priest should object to your donating that amount of the Chapter's funds for the purpose men-
tioned."

Regarding the ballot he has this searching re-
mark to make:—

"I am sure that when a Royal Arch Mason permits him-
self, from some unworthy motive to cause the rejection of a
good and true Master Mason from coming into the Chapter,
that he suffers more than the object of his displeasure;
however, if he has been led to go that far, it is a matter
for him to try to settle with his own conscience."

Much of the address and also of the subsequent Proceedings is devoted to the Correspondence with the General Grand Chapter regarding the establish-
ment by Texas of a Chapter in the City of Mexico a
few hours before the establishment of one by the General Grand Chapter, the attitude of the General Grand Chapter being expressed in the following sentence of the communication addressed to Texas:—

"Taking these undeniable facts under consideration, this
act of yours was a deliberate invasion of the Jurisdiction and
a premeditated and apparently a sinister affront to the General Grand Chapter which has always sustained the most fraternal and kindly relations to the Grand Chapter of Texas."

All this resulted in an edict cutting off Royal Arch intercourse and fraternal relations with Mexico City Chapter U.D. as constituted by Texas, and many of the States fell in line in this regard although Texas protested very vehemently and earnestly as follows:

"Such appreciation of that high body cannot restrain us from expressing our dissent from the claims put forth by the General Grand High Priest regarding questions of Jurisdiction and procedure, nor from registering our calm but emphatic resentment of his intrusion into the affairs of this Grand Chapter, and of the un-Masonic terms and spirit in which his assertions and demands are expressed."

The Obituary Report contains the following:

"They laboured diligently to complete a Temple for God's eternal praise, against the day when their week of labour was ended and their Sabbath of eternity set in. For our day shall be full and the object of our existence as a vital force in the Creator's plan accomplished, when we, as Masons, learn the lessons of life as they are divinely intended."

The Jurisprudence Report is an able document full of good reasoning.

With the Report of the Special Committee on Mexico the Chairman of the Printing Committee, who is also Grand Secretary, did not apparently wholly agree and he registered his objection by an addendum printed at the end of the Report in the Proceedings. This would be a very unusual course in our Jurisdiction.

Full lists of membership of all the constituent Chapters in alphabetical order are given covering many pages. Evidently it is the desire of Texas that all Royal Arch Masons should know each other.

The Annual Report of the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington is a wonderful document, full of information and of inspiration. It records the death of—
"Dr. Philip Melangyhon Riley, Past Grand High Priest. Born in Kentucky, August 10th, 1856. Died at the Home for Aged Masons, June 15th, 1922, where he had been the manager for the two preceding years."

And the Report adds that he brought to his office—"the dignity of a clear vision and a rarely cultured mind." The Home is administered on both humanitarian and business principles and is a monument to the philanthropy of the Grand Chapter of Texas. The Report concludes as follows:—

"The Board of Directors would not have the Royal Arch Masons in Texas feel that the work has been finished, that the buildings are all that is necessary, for applications have now been approved to fill every room in this home and they are still coming. It will be necessary to build another addition on the west side of the main building, just like the new addition just completed on the east side of the main building and this must be done in the next twelve or eighteen months, if we would serve all who will need and are entitled to this Home.

"The Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, do not contribute one cent to this Home, except for the care of the widows. Every Master Mason and his wife is supported by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas and the question is never asked as to whether he is a Royal Arch Mason or not, the one question being, is he a member in good standing in his Lodge."

The Fraternal Correspondence Report is in the able hands of William James, who is supplying the place of the veteran Dr. P. M. Riley, and who does it well. He prefaces it by a biography of Grand High Priest Atchison, of whom he says:—

"Born in Princeton, Kentucky, February 29th (Leap Year), 1868, and as a consequence has only had up to date, thirteen and one-half birthdays. It does one good to forget himself, to realize that he is a part and parcel of the whole world, and only as he shall do his best is the world made bigger and better."

Under Alabama he quotes as every correspondent does, from General Grand High Priest Kuhn this time as follows:—

"I rejoice that the number is increasing with wonderful strides, the intellectual and practical Freemason. He is a reading, thinking, studious Freemason, who sees in it, above
all things else, the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man; who will use his knowledge, however meagre or great, for practical ends. Who sees in Freemasonry a brotherhood, dependent and interdependent, who believes and practices that humanity needs less of abstract, philosophical cobwebs, and theological dogma, but more of cheer: less of Egyptian Rites, now mumified, but more of good will; less imaginary symbols, but more of love; less of 'tithes of mint and anise and cumin,' but more of mercy, faith, and charity; who will recognize, whatever his creed may be, more fully the beautiful life and teachings of Him, who 'was set as a plumb line in the midst of his people Israel.'

"Such is the story of Royal Arch Masonry. Such is the life to which it welcomes its devotees. Royal Arch Masonry is a search for truth."

Canada affords our Texas colleague much opportunity for comment. He begins with the following sentence which leads us to hope that he will some time with us in Grand Chapter and have the nomenclature and rank of "Zerubbabel, Haggai and Joshua" explained to him:

"For our Texas Companions, in Canada they have the Grand Z., the Grand H. and the Grand J. These compose the Grand Council. Making an honest confession, what Z., H. and J. stand for I don't know. The remainder of their officers come down the line in regular United States style."

Of Grand Z. Ponton's address he is kind enough to say and quote:

"The Grand Z.'s address is a good preachment and is full of fine things really worth while. Speaking of Masonry in the United States and Canada, he says: 'I believe this linking up of the Masons of the United States and the Masons of Canada—as the interpreters of the British Empire—is at the present time of a special value and significance, and one of the many factors in securing permanent and productive peace—honest and stable friendship and closer association of the Anglo-Saxon peoples through the Masonic media of interchanging and interlacing of ideas and thoughts, meeting face to face and heart to heart, in these trysting places—these clearing-houses of ideals and sentiments and mutual good-will. Let us realize the power of the English language which we speak together.'"

He speaks with approval of the fine reports from each District, and also of the good work of Comp. Brown.
Under England and Wales he utters the following friendly international sentiments:—

“The United States owes much to England. Many of her sons and daughters reside in our different States, and their loyalty to their adopted country is not questioned. And we might add, and it is to the credit of the Masonic fraternity that only in rare instances has any Mason in the United States been charged with disloyalty, no matter from what nationality he came.”

To New York the reviewer pays well merited attention and finds much to comment upon and to cite. From Quebec he quotes M.E. Comp. Francis as follows:—

“Let us refer for a moment, before concluding, to two of the great objects of Masonry—knowledge and friendship, the obtaining of information and the development of acquaintanceship. Education, with its branches extending into the spiritual as well as the mental realm, is a wonderful thing, but lasting intimacy and friendship is even more wonderful.”

Every Companion should have access to the historical information re-printed by Texas from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria, in which in vivid style and with historic accuracy the tribes and banners and their significance are recorded. Space will not permit the reproduction, but we trust that this great work of V. Em. Comp. Thewlis will be made accessible to the Royal Craft.

The poetry and prose of Virginia are found inspiring by Texas and they do not suffer in the transplanting, and the reviewer concludes his analysis of the Grand Chapters with the following incident, told in order to point a moral and adorn a tale:—

“When I went to leave I said: ‘Uncle John, the Master tells me you are the best member of the Lodge, what about it?’

‘No, no, I am just an ordinary old clod-hopper of a farmer. I have never even been Tyler of my Lodge.’ But with a twinkle in his eye he said, ‘I will tell you what I have been doing for the past forty years, trying my best to make the Mason out of myself that would enable me to look in the face every day, live close to and respect.’
"I submit it as a good job for each and all of us to follow.
"I would not detract from the honour and dignity of any office. I honour any man who holds himself ready for service, but long since did I quit honouring the office-holder, forgetful of the real Man who is back of the job."

T. M. Bartley, Waco, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

George F. Root, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 5,889.
Net gain, 261.
This is one of the old Grand Chapters hailing from 1804. The 106th Annual Convention was convened at Burlington 15th June, 1923. The next Annual Convocation will be held at Burlington on June 10th, 1924.

Canada's Representative, Charles W. Whitcomb, answered the roll call. Only one Grand Officer was absent.

General Grand High Priest Kuhn and Grand High Priest Briggs, of New York, with Past Grand High Priest Adams, were heartily welcomed.

Grand High Priest Root secured at once the attention of his auditors by the following introduction:

"As our ancient Brethren assembled from all parts of the country to dedicate their Temple and lay upon the altar their burnt offerings, so are we, descendants of those Companions, here assembled for the one hundred and sixth time to re-dedicate ourselves to Masonry and the service of our fellow-men.

"As time goes on and we add stone upon stone are we careful that every piece is perfect, for one small blemish will mar the beauty of this edifice, or some imperfect action is liable to bring the whole structure tumbling to the ground. It therefore behooves us to look well to our daily work, that when the summons comes and we lay aside our working tools, our Companions can truly say, there is a piece of work that will live for ages. Let us not see how fast but rather how well we can build."

And he concludes the record of a busy year by the following:
“Let us in our deliberations think of the future as well as the present and carefully inspect each piece of work that is added to the Capitular Temple of Masonry in Vermont and see that it is square and perfect in every particular, that it may correspond with the work already laid and be an added inspiration to those who follow us.”

The encouraging report of the Grand Lecturer contains the following:

“The Ritual was carried out with a much to be desired accuracy but we wish the spirit could be entered into a little more earnestly. This comes only with the thorough understanding of the import of Capitular teachings, a constant rendition of the work and an endeavour to feel the part to be portrayed.”

Again the address of Grand High Priest Kuhn made a deep impression; the Grand Secretary reports it in the following words:

“None could fail of having a more worthy conception of the high dignity and moral import of the Capitular Degrees. To many it was a revelation. Would that all who see naught in these degrees but the externals could have been present as Dr. Kuhn raised the veil and disclosed the very spirit of the Royal Arch. Never again would it be held in light regard.”

As in other United States’ Jurisdictions the Order of Anointed High Priest held their meeting simultaneously.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comps. Eugene S. Weston and A. S. Harriman and is comprehensive.

Under Alberta the reviewer utilizes the statistical table prepared in that Jurisdiction as to the percentage of Master Masons who are also members of Chapters and he finds as follows—(Canada standing fairly well):

“The average percentage he found to be 27 and Vermont stood at 33. Only 11 Grand Chapters exceed ours. Rhode Island heads the list with a percentage of 58, while North Carolina, of American Grand Chapters, has the smallest, only 20 per cent.”

Canada is briefly but favourably reviewed, and he commends Grand Z. Ponton’s dictum that:
"It would be intolerable if Free Masons were to be dictated to and disintegrated either by conspiracy within or by attacks from without the gates of the Temple."

Canada for 1923 is also well reviewed and praise is given to M.E. Comp. Spencer and R.E. Comp. Brown. Vermont is up to date!

Under Colorado the reviewer adds this general remark with regard to Colorado's refusal to recognize the Order of DeMolay, agreeing with that Jurisdiction:

"We believe he is absolutely right. New excrescences on the body of Masonry are springing up almost daily. If they can be attached to that body, somebody is provided with an easy means of making money. They should be killed as soon as they appear by the application of a little of the acid of common sense. The Grand Chapter of Colorado did this when it adopted the report of the Jurisprudence Committee."

Under Massachusetts the reviewer boasts or confesses that he is a School Teacher and therefore he is able to appreciate the work of that cultured Jurisdiction.

While he does not see eye to eye with Pennsylvania he adds the following qualification:

"We would not want less than the best, which we believe we have. But we would be willing to let other Jurisdictions have our best, if they wish. We judge our Companions in Pennsylvania feel much the same way."

The membership of all the constituent Chapters is given in full, and also a list of the Officers of the Grand Chapter from the date of organization, a fine method of perpetuating their memory.

Allen D. Ball, Ludlow, Grand High Priest.
E. Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA.

M. Em. William Player Bice, Grand Z.
Membership December, 1922, 2,432.
Net gain, 393.
The Proceedings open with the old formula:—
"In Ample, Antient and Solemn Form" at Melbourne, July, 1922.
Note also that instead of "Excellent" the title "Eminent" is used in connection with the First Grand Principal, who pays this tribute to a deceased Companion:—

"His kindly disposition and fine character endeared him to all who were associated with him, and of him it can be truly said: He lived the life of a Freemason."

It is of interest to us in Canada that on the 22nd of May he journeyed to Benalla for the Moira Chapter, No 12, Installation.

The Queensland difficulty of two Royal Arch Bodies is fully dealt with and the hope expressed that there would be soon one united Grand Chapter of Queensland.

R. Em. Comp. Callaway related some of his experiences and impressions gathered during his visit to Great Britain.

At the October Convocation the Companions are thus exhorted by the Grand First Principal:—

"While on this subject, we would again urge on Representatives the necessity for regular attendance at our Convocations. Some are most exemplary, others most casual in attendance. To the latter we would say: 'If you do not esteem the honour of attending Grand Chapter as a Representative, send in your resignation, and make way for those who appreciate the privilege.' Many of the American Grand Chapters now review our Reports, and carefully note the presence or absence of their Representatives. We should therefore carry out our duties so as to leave no room for complaint."

The mode of salvation of the V.S.L. was discussed at length both on sanitary and Ritualistic grounds, and the discussion leaves one rather confused as to what is the general consensus of opinion in regard to this among the Companions of Victoria. With us there are so many more important things that we do not lose much time over these matters of form and we are not worried about health and contagion.

Communications from sister Grand Chapters were read at the Convocation held January 17th, 1923, and we suggest that this should be emphasized at our Grand Chapter.
The Grand Z. nominated his successor, who was unanimously elected.

R. Em. Comp. Whitehead, Grand J., spoke of his visit to America, France and Britain, and is reported as follows:—

"The limited time at his disposal prevented the speaker from giving any details of the amazing war effort of which the pressmen had had evidence throughout Great Britain, but he gave an entertaining and instructive account of the journey to England via the United States of America. He spoke of the hospitality showered upon them during their stay in America, and of the scenic beauties en route, and gave interesting details regarding some of the great American industries. He warmly praised the manner in which the Americans ruled in Samoa, the wisdom of their system being evidenced in the remarkable and growing prosperity of the natives."

Why did he not visit Canada, where a warm welcome always awaits the Representatives of our sister Jurisdictions.

Again the Grand First Principal's communication was read by the Grand Scribe E., from which we make the following brief extracts:—

"We again express the desire that all Chapters will include the M.E.M. Degree and the ceremony of 'Passing the Veils.'

"In this, our last Communication to Grand Chapter, we desire to express our gratitude to the Most High for having permitted us to be His agent in forwarding the interests of Royal Arch Freemasonry in this Territory.

"We have travelled thousands of miles together, and have none but the happiest and most pleasant recollections of them all. May God bless the good work you have done, and preserve you in health, goodwill and prosperity, and may our beloved Order continue to progress."

The Retiring M.E. Comp. Bice was presented with a Past Grand Z.'s neck jewel and silver rose bowl for Mrs. Bice, both articles suitably inscribed, to which he touchingly replied.

There is no Correspondence Report.

William Alfred Callaway, Melbourne, M.E. Grand Z.

John E. Kennedy, Melbourne, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Scribe E.
VIRGINIA.

William Chapman, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 14,582.
Net gain, 1,619.
The portrait of the accomplished citizen of the world which precedes the chronicles of Virginia in the person of James C. Greenlay, the new M.E. Grand High Priest, is very attractive.
The 115th Annual Convocation was held at the City of Richmond, October 24th-25th, 1922.
No less than twelve Past Grand High Priests were present. This is a characteristic of United States' Grand Chapters.
Canada's Grand Representative did not answer the roll call, and we are sorry to note that this negative representation of Canada is too widespread throughout the United States Jurisdictions.
The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Knights Templar of the United States from Indiana made a forceful and impressive response to his greeting.
The Grand Commander of Virginia and the Grand Master of Virginia were also received with honours.
From the Grand High Priest's address we cull the following:—

"When I assumed the office I did so with a mingled feeling of joy and fear. Joy, because I had attained a goal to which I had looked forward for many years. Fear, that I would not be able to measure up to the high standard which had been set for me by my predecessors, but I had promised myself that whenever this honour should come to me I would do my best to merit your confidence and I have endeavoured to fulfil that promise to the best of my ability.
"I am able to report that every Chapter in the State is doing good work and increasing in membership, and that peace and harmony prevail."

Inserted within the pages of the address are "In Memoriam" records and among them the following verse is quoted:—

"Green be the turf above thee,
Friend of my better days;
None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise."
With regard to relations with other Jurisdictions and Degrees conferred on their behalf, the Grand High Priest says:—

“These courtesies have the tendency to more firmly bind our Jurisdictions together and to create a closer relationship.”

We note with interest the liberal subscription from Mount Vernon Chapter of $2,500 to the George Washington Memorial.

With regard to the Masonic Home the Grand High Priest says:—

“I have kept in touch with this Institution and am satisfied it is in good shape and being conducted in a satisfactory manner.

“Every Mason in the State knows the importance of the Home and I cheerfully recommend it to your consideration and support.”

As to the General Grand Chapter and Grand Representatives he says:—

“Jurisdictions belonging to the General Chapter usually make their commissions to expire with the Convocations of that body; but as we do not belong to them, our commissions are not so limited, and we do not issue new ones, and do not make out renewals unless requested by other Jurisdictions.”

To cure procrastinating Secretaries and Principals the Grand High Priest recommends:—

“Any Chapter which shall fail to make such return and payment by the 10th of October, shall be deprived of its representation in the Grand Chapter.”

Grand Lecturer Cochran must be a busy man and devoted to his work if one is to judge from the pages of visitations which he records. Incidentally he says:—

“When appointed to the position I now occupy, Grand Lecturer, I was inspired with the ambition to have every Chapter within this Jurisdiction supplied with accurate ritualists so that each Chapter could confer all of our beautiful degrees in an impressive way and manner and without outside assistance.

“Today, I am pleased to report to this Grand Body that every Chapter in Virginia has attained that high standard
of proficiency. Every Chapter is active and enthusiastic and can confer all degrees without help. I do not believe any other Jurisdictions in the United States can boast of this one hundred per cent. efficiency and I regard it as most remark-
able, remembering that in Virginia we have six degrees in
our system of Capitular Masonry and we do not use a cypher
or Ritual; our Masonry is 'mouth to ear.'"

The Report of "The Grand Committee on the Whole" shows it to be a live body that accomplishes much work outside the Grand Chapter. They refer to "our matchless Grand Lecturer." He and the Assistant Grand Lecturer, are letter perfect.

The Order of Anointed High Priests was conferred by the Grand Council.
A detailed roster of subordinate Chapters is given in full covering many pages.
The Correspondence review is in the able hands of Comp. Joseph W. Eggleston, and this is the only Grand Jurisdiction which omits a review of Canada. We should have liked to have had Virginia's verdict on our Proceedings. Why did we not come within the range of his splendid vision? Perhaps he will give our 1922 a notice next year with 1923.

Under Missouri with many citations, he expressed the following fine eulogy:—

"Missouri gave us scribes just the sort of volume we all like. There was a real Grand High Priest to furnish an address full of the finest Masonic literature expressed in pure English and in cheery vein. Even his opening words were not the stereotyped phrases we are so tired of reading and have been for many years.

Under Texas he reprints the whole of the Grand Orator's address on the "Mysteries of Mount Moriah," a very erudite and instructive document, giving much food for thought.
He reprints also under Victoria, the address of President Thewlis on the "Ark of the Covenant." And he also records the presentation there made to the Grand High Priest as follows:—

"He was formally presented with a loving cup and also with a gold wrist watch for his school-girl daughter, inscribed 'To Miss Barbara Marquand. A memento of her father's service to the Royal Arch Masons of Victoria.'"
The Virginia reviewer is evidently on the most intimate terms with our Washington colleague, to whom he administers the following "retort courteous":—

“If it can be called review, Companion Blalock reviewed Virginia 1919 and 1920, by simply quoting the items of our statistics, not a line of which a single one of his readers will give a hoot for. Mad, yes, we are mad. We happen to know that he could have done better, but to be charitable, we will assume that he had no time for the work the could have done so well, and just told his blond Stenog. to do what she chose.

“He says we called him 'Gancey.' Not guilty, but if he could have seen the copy we used to give the printer before we learned the typewriter in our 77th year, he would wonder that he did so well.”

“Carry me Back to Old Virginny” is a favourite song in Canada. After reading above it will have a fuller significance.

James C. Greenlay, Lynchburg, M.E. Grand High Priest.

J. Gus Hankins, Richmond, Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.

William E. Krupp, M.E. Grand High Priest.
52nd Annual Convocation held at Fairmont, 13th November, 1922.
Number of Royal Arch Masons, 10,982.
Net gain, 589.
M.E. Companion Kuhn, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter was welcomed and responded in happy vein, as did our friends, M.E. Companions Quinby and Core, of Pennsylvania.
Canada’s Representative was not present.
The Grand High Priest’s address was brief and to the point. It would appear to be a custom more prevalent than with us, to embody correspondence and documents in the address of the presiding officer, which makes it more in the nature of a report. M. Ex. William E. Krupp said among other inspiring words:—
"Let all men labour together in peace and harmony, separating true and perfect work—that which expresses the perfect Divine plan—from the imperfect and debased specimen that is unfit for the Builder's use. Each and every stone in the Temple of our building must be in its proper place and perform its allotted task, that the superstructure reared upon the foundations of Truth and Love may withstand the ruthless tooth of time."

The Cryptic Rite appears to be attached to the work in the Grand Chapters in Virginia and West Virginia almost alone among all the Chapters of the English-speaking world, and the Grand High Priest comments upon the result of their Chapters not working on the same basis as the Chapters of all other Jurisdictions. The result is often embarrassing and the condition anomalous, and the Grand High Priest suggests a formal remedy or palliative to make it discretionary with the Chapters to confer these two Degrees or to obligate the candidate only. The Committee, however, did not agree and the law stands as at present.

The Masonic Home of which the corner-stone was laid, is approaching completion, and the Grand High Priest adds:—

"The plan and purpose of this Home deserve the whole hearted co-operation and support of this Grand Chapter and upon such, Grand Lodge can always rely."

An interesting biographical sketch of the Grand High Priest-elect is a foreword to the Proceedings and this custom is becoming more and more common, and we commend it.

Canada is briefly but complimentarily treated in the Fraternal Correspondence, of which Companion G. M. Ford has the sympathetic conduct. His whole Report is a model of condensation.

Paris P. Lester, Fort Gay, M.E. Grand High Priest.

George M. Ford, Wheeling, R.E. Grand Secretary.
WISCONSIN.

William F. Owen, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 20,957.
Net increase, 1,442.

The 73rd Annual Convocation was opened in ample form at Milwaukee, February 20th, 1923. The Proceedings feature, as do many others, full lists not merely of constituent Chapter Officers but also the ruling Officers of other Grand Bodies such as the Grand Lodge, Knights Templar, etc.

The address of Grand High Priest Owen is a notable document and shows great originality of treatment, as the following paragraphs illustrate:

"To those of you who are attending the Grand Chapter for the first time and are new to the work and aims of the Grand Chapter, let me add to the welcome the assurance that you are entering upon a work of wide scope and great possibilities, and I add the hope that you will find much to interest you, and that you may return to your local Chapters with renewed zeal and increased enthusiasm for our great Order and its work.

"Our association with each other should, and will, profit all who interest themselves in the work; one gets something from the other and both teacher and taught are benefited. I trust that the deliberations of this body will be characterized by that spirit of fairness and equality which should characterize all Masonic gatherings, and that our labours will profit the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction.

"It is necessary that the lesson of searching for truth and treasure be thoroughly learned by new members, and until they do, they are of little strength or profit to the Chapter."

Among many decisions we cite the following:

"Answer: If the member is in good standing, the High Priest has no right to refuse him admittance or to remove him, so long as he does not interfere with the orderly procedure of the work of the Chapter.

The High Priest is a constitutional officer and his powers and duties are defined by the Constitution. He does not have the inherent power of a Worshipful Master derived from the Ancient Landmarks. In case the member interferes with the orderly procedure of the Chapter or refuses to obey the rules of the Order, the Committee on Discipline should prefer charges against him and bring him to trial thereon."
With regard to the DeMolay movement, while approbation is expressed, words of warning are also definitely given as follows:—

“The sum appropriated ($1,500) has not been sufficient to cover the State and if this Grand Chapter desires to continue the work it has begun then I recommend that an additional sum of $300 be now appropriated.

“However, to have it bring forth its fruit in its fullness, the boys must feel that it is their order, and that its success both in its work and its finances rests upon them. Otherwise they are likely to come to regard it as a diverting toy or game, furnished them by an indulgent parent, soon tire of it, and discard it for something newer and more exciting.

“While the DeMolay Order, as a moral and uplifting force and a means of growth for our boys, has my full approval, I deplore the spirit of commercialism connected with the movement.

“It appears to me that the costuming and furnishings are featured to such an extent, that it draws attention from the real merit of the Order.

“It is surprising to one to contemplate the expense to which one might go, judging by the catalogues and price lists with which an advisory council is deluged.

The Grand High Priest notes the appointment of W. J. Wadsworth of Toronto, as the Representative of Wisconsin. His closing pages might well be reproduced in full did space permit. The following must suffice:—

“Not stagnation, but activity is the rule. The circles of influence are steadily widening. That these circles may become wider and carry more of the wisdom and worth of the fraternity, I admit.

“To secure this widening and more potent effect is in my opinion one of the most important matters confronting us as Royal Arch Masons to-day.

“I have suggested to some of the Chapters the plan of setting apart a meeting, occasionally, for the express purpose of taking up the different degrees and having them discussed and the lessons brought out. There is in every Chapter some Companion capable of leading in this work.

“I have suggested that this was a fruitful field of work for the Past High Priests. It is almost inconceivable that men of the intelligence of Royal Arch Masons could go through the chairs up to and including High Priest without imbibing some of the lessons of wisdom contained in the degrees.
"Build to-day, then, strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
Shall to-morrow find its place."

The Report on Obituaries is exceptional in its literary and philosophic excellence. It sets a standard. Let us read a few sentences together:—

"Death is an incident in a great experience, not the end of a career.
"We know where things start; we never know where they end. Shakespeare was born in Stratford-on-Avon, there he died and there also he is buried. But the end of Shakespeare is not yet and so far as can be seen, there never will be an ending of that tremendous force which we call Shakespeare. The place where Lincoln's spirit appeared on earth may be found, but who knows the place where it will vanish from the earth? Socrates has more disciples to-day than when he taught in Athens. Dante lives almost six centuries after his death, more vividly, deeply, influentially, than in the melancholy years of his exile.
"Dear Companions, the ever enlarging glory of your future is inconceivable to mortals. March on to more and more light. Farewell."

On the recommendation of the Committee presided over by Comp. Stockwell (well known to us in Canada) the matter of adopting the proposed new Ritual of the General Grand Chapter was indefinitely postponed.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is in the hands of Samuel Wright, and if brevity be the soul of wit, he is certainly witty.

Canada receives a full half-page in which the novel proceeding of our installing Grand Z. Darling of the Grand Chapter of Alberta is commented upon, and we also find the following:—

"Like many others this side of the line, they are labouring revising their Ritual, and after they have their work completed we predict it will not suit the old Companions who have followed their old work so long that its preposterous inaccuracies, to them has become immaterial."

We had not noticed the labour referred to by our colleague of Wisconsin. It has not troubled us. *Via trita, via tuta.*
With regard to the number to be exalted at one time, we quote our reviewer under District of Columbia as follows:—

“We saw it so exemplified at Asheville before the General Grand Chapter when seventeen entered and continued through the ceremonies, but when they arrived at a certain point three, and three only at a time, received that which was lost.”

And he closes with the following summary, which is infinitely to the credit of the Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin though opinions differ as to the relative virtue of large Chapters:—

“The tendency at present, particularly in the larger cities, appears to be for large Chapters, that is fewer in number rather than a multiplicity of smaller ones. There are in this country about a dozen Chapters with memberships of over 2,000, with two of over 3,000, and one of 3,500. Whether this is or is not an advantage, time only can tell.

Our Jurisdiction is in good condition in every respect as is evidenced by the fact that now over 42 per cent of the Master Masons of our State are on its roll, a record not equalled by any of the larger bodies and by but one, a Grand Body of about one-third its size.”

William R. Graves, Prairie du Chien, Grand High Priest.
William W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

The following reports were received too late to classify:—

**ALBERTA.**

M.E. Comp. George B. McLeod, Grand Z.
Membership, 2,685.
Net increase, 55.

The Ninth Annual Convention was held in Edmonton, 14th March, 1923, and the Tenth Annual will be held in Calgary on 12th March, 1924.

The Grand Master of Alberta and the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor, Comp. Dr. R. B. Brett, and Mayor Duggan, of Edmonton, were welcomed and made felicitous replies.
From the able address of the Grand First Principal we take the following:—

"I am not disappointed in the year's work, knowing well conditions which many Chapters have had to face, and I am thankful that, in the large, they have been able to maintain their ground, and by strengthening their foundations have made it possible to make real progress in the days upon which we are entering.

Everywhere M.E. Comp. Darling is spoken of most kindly.

Among the rulings is the following:—

"Hillvue Chapter refused permission to elect and install officers at the same meeting. I did not consider the request in harmony with the spirit of the constitution, or the installation ceremony."

The Grand Z. interpreted matters of discipline in a very kindly spirit and concluded as follows:—

"I am grateful for the good fellowship that has obtained throughout the year, in all the Chapters; may it ever continue, and may the great desire and ambition of each Companion be to advance the work of Capitular Masonry, that in our hearts and in the world about us we may more and more accomplish the purpose for which our Order was brought into being—the revelation of the Divine Mind and Will.

Much business was done and able Reports were read.

An outstanding feature of the gathering was the address by Comp. Mr. Justice Morrison, which is reported in full, as it deserves to be. The following extracts will give our readers a taste of its good quality. It is a classic!

"Masonry is such an intimate thing, finding its abode in the secret places of the heart, one is so conscious of one's own failures to reach its ideals in one's own life, that it seems almost presumptuous to clothe oneself in the garments of instruction."

"There we have Operative Masonry at its full flower; but herein lies a fuller truth, for to me it seems that wherever in life you find the triumph of spiritual creation, you will, on deeper search, find the belief of the soul of which creation is but the expression. While primarily, then, the Guilds and
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Lodges of the Middle Ages concerned themselves with the tenets of our Craft as an operative science, the noble memorials of that epoch of history which our ancestral brethren bequeathed to all succeeding ages as priceless legacies of deathless fame could only have come into being at the hands of men whose souls and spirits had been attuned to high conceptions of human and Divine relationships.

"If we set, roughly, the period of Henry VIII's reign, towards the last half of the 15th century, as marking the incoming of this tide, and forward into the spacious days of great Elizabeth, we find already scattered over England and Scotland at every centre of intellectual and industrial activity, Lodges of due and ancient form, outwardly of Operative Masonry, but carrying forward almost unconsciously that breathing, quickening spirit which shapes the humblest human task to higher ends than the common needs of the day.

"Saint John's Day, 1717, is the date of the organization of the first Grand Lodge of England, and it is this date which, in Masonic history, marks the formal change from Operative to Speculative Masonry as the object and end of our institutions. But we must not fall into the error of thinking that the change was other than the legal recognition of what had long been taking place. Beginning in times long past when common aims in a common work were uppermost, from the very first the mind ranging free began to consider and to speculate on the higher and less material things of life, so that side by side with advancement in operative science came growth and development in the speculative field, until in the end Operative Masonry was but the shell in which was imprisoned the true spirit of Masonic truth. . . . But let no man suppose, be he ever so wise or virtuous or high in places of men's fame, that he can confer any honour or dignity upon Masonry by giving his name to her rolls. Only by shaping his life to her ideals can he win her renown and crown himself in the ample fulness of her gifts. Her high rewards lie not in the material things of life but in the enrichment of that inner self from which flows the strength to control passion, ennoble desire and shape life's actions to the service of your brother, and through him to all the needful children of men.

The Fraternal Correspondence by Comps. S. Y. Taylor and J. E. Johnson, two experienced veterans, is prefaced by an able introduction. It consists largely of extracts from addresses and also deals with subjects of moment to the Royal Craft.

Canada for 1922 is quoted no less than five times and we are glad that we touched a concordant note. Your Reviewer remembers vividly the bountiful
hospitality and good will extended to him when Grand Z.

The Committee visited many Jurisdictions in their literary so-journeying and found a nugget in each.

M.E. Comp. William T. Coote, Leduc, Grand Z.
R.E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside, Calgary, Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Charles Francis Sherwin, M.E. Grand Z. 
Membership, 2,373. 
Net increase, 198.

The Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Convocation of this our daughter Chapter, are prefaced by a portrait of M.E. Comp. Sherwin, and a three-page vivid biography sponsored by Grand Scribe E., J. W. Prescott.

The Convocation was held in New Westminster, 20th June, 1923. From the Grand Z.’s full and satisfying address we gather the following sentences:—

"The fact that every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction is represented by one or more Companions is proof of your loyalty, fidelity and zeal in the cause of the Capitular Masonry. No greater tribute could be paid to this Grand Chapter than you have shown in coming here to assist in this great work, with your best talent and attention.

"As we look over the past year, we are reminded of those Companions who have ‘forever dropped the working tools of life’ and we feel confident that they will stand the test of the Grand Master Overseer’s Square and receive the Great Reward; their virtues we will always remember and strive to imitate.

"To Companion Hughes, Grand Tyler, for attending me on many visits, and at Emergent Meetings. A man might as well try to pass through the Noble Five snowslides as to attempt to pass through the outer door of this Grand Chapter without giving the proper credentials.

The foundation of this Grand Chapter was formed and laid by the masterly mind and hand of Most Excellent Companion Watson, completed and finished off by the painstaking care of Most Excellent Companions Paul and Morrison, and has so made my year of Masonic building one of compara-
tive ease as no contingency has arisen but what had been provided for.”

The Grand Superintendents presented able reports.

An Acrostic on the Keystone from California is given a page of honour:—

“Happy is he whose thoughts can bear
The rigid test of the unerring Square,
Who through life unfalteringly has trod
Steadily toward his Maker and his God,
Seeking by acts of charity and love
To gain admission into the Lodge above,
Knowing that the stone in the rubbish cast
Shall crown our Master's work at last.”

The personnel of the Chapters is given in full.

The Correspondence is in the experienced hands of the Grand Scribe E. who says that important factors are:—

“The resolve that the work of the Degrees shall be marked by solemnity.

“The desirability of some constructive plan of benevolence, many are already in operation, however, a general suggestion is the accumulation of a permanent benevolent fund the income from which may be used for relief.

“The undoubted value of the correspondence report as an exchange medium of information, and that the detailed review of the proceedings of each Jurisdiction is much more generally adopted and much more informative than the topical form.

Canada is generously treated and much appreciation is expressed of the good work of R.E. Comp. Brown, whose deft touch has been felt all along the line of communication.

Three pages are devoted to Reports on the Order of DeMolay pro and con—some favourable, others warning.

A fine page of poetry on True Friendship precedes the page, which reproduces very artistically the Peace Memorial Arch proclaiming the Victories of Peace—“with no names of battle here”—on the border line between respective peoples who are “Children of a Common Mother.”
The Sixth Annual Convocation will be held in Vancouver, June 18th, 1924.

M.E. Comp. V. W. Stewart, Victoria, Grand Z.
R.E. Comp. J. W. Prescott, Vancouver, Grand Scribe E.

MONTANA.

Claude J. McAllister, Grand High Priest.
Membership, 4,839.
Net gain, 189.

The lineaments and the biography of M.E. Comp. McAllister at once attract attention on the threshold of this remarkable volume of Proceedings of the Grand Chapter, the Thirty-third Convocation of which was held at the City of Helena, August 15th, 1922, in the Consistory Building.

Vocal solos with other music and presentations of flowers opened the Proceedings artistically and harmoniously.

The welcome given by the Grand High Priest to General Grand Dr. Kuhn was characteristic of this vigorous and virile man, who we prophesy will be an outstanding figure in the Masonry of the future.

"There is an old Russian Legend which says that a man went out at the junction of four highways and there erected a building, the portals of which faced each highway. When asked why he did that thing he answered, 'I am a friend of man, and the traveller weary as he may be and travelling these highways, will find as he comes to this junction a welcome in each direction.' Most Excellent Sir, the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Montana, on this beautiful August morning, out here among the Rocky Mountains whose snow-capped peaks are our sentinels guarding over us, bid you welcome. Our welcome to you is from the north, it is from the south, it is from the east, it is from the west of the great State of Montana.

The American Flag was presented at the altar and the following is part of the tribute paid by R.E. Comp. Hepner which is emblematic of the feeling all over the United States regarding the Stars and Stripes:—
“May you, Companions of the Scarlet Rite, ever cherish it in the sanctum-sanctorum or Holy of Holies, in your secret vaults; ever guard it as the keystone of the great arch, which is symbol of the Order and see to it that no skulking assassins pierce one of those stars or mar a single portion of the stripes of this emblem. May it stand as one of the symbols of Masonry, as the guardian of the liberties of the people of this land of ours, and let you, Companions of the Light, be ever its cherished protectors.”

In the reception of the Grand Representatives, Past Grand High Priest Callaway said:—

“I think I can safely say Missouri is as fine as silk and as handsome as a woman, and I received that encomium from no less distinguished a personage than the representative of that State. Montana is as fine in everything except that obdurate country known as Scotland, and we hope that ere the reign of the present General Grand High Priest has ended that we will be in fraternal relations with Scotland. If anybody can do it, we think the General Grand High Priest will accomplish it. Nothing remains except to extend to you Montana hospitality, a cordial welcome to this Northwest State, and to ask each of you to extend to the Grand Jurisdictions which you represent, the felicitations and good will of Montana.”

The Grand High Priest preceded his address by the following verse:—

“If any little love of mine may make a life the sweeter,
If any little care of mine may make a friend the fleeter,
If any little lift of mine may ease the burden of another,
God give me love and care and strength to help my toiling brother.”

And we cannot resist copying copiously from his wonderful message:—

“It was the fortitude and faith of the pioneer souls of those early days who blazed the trails to this unknown section, who endured the hardships and suffered the heartaches in Last Chance Gulch, that laid well the foundation for the future capital City of a great state. They builted well. Those sterling pioneers possessed the spirit of true patriotism. We thank God for our past history from it we have drawn courage and inspiration to aid and sustain us as we enter upon our labours of the future. As our pioneer brethren mined the gold from gulch and stream, so let us seek to mine the gold of truth and love as exemplified in
Masonry by rededicating ourselves to the high ideals and exalted teachings of our noble Order.

"Freemasonry teaches civic righteousness and civic duty. It teaches us that we are our brother's keeper; that we are concerned in the problems confronting mankind in all phases of society to-day for our glorious institution exemplifies in all its work the Patriotism of Peace. May we, as Masons, so analyze and study the insidious influences of that treacherous thing called Bolshevism, and all other hell-born doctrines that are threatening the morale of our industrial life and citizenship, that it will not only enable us to answer what they suggest, but contribute the power of our influence as men and as a fraternity to quell and forever eliminate from human society these deadly and poisonous serpents. Companions, the trouble is the world has forgotten God.

"Masonry has ever been the sincere advocate of enlightenment and education. Education pays. It makes character which is the greatest motive power in the world.

"Have we ever stopped and thought how God scatters His sunbeams over the universe? How He flings the auroral beauties round the cold shoulders of the north; spangles the canopy of night with sparkling jewels; places the laughter in the brooks; silvers the lakes with moonbeams; carpets the fields with flowers; causes the birds to herald their songs; grows grass upon the hills; carries the rain to parched fields; pushes the rivers along, and by his chemistry turns all barren things again into wholesome life?"

"God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform, He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the Storm. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his Grace.
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face."

Among his appointments of Grand Representatives is that of Grand Secretary W. M. Logan, of Hamilton; and Joseph J. Hindson, of Helena, to represent Canada respectively.

We regret to note that the Physical Perfection Doctrine still maintains in Montana, and that an amputated right arm debars from membership. Companions, the Royal Craft is a Temple of the spirit!

The Grand High Priest has this to say about the Fraternal Correspondence:—

"The work of the correspondent is arduous as well as painstaking. It requires much time in reviewing the Capitular field and the chronicling of the gems of thought from the reports of our Sister Jurisdictions."
And he gives this rallying call in his conclusion:—

"Let us, as true Masons, worship, love and obey God and as loyal citizens, refrain from criticism of those who are in lawful rule and authority over us and our Courts, remembering that we too are amenable to error; obeying the laws of our State and Nation."

The Committee of Apportionment paid this worthy tribute to their Chief:—

"Companion McAllister: 'You have brought to the office a lovable personality, a gifted tongue, a mastership of detail, a grasp of the general scope of Capitular Masonry and of the duties of a Grand High Priest which widens the path of progress for your successors, and has opened vistas heretofore obscured among the ruins of the Temple.'"

And this was duly emphasized by General Grand High Priest Kuhn in his address when he said:—

"You have had a remarkable session, and permit me to say you have had an address by your Grand High Priest that for beauty of diction, language, will not be excelled in the United States this coming year."

Dr. Kuhn recommends the use of singing, of slides, of all suitable equipment—that all young men be given a chance to do work—that all horse play be eliminated; and adds:—

"A High Priest ought to be a student; he ought to know the Ritual, not like a parrot, but he ought to know the meaning of a Ritual; its history, its origin, its symbolism and what does it teach. Then you are prepared to give it to the candidates.

"Men are going into it because of its beauty, because of its sublimity, and, Brethren, is there anything more sublime in this world than for Masons, making the journey, to find truth, to find God, to find the Master's Word? Is there a more sublime thing in the world?"

Dr. Kuhn gave a wonderful exposition of the reason why there was harmony of sentiment between Darius and Zerubbabel, and the following sentence will indicate his style and matter:—

"And the conception of Moses was printed and enlarged under the teachings of Amos, especially under that poet, the prophet Isaiah, until Zerubbabel represented the highest type in the recognition of God, and these two men, the Semitic
on one side, the Aryan on the other, and what did they say? "Great is truth and mighty above all things; blessed be the God of truth." A common sympathy, a common recognition the Semitic and Aryan met, virtually recognizing Jehovah, and later on came a greater prophet that gave us a greater interpretation and a greater knowledge of the Master's Word."

The evening session was, as with us, full of the heaven of instruction and inspiration, and Dr. Kuhn's evening address was on (1) the Mason's word, (2) Masons must think, (3) the Royal Arch is included in ancient Craft Masonry, and he asked the Royal Craftsmen to "carry their Sovereignty under their hat."

Bolshevism was described as the curse of the day and unselfish service the greatest need. The Master is the great Interpreter.

The Correspondence is brief but full of matter and is prepared by Comp. H. S. Hepner.

Canada is courteously and copiously introduced and he was greatly struck by our many distinguished visitors and their speeches.

And in his conclusion with regard to the much vexed question of a time limit, a problem now affecting Canada in the smaller locations especially, he gives us this contribution:—

"The question of time limit of applications for Chapter degrees is strongly agitated by Grand Lodges and is reflected somewhat in Grand Chapters. The question arises whether Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter regulations should be had on the subject. If Grand Chapters act and the Scottish Rite bodies do not, then the Chapters will suffer, as we cannot deny the fact that the novice in Masonry looks forward to the fez as the eventual adornment of his cranium, and barriers in the Capitular field, with wide-yawning gates into the other field will be of detriment to the York Rite."

"The value of the Royal Arch degrees cannot be disputed; they certainly round out the work of the Blue Lodge, and all should be encouraged to unite with us in the labours of love among the workmen in the symbolic quarries."

Alfred Whitworth, Deer Lodge, M.E. Grand High Priest.

Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, R.E. Grand Secretary.
Walter Daniels, M.E. Grand High Priest.
Membership, 1,084.
Net gain, 43.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation of this gallant little Grand Chapter was held in Provo City, May 9th, 1923, and the Thirteenth Annual Convocation will be held at Salt Lake City, May 23, 1924.

The M.W. the Grand Master of the State was received with all honours as well as many Grand Representatives, among whom we do not notice Canada.

The Grand High Priest recounted many activities, and we clip the following from his address:—

"With my trust in the Great I AM, and confidence in the true Companions with whom I have been associated and worked since the organization of this Grand Body, I accepted the charge, not anticipating that I would accomplish as many great things as my more experienced and learned predecessors; but what I might do would be solely to promote Capitular Masonry, and now, Companions, I have the pleasure of welcoming you to this Twelfth Annual Convocation, and extend a hearty fraternal greeting. May you participate in and enjoy the deliberations, and it is to be hoped that the result of this meeting will benefit our cause, and stimulate interest in the work.

"I accepted an invitation to attend one of the greatest Capitular events in Masonic History held in Kansas City, Mo., November 30th, 1922, under the auspices of the five Chapters of that City, and in Honour of M.E. Companion William F. Kuhn, who took a prominent part in the work, and under the supervision of Companion Marquis, Grand Lecturer of Missouri.

"The occasion was the exemplification of the Past and Most Excellent Master's degrees in a very elaborate form on 1,100 candidates, and in the presence of 10,000 Royal Arch Masons. There were about 2,000 Companions who participated in the work, among which were two full bands, an orchestra, and a male choir of 250 voices."

Ontario Chapter has a home sound and is referred to three times during the Proceedings.

The Committee on Doings of Grand Officers pay this glowing tribute to a contagious personality:—
"It is difficult to say anything new concerning our Grand Secretary, Most Excellent H. P. Kirtley. His profession has doubtless brought to him compliments many and varied, some of the left-hand variety, perhaps, but in the station he has filled during the year just closed he has met every requirement in a manner that leaves us with no adequate language to express our genuine appreciation of his ability and of the efficiency with which he has attended to the duties of his office.

"While this is true of his work, in an especial sense he has placed the Grand Chapter, and Masonry in general, in the state, under lasting obligations to him for the uplift that has radiated from his sunny disposition. A smile is better than a frown always, and a wholesome genial personality and equable temper are assets which can hardly be over-valued in Masonic work and relations.

The Report on Education says:

"Your Committee still holds the same ideas—that the Royal Arch is the, or should be the, teaching body of Masonry and hopes that eventually its potentialities may become realized."

Among the courteous votes of thanks are found the following lines:

MORE KINDNESS

More of kindness, less of creeds,
That is what the old world needs.
Friendly handshakes firm and warm,
Never did a bit of harm.
Hearty words of friendliness
Never hurt a man, I guess,
And a smile instead of frown,
Never pushed a fellow down.
Less of talk and more of deeds,
That is what the old world needs.
Less of quarreling over views
More of lifting others' blues
Less of patronizing airs
More of love and lightens cares.
Less of Heaven's why and how,
More of making good RIGHT NOW.
In Memoriam pages follow. A roster of living Royal Arch Masons by Chapters is printed in full.

The Fraternal Correspondence is anonymous and a model of brevity.

In his introduction the reviewer calls his office— "A responsibility—and a real responsibility is ever a pleasure—of trying to give to others some of the joy, the pleasure and knowledge obtained."

"One of the outstanding things one notices as one reads is how all, practically, of the Jurisdictions are working and thinking along exactly the same lines, the same legislation is being advocated and the same results hoped for. The same problems confront us and the same ideas and ideals are advanced as their solution."

Under Canada 1922, he quotes as so many other reviewers do, our attempted definition of Masonry, with which we are not yet satisfied; an adequate vocabulary has not touched the core.

Warren Benjamin, M.E. Grand High Priest, Salt Lake City.
Walter Daniels, R.E. Grand Secretary, Salt Lake City.

CONCLUSION.

Our continental circumambulation from station to station is ended, our overseas voyage over—and from the home haven we return thanks for the rich cargo and store of terrestrial treasure, which we have garnered in our contact with men whose hearts God has touched. Many men, many minds, but the same mosaic of humanity. Many Chapters, many liturgies—one Royal Craft—and its chronicles record, as is most fitting, nothing but purposeful progress: we enter, pass, raise, advance, receive, exalt:—we level up—we "live, move and have our being," we do not merely exist. "He must upward still and onward who would keep abreast of truth." Under the Great Companion, our Leaders give us impetus—impulse—inspiration, helping to solve the problems of to-day, and uncon-
sciously perhaps shaping unborn to-morrows. My colleagues, we have made the Grand Tour together—and in retrospect we see the men who have the vision splendid but are not visionaries. May we all ring true and have that “largeness of heart” which Solomon prized and of which that great leader, Dr. J. Fort Newton, wrote in that copestone of Craft Literature, “The Builders.” Happy have we met, happy may we part, and happy meet again!

WILLIAM N. PONTON,
Past Grand Z.
Belleville, February, 1924.